

The Brantley County Family Connection Meeting Minutes

The Brantley County Family Connection (BCFC) Collaborative conducted its Annual Planning and Data Review Meeting on Friday, January 10, 2025, from 11 am – 2 pm at the Hoboken Community Center. 10 Members were present.

Executive Director Dawn Deen called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and reminded partners that everyone present at the table has a voice and can make a motion or provide input.

Partner introduction were made.

Old Business

**Approval of Approval of the September 13, 2024, November 8, 2024, and December 20, 2024 Collaborative and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes*

Tabled to the next meeting.

** Approval of the September 2024, October 2024, November 2024, and December 2024 BCFC Finance Report*

Tabled to the next meeting.

New Business

**November 2024 and December 2024 Directors Reports*

Dawn Deen reported that the November 2024 and December 2024 Directors Reports are attached to the meeting packet.

She reported the following:

- On November 12th I attended the REACH Scholarship Signing Ceremony at the Brantley County Middle School Library at 1 pm.
- I attended the Let's Talk Georgia KIDS Count; Using the Comparable Counties Map and Indicator Improvement Calculator offered by Georgia Family Connection Partnership on November 25th. There were 15 coordinators in attendance.
- Megan Molix reached out to myself and Teri Hendrix, Board of Education notifying us that Brantley County has been approved for the Suicide Prevention Grant! A needs assessment needs to be completed and asked that we schedule that meeting with members of the community from the school, city and county government, law enforcement, health and medical professions, social services, mental health professionals, clergy and spiritual community, and the community at large.
- The November 2024 in-kind total was \$9,919.
- I added Megan Moore, Brantley County Health Department Nurse Manager to the partner email distribution list on December 30th due to her starting in Brantley County January 1st. I kept Terra Wykstra in the distribution list even though she is moving to the Ware County Health Department.
- The December 18th Virtual QPR Training was cancelled due to no one registered. Megan Molix, Camden Connection is going to get a new date and email it to me for the next training.
- A Home for the Holidays mass mailing was mailed December 4th. There were 875 letters mailed to local businesses in Brantley, Pierce, and Ware Counties.
- I attended the Let's Talk Evaluation Webinar: Leveraging Data Sources to Support Annual Planning hosted by Georgia Family Connection Partnership on December 9th with 24 other coordinators.
- The December 2024 in-kind value was \$6,054.

Fiscal Agent Designation, Update

Dawn Deen reported that due to the Department of Human Services (DHS) requirements of signing all documents via DocuSign she typed up a letter asking County Commission to approve continuing to serve as BCFC's Fiscal Agent and attached the FY25 Fiscal Agent Designation Form for them to review for approval.

**Georgia Family Connection Collaborative Requirements*

Dawn Deen reported that the document has had some updates for FY26. Required by Georgia Family Connection Partnership (GaFCP) the document must be reviewed annually.

She reported the following:

- ❖ Since 1991, the Georgia General Assembly has invested in the only statewide network of its kind focused on improving outcomes for children and families. Result areas include:
 - healthy children;

