

## Childcare Committee of the Bedford Area Resource Council

October 26, 2022

**Our Mission:** The Early Childhood Committee of the Bedford Area Resource Council serves as a facilitator of conversation and action focusing on identifying and meeting the Early Childhood Care and Education needs of Bedford County's families.

**Our Vision:** All Bedford County families will have access to quality (Early Childhood) Care and Education for their children ages 0 – 12.

### 1. Welcome / Introductions

Present: Holly Layne, Pam Bailey, Misty Jewell, Amanda Powell, Andy Crawford, Jasmine McLaughlin, Mary Buchanan, Denise Hutton, Mary Jo Boone, Heather Dooley, Kara Sensenig, Cindy Purdue

Someone logged on a little later and I am afraid I didn't write it down????

### 2. Updates from committee members

Amanda shared that beginning Jan 1, 2023 Adults receiving financial assistance will be required to be employed so that means more need for child care slots.

Lyn Cag Head Start plans to have 2 classrooms in Bedford again next school year. Cindy shared BCPS has two 3-year-old classrooms.

### 3. Presentations to Town Council and Board of Supervisors

Holly shared that several of us presented to Town Council and will be presenting to the Board of Supervisors on Nov. 7. Anyone who wants to come support is welcome. The meeting is on the ground floor of the County Admin building and if you park behind the building you can enter through the double doors. Please be there around 4:45. This is to support the \$750K ask for the Y's childcare center. We need to show how this affects the entire community. Mary Jo will let Heather, our family rep, know if she should speak.

### 4. Employer Round Table

Decision was made to postpone the actual meeting until January. In the meantime, Pam will work on the new survey and share with us for comments. We plan to involve the new BARC Employment and Training Action Group. Their first meeting is Dec. 14. Their overall goal is to build social capital to grow human capital. Pam will talk to Christine Kennedy and Traci Blido to see if we should include the Lynchburg area employers and join forces. Mary Jo will work on getting the Chamber involved. Pam suggested we provide some education on childcare to the Economic Development Authority. Andy will start on a one-pager where we can try to summarize issues using common language.

What else?

Next meeting is moved to November 30 at 1:00 via Zoom