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Lee County Family Connection transitions from “Meet and Confer” to “Non-Profit” Organization.

Lee County Family Connection has been a vital part of the Lee County Community since 1996; when it joined the statewide Georgia Family Connection network. Since then, the Lee County collaborative has been identified as a “meet and confer” community based organization.

Over time, many changes have taken place within the collaborative, however, the focus has remained the same – to be a catalyst for improving the quality of life for Lee County’s children and families.

The overarching strategy of the Lee County Family Connection is to work to broaden partnerships and strengthen the collaborative and strategy teamwork in order to provide students in Lee County an array of asset building opportunities and supports to ensure successful transition throughout their school years culminating with on-time graduation.

In order to successfully fundraise and secure local, state, national and federal grants, the Executive Board of the Collaborative made the decision to take the next logical step and become a 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit organization.

“It is with great pleasure that the Board of the Lee County Family Connection Collaborative and I can publicly share that we are now officially a 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit organization, and can take advantage of all the opportunities that this allows such an organization,” stated Patsy Shirley, Executive Director of Lee County Family Connection, Inc.

“We will continue all of our annual programs and events, such as the Back to School Bash, Teen Maze, Lee County Youth Council, Trojans got Talent Show, 3rd Grade Dictionary Project, Books for Kids, and Backpack Blessings, just to name a few. However, we will now be able to dig a little bit deeper and hopefully bring some new partnerships and opportunities to our children and families in our community,” stated Ms. Shirley.

The Lee County Family Connection Collaborative meets formally six times a year, but works tirelessly all year to develop relationships and partnerships within the community. The collaborative is open to any member of our community who wishes to be part of such an effort to improve results for our children and families. Our next collaborative meeting is Thursday,

September 15, 2016 at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall of Leesburg United Methodist Church. Lunch is always provided, so if you plan to attend, please RSVP to (229) 903-3993. Other collaborative meetings of the FY2017 are scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2016; Thursday, January 19, 2017; Thursday March 9, 2017 and Thursday, May 18, 2017. All meetings are held at 12:00 noon, and lunch is always provided.

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