- children primed for school;
 - children succeeding in school;
 - stable, self-sufficient, and productive families; and
 - thriving communities.
- ❖ The General Assembly votes annually to approve funding for Collaboratives and Georgia Family Connection Partnership (GaFCP) as the state intermediary and contract manager. Georgia Family Connection is administratively attached to the Department of Human Services (DHS) with funding flowing directly to Collaborative fiscal agents from DHS.
- ❖ Within the disciplined model of collaboration, Collaboratives use local decision-making to determine:
 - organizational structure to accomplish the work of the Collaborative;
 - priorities based on data;
 - strategies to address those priorities utilizing best and promising practices; and
 - accountability measures for continuous quality improvement.
- ❖ Collaborative Structure is Required. An organized Collaborative structure supports the collective work of the community partners. Foundational steps to organizing include choosing a structure as a meet and confer or private nonprofit, developing and following bylaws, and identifying a governing body and chairperson according to bylaws.
- ❖ Governing Body and Chairperson Lead the Collaborative.
 - The Collaborative governing body provides leadership, oversight, and fiscal accountability for the Collaborative's work.
 - Bylaws, policies, procedures, and protocols are developed, followed, and routinely updated.
 - The governing body ensures that all requirements of the Georgia Family Connection Collaborative Requirements are met each year and participates in an annual Collaborative review with GaFCP TA providers that assesses compliance with the Georgia Family Connection Collaborative Requirements.
 - Governing body members participate in governing body meetings and serve as needed on Collaborative committees, strategy teams, and workgroups.
 - The governing body elects a chairperson.
 - The chairperson:
 - presides at the governing body meetings and runs them in a productive manner;
 - ensures that decisions are made jointly and the actions of the governing body are implemented for the good of the Collaborative; and
 - oversees the development and implementation of the Collaborative annual plan.
- ❖ Governing Body Meeting Minimum Requirements
 - A consistent meeting schedule that demonstrates sufficient regularity to accomplish the work of the Collaborative is published and followed in accordance with bylaws.
 - Regular meeting agendas and materials are provided prior to governing body meetings.
 - An individual is elected or appointed to take minutes, or a paid staff member is assigned to that role.
 - Meeting minutes are reviewed and approved at meetings.
 - Governing body meeting formats (in person, virtual, hybrid) are approved and foster the active involvement and full engagement of its members, utilizing in-person meetings as often as practical.
- ❖ Collaborative Coordinator Supervised by the Governing Body. The governing body supervises the salaried Georgia Family Connection coordinator.
- ❖ The coordinator reports regularly to the governing body at meetings and via email on actions taken on behalf of the Collaborative.
- ❖ Comply with DHS Conflict of Interest Requirements. Any individual named as Chair of the county Family Connection Collaborative shall not be running for office or be an elected official. Any individual named as a coordinator or executive director and is compensated in the performance of this Contract shall not be running for office or be an elected official.
- ❖ Sustainability. Collaboratives leverage the Georgia General Assembly's annual allocation to ensure the sustainability of the Collaborative's infrastructure and work.
 - The governing body maintains a depository of essential information (i.e. passwords, Collaborative records, organizational seal, continuity book, etc.)
 - The governing body secures the necessary additional resources to ensure a qualified and effective coordinator is compensated commensurate with their increasing value to the Collaborative.
 - The governing body secures additional resources and partnerships to support plan implementation.
 - The coordinator identifies and shares funding opportunities.
- ❖ Identify as a Georgia Family Connection Collaborative. Georgia Family Connection Collaboratives identify themselves as members of the Georgia Family Connection statewide network. The Collaborative protects and promotes consistent brand standards.

