



Family Connection Camden Collaborative Meeting Minutes

Date: August 12, 2025

Time: 2:00 pm

Zoom

Attendees:

Walter R. Spencer - Chair, FCC Leadership Team	April Jeans - Executive Director	Amy Bell - Fleet and Family Exceptional Family Member Program	April Boyette - Department of Family and Children Services	DeAndria Frazier - Health Equity Program Coordinator
Deidra Combs - Coastal Pines Technical College	Deanna Lang – Fleet and Family Exceptional Family Member Program	Erin Tomlinson – Kate's Club	Lacey Owens - Careforth	LaQuita Herrin - Camden County Alzheimer's Project, Inc.
Laura Smith-Brese - College of Coastal Georgia	Laurel A Sphar - St. Marys Public Library	Lena Brathwaite Bell – Innovative Prevention Education, Inc	Mary McCollough – Fleet and Family Exceptional Family Member Program	Megan Miller - Rural for the Child Care Resource & Referral of Southeast Georgia
Suzanne Walker - UGA Extension, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program	Shawnessy Mitchell – Agape Unlimited Inc.	Tami Freeman – Georgia Division of Child Support Services	Temeca Hannan - WorkSource Coastal	

- Walter R. Spencer, FCC Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
 - The July meeting minutes were approved.
- FCC Updates April Jeans, Executive Director
- Lacey Owens, Careforth, presented *Structured Family Caregiving*

Partner Announcements

- Lena Brathwaite Bell, IPE Innovations, Inc – Youth Engaged in Leadership (YELP) is now accepting applications for the fall semester. If you or someone you know is interested in developing leadership skills and engaging in meaningful community projects, this is a fantastic opportunity. Feel free to reach out if you need more details or assistance with the application process contact lbrathwaitebell@gmail.com
- Voices for Hope September 18, 2025, Time: 6:00 PM Location: Lecture Hall, Camden County High School, 6300 Laurel Island Pkwy, Kingsland, GA 31548 Audience: Open to all adults (18+), including civilians and military community members. This evening is designed to foster open and honest conversations around mental health, featuring local experts in behavioral health, crisis response, and wellness. Free confidential resources and light refreshments.



- The Southeast Blues & BBQ Festival, hosted by Women United International, is set to light up St. Marys Waterfront Park on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM Admission: Free. For more information Contact: womenunitedintl@gmail.com
- The Southeast Georgia Health System Community Wellness Fair is coming to Camden County on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Camden County Recreation Center, located at 1050 Wildcat Drive, Kingsland, GA
- Mary Mc Cullough, Fleet and Family - Friday, September 6, 2025, Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Location: Youth Center, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay hosted by the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), this event is designed to connect military families with special needs to local resources, services, and support networks. It's a welcoming space for families to explore options, ask questions, and build community.
- Laurie Levine, Tribune and Georgian Boss Lady is October 9, 2025. 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM at the Camden County Chamber of Commerce. Tickets will be on sale on Eventbrite. For more information contact Laurie Levine, Marketing Director at the *Tribune & Georgian*
- The 10th Annual Camden County Walk for Alzheimer's is happening on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Howard Gilman Waterfront Park in St. Marys, GA
- Suzanne Walker, UGA Extension offers Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program, a free from University of Georgia. An 8-session course that teaches family quick & easy recipes. The participants have an opportunity to graduate with a Certificate of Completion. For more information email suzanne.walker@uga.edu
- 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
- Closing – October 14, 2025, 2 pm via Zoom

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