

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting Period: Sep-23

Please provide an update of your committee's goals, activities and accomplishments for the month. Report due last day of each month.

Goal	Activities	Resources Used (Outputs)	Partners/Agencies	Outcomes
Community Engagement and Education	Community Information Sessions		Community Partners	Sherie Fulcher from the Department of Labor joined the Action Group to talk about the Apprenticeship Program. On August 24, 2023 Bedford Community Business Roundtable was held in collaboration with Career Works (Tim Saunders) Disability Awareness (presented by DARS). Another hiring event coming next month September 28, 2023 at the Bedford Central Library for Dynax.
	Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.		Virginia Career Works	Tim continues to work on improving awareness of Career Works.
	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors		Community Partners	August 31, 2023 DSS staff met with Lake Chirstain Ministries (LCM) and Agape to dicuss how to better connect to Getting Ahead In a Just Getting By World participants. This meeting was helpful to all and another meeting is planned for November 30, 2023.

	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	Denny did a class for Centra Health on August 23, 2023. Andy did a presentaiton on Augst 8, 2023. It was discussed to charge \$25 in the near future to cover the cost of the books. Trainings will need to be paused until we can figure out away to take credit card payments.
	Church involvement		Patrick Henry Family Services	None
	Volunteer Support		Patrick Henry Family Services	None
Barrier Identification	Focus groups - What is it like for those we are trying to help? Citizen Feedback Loop		Angela Hill lead for LCM	Tecora is out of the office for a short period and will get with Angela when she returns.
	2Gen Screening Tool - Pilot Intake Assessment and Teaming.		Amanda Powell at DSS	VDSS has moved the start date to October 2023 for VIEW participants.
	Getting Ahead Class		Lake Christain and Agape	Agape and LCM planing Getting Ahead Classes for the Fall.
Employer Human Capital Building	Employee Resource Network (ERN) Employer/Employee Support.		County Economic Development and DSS	Pam has reached out to some businesses but has not gotten good feedback. This concept will take some time to explain and get started.
	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)			A sessionis planned at Blue Ridge Church New London on November 9, 2023.
	Care Portal Champion Development		Patrick Henry Family Services and Bedford Chamber	No update

Education Human Capital Building	Central Virginia Community College			Andy (DSS) has a name for a contact at Virginia Western Community College. He is planning to talk to him about the SNAP-E&T referral process.
	Bedford County Public Schools			Kathy Smith from Bedford Adult Education reported they are working with Runk and Pratt and Hooker Furniture to provide their employees English as a Second Language classes. There is also a program with Peaks Of Otter Lodge to provide free Hospitality Management Training. This training can also be used to obtain employment in that field or to demonstrate to other employers that the person has completed training to gain soft skills needed to work with the public.
Data Collection	To collect monthly data to track progress.		VCW, LCM, DSS, DARS, Bedford County Schools and Bedford County DSS	No update

Submitted By: Andy Crawford

Members Present

- Andy Crawford Social Services
- Greg Modzelewski Citizen
- Pam Bailey Bedford County Economic Development
- Tammy Lawhorn Social Services
- Denny Huff Bedford Community Health Foundation
- Mary Zirkle Town of Bedford Economic Development

Tim Saunders

Tecora Davis

Sherie Fulcher

Kathy Smith

Rachel Jenson

Virginia Career Works

Department Of Corrections

Department of Labor

Adult Education

Career Works