- ❖ Data is Critical to Decision-Making. GaFCP is the Annie E. Casey KIDS COUNT grantee and tracks 51 indicators of child and family wellbeing. The data coupled with local information, including the knowledge and experience of local partners and families, will help Collaboratives fully understand what is needed within the context of communities. Collaboratives participate in a GaFCP-facilitated or -supported annual data review. KIDS COUNT data and information regarding community conditions, needs, and strengths are shared regularly with Collaborative partners and the community-at-large.
- ❖ Strategies. Collaborative work is organized around strategies that Collaborative partners plan, resource, implement, and evaluate together. There are seven types of Collaborative activities: systems change, Collaborative development, family engagement, results accountability, sustainability, communications, and programs and services. The first six are the core elements and direct primary responsibilities of a functioning Collaborative. The seventh activity type, programs and services, is designed to serve children and families directly and may be led primarily by the Collaborative or its partners.
 - A data-informed annual plan that details the Collaborative's plans for implementing its strategy(ies) is submitted to GaFCP by the deadline. The annual plan incorporates Collaborative input and responds to learnings from the current year annual plan implementation and the annual data review.
 - The governing body oversees the development and implementation of and approves the annual plan and records approval in meeting minutes.
 - The coordinator facilitates the development and implementation of the Collaborative's annual plan, as guided by the Collaborative governing body and supported by Collaborative partners.
 - The coordinator shares best and promising practices with Collaborative partners and governing body members and facilitates their implementation, when appropriate.
 - Progress on the annual plan is reported quarterly to GaFCP in the Quarterly Narrative Report prepared by the coordinator and approved by the governing body.
 - Progress on the annual plan is reported on throughout the year to all stakeholders.
 - The extent to which planned and unplanned activities are implemented is reported in the self-assessment by the deadline.
- ❖ Partner Engagement. Each Collaborative is tasked with identifying and engaging diverse partners to develop and support the collective work of the Collaborative with their intellectual capital, technical skills, in-kind and financial support, volunteerism, and other resources though participating in Collaborative meetings, strategy teams, events, workgroups, and committees.
 - Collaboratives demonstrate effective collaboration by being inclusive and nonpartisan, and by opening the process to all interested parties.
 - Collaborative partner meetings follow a regular and consistent meeting schedule.
 - The meeting schedule is published to promote wide participation.
 - The governing body chairperson or governing body member designated by the chairperson presides at the meeting.
 - The agenda is action-oriented and focused on annual plan progress, not primarily focused on announcements.
 - Meeting formats (in person, virtual, hybrid) are approved by the partners and conducted in a way that fosters the active involvement and full engagement of partners, utilizing in-person meetings as often as practical.
 - Minutes of the meeting are recorded and shared with the Collaborative partners and reviewed and accepted at the following meeting.
 - The coordinator and the Collaborative chairperson keep the fiscal agent, Collaborative partners, and community members aware of activities, meetings, and progress of the annual plan.
 - Collaboratives make efforts to engage the population of focus as partners in the work and facilitate involvement in planning and decision-making roles.
 - The coordinator serves as liaison between the Collaborative and the community and between the Collaborative and GaFCP, in conjunction with the Collaborative chairperson.
- ❖ Local Accountability Collaboratives are responsible for holding themselves accountable for continuous quality improvement that leads to improved outcomes for children and families.
- ❖ Fiscal Accountability.
 - Governing bodies ensure compliance with Collaborative bylaws, fiscal agent policies and procedures, and with GaFCP and DHS contractual and reporting requirements.
 - In concert with the fiscal agent, governing bodies provide oversight of the Georgia Family Connection fiscal allocation, including but not limited to, the budget, budget revisions, and quarterly reports and record their approval in meeting minutes.
- ❖ Accountability for Collaborative Work.
 - Local accountability measures for annual plan implementation are followed as outlined in the document and monitor section(s) of the annual plan and are used to improve the Collaborative's work.

- Progress on the annual plan is reported quarterly to GaFCP in the Quarterly Narrative Report prepared by the coordinator and approved by the governing body.
- Collaboratives participate annually in the Collaborative vitality survey to gauge partners' impressions of the Collaborative, and findings are used to identify and address areas for improvement. A minimum of 10 surveys are submitted by the deadline.
- The coordinator works with the governing body and Collaborative partners to complete the self-assessment by the deadline, and the results are used to strengthen Collaborative function and work.
- ❖ Accountability to the Statewide Network.
 - Collaboratives safeguard the network's vision, purpose, and core values.
 - Collaboratives act with a high degree of integrity, transparency, accountability, and responsibility.
 - Coordinators share external professional development opportunities, learnings from their work, and Collaborative challenges and successes with peers that increase the capacity of the statewide network.
- ❖ Professional Development.
 - GaFCP tools and products are utilized, and GaFCP staff and consultants are invited to facilitate and train.
 - The Collaborative participates in county, regional, and statewide trainings and conferences hosted by GaFCP.
 - The coordinator makes the fiscal agent, governing body, and Collaborative partners aware of webinars and other tools provided by GaFCP.
 - The Collaborative pursues external professional development opportunities outside the role and/or expertise of GaFCP.
 - The coordinator utilizes coaching and TA provided by GaFCP and attends required trainings and peer learning opportunities.

**Ferst Readers Book Distribution*

Dawn Deen reported that 1,532 books were distributed through the partnership with Ferst Readers for 2024 to youth birth to five in Brantley County free of charge.

**Drug Abuse Warning Network*

Dawn Deen reported that a new resource has been released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) entitled The Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN). Information is attached to the meeting packet.

**December 18, 2024 Okefenokee Alliance for the Homeless (OATH) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes*

Dawn Deen reported that the December 18, 2024 OATH Board of Directors Meeting Minutes are attached to the meeting packet. She highlighted the Navigators Report portion of the meeting minutes.

