

## **Early Childhood Committee of BARC – special meeting April 12, 2021**

**In attendance:** Andy Crawford, Amanda Powell, Janet Trent, Kimberly Maddox, Kara Sensenig, Traci Blido, Susan Prillaman, Kimberly Booth, special guest, Vanessa De Lio from VDSS

### **Meeting takeaways:**

Vanessa De Lio gave an overview of the Building Child Care Supply: A Toolkit for Communities.

Andy is working on a map of the childcare landscape in Bedford County. We need to provide him with an excel sheet with further information such as ages served, hours of operation, capacity, waiting list information, etc..

We discussed a communication plan to generate awareness for Bedford government, businesses, and other stakeholders. Smart Beginnings CV has a power point that can be tweaked for Bedford.

We need to look at the membership of this committee and identify who is missing from the table. (Business representation- Chamber, parents, grandparents, who else?)

We discussed approaching religious exempt programs to accept subsidy. Smart Beginnings CV has developed a plan for this.

A big THANK YOU to Vanessa De Lio for joining us to walk us through the Toolkit!

Next meeting: April 28 at 1:00. Please note that meetings will take place monthly on the last Wednesday at 1:00 moving forward.