



Tuesday June 2, 2026 9:30AM – 11:00AM

Lincoln County Services Building

Upper Level Rm 247/248

Virtual Meeting Link: meet.google.com/jzz-bmzx-tgt

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MINUTES

- 1) Merrill Chamber Ribbon Cutting
- 2) Welcome
- 3) Dream Up! Over The Years Recap

In 2022, Lincoln County Social Services was selected to engage in community consultation regarding the supply of child care, through the Dream Up! Child Care Strategic Supply Planning Process. Funding for this work is provided by a Preschool Development Grant received by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. In this process, a Core Team lead by Renee Krueger, Core Team lead from Lincoln County Social Services, participated in a process that included:

- 8 hours of facilitated meetings by First Children's Finance National Team Staff
- Identification of goals to increase high-quality child care slots
- Planning support, facilitation, and technical assistance from First Children's Finance
- A Strategic Child Care Supply Plan that guides Lincoln County's Core Team in efforts to increase its supply of high quality child care.

- a. First Children's Finance Facilitation and data were notably inefficient and questionable.
- b. First Children's Finance Dream Up! Grant Summary Publication 2026

SMART GOALS 2022

- 1) **Goal:** By the end of October 2023, create partnerships with high schools, tech schools and senior population to implement apprenticeships, dual learning credits and job shares.

Objective: To maintain current child care supply and build partnership with schools and enrichment centers to increase supports and increase child care workforce throughout Lincoln County.

Project Team Members: Ryan Martinovici, Lisa Johnson, Trisha Kubicek, Becki Wagner

- 2) **Goal:** By October 1, 2023, a marketing plan, which will include at least three apprenticeships will be developed to increase community awareness of the child care issues in Lincoln County.

Objective: Effective tools will be developed that will be used by community partners in order to assist in the effort to increase the awareness of Lincoln County's child care issues.

Project Team Members: Renee Krueger, Micki Krueger, Sarah Sturm, Sandy Stetzer

- 3) **Goal:** Address the need for more providers and child care slots by creating community awareness to engage and develop partnerships for providers with local area businesses, school administrators, and enrichment centers.

Objective: Create partnerships that increase funding for local area child care providers to support their ability to attract and retain staff as well as increase their ability to operate at full capacity.

Project Team Members: Renee Krueger, Elsa Duranceau, Sara Agena, Bill Bialecki

- c. We will re-evaluate the feasibility of these goals as part of our strategy.
- Finding community groups to help with food prep and activity preparation.

4) Other Updates

- a. 3CWI's Care Connect-Reserve update and platform demonstration
- b. We invited DCF Secretary Pertl to our July 21st meeting in Tomahawk. A tour of Redeemer Child Care will take place after the meeting.
- Elsa will request a new date for DCF Secretary Pertl so that Micki can attend. Will look to August in Merrill.

5) Adjourn