- Navigator Sarah Jumper reported that between November 1 and November 30 OATH served 41 families with a total of 55 people, four which were children.
- OATH paid for six birth certificates, laundry for three families, transportation for one client, used \$200 from the client services budget for rental assistance, and spent \$462.45 from client services.
- Through the OREMC Rent Grant OATH assisted four families with a total of four adults and four children with rental assistance, St. Joseph's reimbursed OATH for one client, and spent \$835 of the Rent Grant budget.
- There were eight All Recovery Meetings held in November with a total of 27 participants, Drug Court brought clients to several meetings, in talks about allowing participants to complete community service hours at OATH, ten impromptu Narcan Trainings were held distributing 54 Narcan kits, offered Peer Support Services to all clients with a history of substance abuse or in recovery, and she accompanied Susan Haddock of Ware Children's Initiative to Garden Gate to share about the CARES Academy.
- OATH's current needs are blankets, sleeping bags, snacks, paper towels, and bottled water.

**OATH 2025 Calendar of Events*

Dawn Deen reported that the 2025 Calendar of Events for OATH is attached to the meeting packet so that the Collaborative are aware of the fundraisers OATH has planned for 2025 since she serves on the Board of Directors.

**BCFC October 25, 2024 Strategy Team Meeting Minutes*

Dawn Deen reported that the October 25, 2024 Strategy Team Meeting Minutes are attached to the meeting packet.

Partner Updates

Dawn Deen stated that partner flyers and newsletters are emailed each Friday. If you have a local event that you would like to share, submit your flyers and information to her at bcfdawndeem@gmail.com.

Maggie Santana, Satilla Advocacy Services

Satilla Advocacy Services now offers Human Trafficking Trainings. The Annual Super Bowl Fundraising Event is set at Richey's Alley in Waycross on February 1, 2024.

Pam McGauley, Magnolia House

Magnolia House has a Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Training at the City Auditorium on February 12, 2025 and Douglas on February 13, 2025. Post credit will be available. Lt. Mark Wynn is the guest speaker.

Lunch was served.

Local Data, Trends, and Indicators

Dawn Deen reported the following data specific to local Brantley County:

- ❖ Pregnancies, 10 – 19 years of age have decreased from 18 in 2022 to 15 in 2023.
- ❖ 1st pregnancies, 10 – 19 years of age have decreased from 14 in 2022 to 12 in 2023.
- ❖ Repeat pregnancies, 10 – 19 Years of Age have decreased from 4 in 2022 to 3 in 2023.
- ❖ There are currently zero pregnancies in the elementary schools and middle school and one pregnancy at the high school. The pregnant teen has dropped out. For 2023 there were two pregnant teens at the high school.
- ❖ Sexually transmitted diseases ages 10 – 19 years of age have decreased from 21 in 2022 to 15 in 2023.
- ❖ Sexually transmitted diseases all ages have decreased from 103 in 2022 to 63 in 2023.
- ❖ School disciplinary reports relating to illegal substances on school campus:
 - Elementary schools stayed the same for 2022 – 2023 to 2023 – 2024 school years at six
 - Middle school increased from 28 in 2022 – 2023 to 47 in 2023 – 2024 school years
 - High school decreased from 87 in 2022 – 2023 to 83 in 2023 – 2024 school years
- ❖ School disciplinary reports relating to bullying/fighting on school campus:
 - Elementary schools decreased from 22 for 2022 – 2023 to 12 in 2023 – 2024
 - Middle school decreased from 49 in 2022 – 2023 to 32 in 2023 – 2024
 - High school decreased from 59 in 2022 – 2023 to 24 in 2023 – 2024
- ❖ School disciplinary reports relating to sexual nature on school campus:
 - Elementary schools stayed the same for 2022 – 2023 to 2023 – 2024 school years at zero
 - Middle school stayed the same for 2022 – 2023 to 2023 – 2024 school years at zero
 - High school decreased from 8 in 2022 – 2023 to 4 in 2023 – 2024
- ❖ The graduation rate decreased from 94% in 2022 – 2023 to 92.1% in 2023 – 2024.
- ❖ GED graduates decreased from 10 in 2022 to 8 in 2024. The data for 2023 was not available.
- ❖ Drop out rates have been on the rise since 2021 – 2022 school year; 9 in 2021 – 2022, 17 in 2022 – 2023, and 31 in 2023 – 2024 school years.
- ❖ School absences average daily attendance rate has increased slightly from 91.45% during the 2022 – 2023 school year to 92.11% for the 2023 – 2024 school years at the high school, from 92.51% to 93.25% at the elementary schools, and 92.54% to 94.13% at the middle school.
- ❖ Children absent more than 15 days has increased from 823 in 2022 to 930 in 2023.
- ❖ Overdose deaths in Brantley County for ages 0 – 19 years of age have stayed at zero where the total for all ages has significantly decreased from nine in 2022 to four in 2023.
- ❖ Overdose calls received by Brantley County E-911 has decreased from 37 in 2023 to 21 in 2024.
- ❖ ER visits for overdoses have increased for Brantley County from 11 in 2022 to 15 in 2023 where as for all ages has slightly decreased from 71 in 2022 to 69 in 2023.
- ❖ Calls received through Brantley County E-911 relating to suicide were 88 for 2024.
- ❖ Clients at Nahunta Unison Behavioral Health have increased in 2024 to 646 from 620 in 2022. Of those clients 252 were youth.
- ❖ For 2024 there were 300 reports of child abuse and neglect made to the Brantley County DFCS Office. Of those reports 32 were substantiated and 8 of those were family preservation cases.
- ❖ 76 children were in foster care for 2024 and the number of foster homes decreased to 6 from 11 in 2023.
- ❖ OATH served 248 households in 2024. Of those 193 were new cases and 55 carried over from 2023. They served 92 children, 236 adults, and 59 seniors.
- ❖ Children living in poverty, ages 0 – 19 years of age increased from 989 in 2022 to 1,069 in 2024.
- ❖ Families, with children, with annual income of less than 150% of the federal poverty threshold decreased from 591 in 2022 to 542 in 2023.
- ❖ Unemployment in Brantley County has rose slightly from 256 in 2022 to 263 in 2023.
- ❖ Children whose parents lack secure employment rose from 843 in 2022 to 959 in 2023.
- ❖ The population in Brantley County rose from 18,183 in 2022 to 18,401 in 2023.

