



Wednesday, April 22, 2026 9:30AM – 10:30AM

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/kfo-ywqp-iyq>

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Meeting Notes

1. Congressionally Directed Spending Request (CDS) FY2027
 - 3CWI and Childcaring partnered to apply for this grant for the Lincoln County Working Families Initiative. Grant request = \$750,000 for equipment upgrades and various programming. [See pdf for more info.](#)
 - Will hopefully have an idea if awarded around October 2026.

2. [Adopt a Provider](#)
 - Lincoln County providers are working on updating their wish lists. A number of providers listed raised garden beds for outdoor learning.
 - Some providers may appreciate sweat equity projects like: Cleaning, painting, re-arranging, etc..
 - Possible Grants to apply for to help with raised garden beds and other wish list items:
 1. Wal Mart Charitable Giving (up to \$5000)
 2. Tractor Supply
 3. Medford Ace Hardware (Regional)
 4. Kids Gardening.org 2026 Growing the Future Intergenerational Garden Grant. This grant is meant for projects that intentionally bring kids and older adults together through gardening. \$750
 - a. Elsa will reach out to the gardening groups Tall Pines Community Garden group in Merrill and the one in Tomahawk for collaboration
 5. Merrill Area Community Foundation

 - Promotion
 - i. WJJQ and Merrill Blue Jay Radio
 - ii. Elsa will create a one-pager flyer with overview of Adopt a Provider, provider's wish lists, and a QR code for the website.



- Collaborations
 - i. Local employers and Dream Up! for sweat equity projects. Possibly for Make a Difference Day: October 24, 2026
 - ii. The Friday before Mother’s Day is always Child Care Provider Appreciation Day. We can try and plan something for 2027
 - iii. Gardening groups to help with raised bed installations
 - Tomahawk Chamber has agreed to be an Adopt-a-Provider donation drop-off site. Will reach out to Merrill Chamber to see if they would be ok to do the same.
3. 3CWI Update
- Platform testing continues. Live test for: Provider - search, claim listing, and create profile functions have been successful.
4. Upcoming Events for Dream Up! Calendar
- Community Baby Shower: April 29th – Tomahawk hosted by Lincoln County Health Department. [See Flyer](#)
 - Child Care Provider Appreciation Day – May 8th
<https://providerapprec.wpenginepowered.com/the-issues/>
 - Dream Up! Chamber Ribbon Cutting – June 2nd 9:30am at the Lincoln County Services building UPSTAIRS
 - Lincoln County Poverty Simulation – June 2nd See Flyer
 - i. There are 5 spots open as of 11:00am 4/23/26
 - Community Baby Shower: October 6 – Merrill
 - Make a Difference Day: October 24th
5. Next Meeting
- June 2, 2026 9:30am – 11:00am @ Lincoln County Services Building Room 247/248 UPSTAIRS
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 - Merrill Chamber Ribbon Cutting for Dream Up! at 9:30am. Please wear your “It Takes A Village” Shirts! I’ll bring the box of shirts for anyone that wants one.