



Family Connection Camden Collaborative Meeting Minutes

Date: June 10, 2025

Time: 2:00 pm

Zoom

Attendees:

Walter R. Spencer - Chair, FCC Leadership Team	April Jeans - Executive Director	Christine Rogers - Peach State Health Plan	Guynell Grant – Coastal Pines Technical College	Defonsio Daniels - NAACP
Deidra Combs - Coastal Pines Technical College	Jaclyn Gresko – Liberty University	JeAntae Jordan - Gateway Community Service Board	Juliette Thomas - Department of Juvenile Justice	DeAndria Frazier - Health Equity Program Coordinator
Laura Smith-Brese - College of Coastal Georgia	Laurel A Spahr - St. Marys Public Library	Lena Brathwaite Bell – Innovative Prevention Education, Inc	Tami Freeman , GA Department of Child Support Services	Phylicia Anderson – Gateway Community Service
Shenique Taylor - Camden House	Shawnessy Mitchell – Agape Unlimited Inc.			

- Welcome & Approval Walter R. Spencer, FCC Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. The May meeting minutes were approved.
 - Party in the Park Update April Jeans, Executive Director, shared final plans for the 2025 Party in the Park and encouraged partners to promote the event via social media.
- Partner Announcements
- Kin Raising Kids Camden – Walter R. Spencer Monthly support group meets every 3rd Thursday at New Hope MB Church. Text: 912-674-8485 Email: waltspen54@gmail.com
 - Gateway Community Service Board – JeAntae Jordan Mental health services available at Camden Outpatient (701-A Charles Gilman Jr. Blvd, Kingsland). Sliding fee scale based on income; no one is denied services due to inability to pay. Additional support at Camden Peer Support Program (210 E. 15th Street, Woodbine).
 - IPE Innovations, Inc. Lena Brathwaite Bell - Join the "Take Your Time: A Guide to Self-Care" Lunch & Learn on Thursday, July 17, 2025, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM at the Salvation Army, 1915 Osborne Rd, St. Marys, GA Please register by July 11, 2025. A complimentary lunch will be provided. Please share dietary preferences.
 - St. Marys Public Library, Laurel Spahr - Now accepting donations for Summer Reading Prize baskets to support youth literacy and engagement. Drop off at 100 Herb Bauer Dr, St. Marys, GA 31558 Open until 8 PM most



weekdays. The library also has a full lineup of summer activities, including story time, STEM camps, book clubs, and special events like the Christmas in July Bash and Superhero Ending Party.

- Closing - Next meeting: July 8, 2025, 10 am to 2 pm at Crooked River State Park

*If you want to spotlight your agency, send an email to: familyconnectioncamden.ed@gmail.com