Dawn Deen reported the following data specific to GaFCP indicators for Brantley County:

- ❖ Children Succeeding in School

- Teens who are high school drop outs, ages 16-19
 - County Value 17.8
 - State Value 4.6
- ❖ Thriving Communities
 - Children living in poverty
 - County Value 26.9
 - State Value 19.5
 - Families, with children, with annual incomes less than 150% of the federal poverty threshold
 - County Value 40.8
 - State Value 28.1
 - Adult educational attainment: Bachelor's degree or higher
 - County Value 8.9
 - State Value 31.3
 - Adult Education Attainment: High School Graduate or Higher
 - County Value 78.9
 - State Value 87.1
 - Unemployment
 - County Value 4.1
 - State Value 3.4
- ❖ Healthy Children
 - Children without health insurance
 - County Value 12.1
 - State Value 7.2
 - 9th grade students reporting alcohol use in the past 30 days
 - County Value 14.6
 - State Value 8.2
 - Teen Pregnancies, ages 15-17
 - County Value 13.1
 - State Value 11.1
 - Teen Births
 - County Value 34.5
 - State Value 19.6
- ❖ Stable, Self-Sufficient Families
 - First birth to mother age 20 or older with 12 years of education
 - County Value 59.7
 - State Value 82.9
 - Children with a substantiated incident of abuse and/or neglect
 - County Value 7.4
 - State Value 3.9
 - Children with a substantiated incident of neglect
 - County Value 3.4
 - State Value 2
 - Children with a substantiated incident of abuse
 - County Value 4.5
 - State Value 2.2
 - Children whose parents lack secure employment
 - County Value 13.5
 - State Value 7.7
 - Children leaving foster care who are reunified with their families or placed with a relative within 12 months of entering foster care
 - County Value 17.9
 - State Value 31.2
- ❖ Children Primed for School
 - Babies born to mothers with less than 12 years of education
 - County Value 22.3
 - State Value 12.6
 - Children not attending preschool, ages 3-4
 - County Value 61.5
 - State Value 49.7

Annual Operating Plan Discussion

Dawn Deen stated that BCFC current collaborative function type is partner engagement. Due to data and goals this can change year to year. The function types that BCFC can operate as is partner engagement, programs and services coordination, and issue or population focused. After some discussion the partners present opted to keep BCFC functioning as partner engagement.

She reported that the current strategy name is Education and Prevention Strategy, BCFC is in full implementation of its annual operating plan, the current desired outcome is to Improved quality of relationships and stability for children, youth, and families, and the strategy statement is Brantley County Family Connection utilizes engaged partners to provide an array of educational and prevention initiatives to children, youth, and families to improve their stability. After some discussion the partners present opted to keep the statements the same.

She reported that the following indicators are what was submitted for the FY25 contract. After the data was reported she asked partners to think about the indicators that were included in the meeting packet and see if there were different indicators that BCFC should focus on for FY26.

Child and Family Indicators:

Indicator	Result Area	Data Source	Notes
Students who graduate from high school on time [CS5]	Children Succeeding in School	KIDS COUNT Website	Brantley County Board of Education
3rd grade students achieving Developing Learner or above on Milestones ELA assessment [CS8a]	Children Succeeding in School	KIDS COUNT Website	
Children absent more than 15 days from school [CS1]	Children Succeeding in School	KIDS COUNT Website	

After some discussion it was decided to remove the 3rd grade students achieving Developing Learner or above on Milestones ELA assessment and replace it with teens who are high school dropouts, ages 16 – 19.

She reported that the following activities are currently being done in the FY25 AOP. She asked if any activities need to be removed, added, or tweaked for the FY26 AOP.

Activities:

Type	Name	Description	Population of Focus	Code
Collaborative Development	Partner Engagement	Increase partner engagement by welcoming agencies and organizations into the Collaborative to share what they do and the opportunity to be involved in programs and activities.	Local, State, and Regional Agencies and Organizations	[CA6f]
Collaborative Development	Strategy Team	Bring diverse perspectives to foster greater collaboration on initiatives and achieve alignment on strategies and plans.	Board, community, and collaborative members	[CA11]
Family Engagement	Youth and Family Engagement	Increase youth and family partner engagement by further exploring partnerships with Brantley High FCCLA, Brantley Middle HOSA, and community members.	Youth and Families	[FE8]
Results Accountability	Annual Planning Retreat	Annual meeting to review disaggregated and local data to support and further engage local, regional, and state partners.	Local, Regional and State Partners	[RA2]
Sustainability	Brantley County Board of Commission, Match	Brantley County Board of Commission budget line-item allocation to Brantley County Family Connection for implementation of Annual Operating Plan.	Brantley County Family Connection	[ST4]
Communications	Communications Plan	Utilizing local newspapers and partner newsletters along with the state website and social media platforms to better	Local partners and community at large	[CS2]

		inform our community on programs, services, activities, and local data.		
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After discussion it was decided to create a GED Committee added as a systems change to reach high school drop outs and a Substance Abuse Committee to be added under communication.

She reported that the following programs and services are currently being done in the FY25 AOP. She asked if any activities need to be removed, added, or tweaked for the FY26 AOP.

Programs & Services:

Type	Name	Description	Population of Focus	Lead Implementing Partner	Collaborative Responsibility
Child Development	Ferst Readers	Community Action Team lead for book enrollment and distribution to children birth to five in Brantley County to encourage reading and improve literacy.	190 Birth to 5 Years of Age	Brantley County Family Connection in partnership with Ferst Readers	Serve as point of contact for the community, assist in receiving local donations, and serve on the local Community Action Team
Youth Development	Teen Maze	Interactive experience to help youth realize the potential consequences of their choices concerning sexual activity, social media, technology, drinking and substance use to reduce risky behaviors and encourage high school graduation.	240 9th grade students	Brantley County Family Connection	Partner with local and state agencies to implement event
Youth Development	Youth Leadership Brantley	A comprehensive skill-based program to prepare graduates to be active and effective leaders in the future.	10 High school youth	Brantley County Family Connection	Schedule facilitators, organize classes, recruit students, and host event.
Youth Development	Junior Police Academy	Summer camp for youth to bond with all forms of law enforcement; to provide positive adult role models and to decrease potential for delinquent behavior.	50 Rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students	Brantley County Family Connection and Brantley County Sheriff's Office	Partner and implement annual Junior Police Academy
Youth Development	Youth and Family Support	Multi-Agency meetings to address the needs of youth through Local Interagency Planning Team (LIPT), Child in Need of Services (CHINS), Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), Promise to Children (PTC), Stand Together Brantley, School Based Health Center Committee, and School Attendance Protocol and School Climate Committee.	Birth to 18 years of age	Brantley County Family Connection in partnership with Brantley County Board of Education	Support and partner for the wellbeing of children, youth and families.
Youth Development	School Supply Stations	Stations managed at the middle and high school to provide all students with access to school supplies to ensure daily school success.	Pre-K to 12th Grade Students	Brantley County Family Connection	Gather supplies from the community and partners to keep supply stations and schools full
Family/Adult Development	Father ~ Daughter Event	Annual event to foster a deeper bond between fathers and daughters.	500 father and daughters	Brantley County Family Connection	Provide annual Father ~ Daughter Event to ensure event is purposeful and high quality

Mental Health Development	Narcan Training	Engage local businesses to partner through attending Narcan Training and placing a Narcan Emergency Kit in their place of business.	10 Local Businesses	Brantley County Family Connection	Engage in assistance of scheduling trainings and assist in gathering supplies needed for the kits
Community-Wide	Lending Libraries	Lending Libraries at Hoboken Community Center, Head Start, Health Department, and 4-H Office are stocked with age appropriate books to improve reading and improve literacy.	2,000 Children, youth, and families	Brantley County Family Connection	To seek donations to keep lending libraries stocked for children, youth and families
Community-Wide	Resource Hub	Continue to gather local, state and regional services and resources for ongoing resource directory, student per support guide, and resource page on our state website along with serving as a hub to provide the resources gathered to the community.	Resource providers and community at large	Brantley County Family Connection	Provide information and applications of local, state, and regional resources and make referrals for services for the community.
Community-Wide	Tri-County Initiatives	Provide needed resources and support for the homeless and prevention of substance abuse through local, regional, and state partnerships to reduce homelessness and substance abuse.	3 Counties - Brantley, Pierce and Ware	Brantley, Pierce, and Ware County Family Connections, Southeast Health District, and Okefenokee Alliance for the Homeless	Partner in dissemination of materials, trainings, host meetings, and serve on the leadership boards
Information Distribution, Community Awareness, and Training	Awareness Campaigns	Distribute awareness and prevention materials on bullying, sexual violence, child abuse and neglect, substance abuse, Waycross Justice Center, and suicide through printed materials, activities, state website, email and social media.	2,000 Children, youth, and families	Brantley County Family Connection	Disseminate awareness and prevention materials via social media, state website, and partner emails
Information Distribution, Community Awareness, and Training	Handle with Care	Trainings to support children and youth through Handle with Care and bring awareness and prevention of Adverse Childhood Traumas, emotional poverty and youth mental health to provide better support for trauma victims.	100 School aged youth and 200 Board of Education staff	Brantley County Family Connection, Board of Education, Sheriff's Office, City of Hoboken and City of Nahunta Police Departments	Assist to ensure the implementation of trainings and the program

After discussion the following changes were suggested:

- ❖ Change Teen Maze to the middle school.
- ❖ Add substance abuse prevention and attendance awareness to Jr. Police Academy (JPA).
- ❖ Add prevention and awareness to the Father ~ Daughter Event.
- ❖ Add Narcan Training to the Tri-County description and remove it as an individual program and service.
- ❖ Add resources to the lending libraries and update that in the description.
- ❖ Add that the BCFC offers free Narcan at their office in the description of the Resource Hub.
- ❖ Add attendance to the Awareness Campaigns.
- ❖ Move Handle with Care to systems change in the activities portion and update Michelle Hinds taking the lead.
- ❖ Create a short survey for teachers at the middle school to see what they are seeing with the youth.

Dawn Deen stated that she would like to add the festivals back in the AOP to allow them to reach more children, youth, and families. The specific festivals she has set up resource booths at in the past and would like to add back in Hoboken Safety Day, End of School Bash, Trunk or Treat, and partner with FCCLA for the Christmas Parade. Upon discussion partners agreed to add the events back in the AOP.

She stated that she has been contacted by community members asking for financial training opportunities be offered to the community. Ambi Bess has a new training opportunity called Know and Grow that she would like to partner with and offer to the community. Through a partnership with Camden Connection QPR Trainings have been being offered. She would like to add both to the AOP. Partners present agreed to add both to the AOP.

The next Brantley County Family Connection Collaborative Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 14, 2025, at 1 pm via Zoom.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

*Included in the meeting packet.