

## BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting Period: Apr-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   | Used (Outputs) | Partners/Agencies             | Outcomes  |
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| Community Engagement and Education | Community Information Sessions   |                | Community Partners            | No update   |
|                                    | Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.                       |                | Virginia Career Works         | There have been many job fairs this month.  |
|                                    | Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors |                | Community Partners            | Angela and Andy will set up a meetign at LCM in May.  |
|                                    | Bridges out of Poverty Training  |                | Trained Trainers              | Training provided March 21, 2023  |
|                                    | Church involvement   |                | Patrick Henry Family Services | No update   |
|                                    | Volunteer Support  |                | Patrick Henry Family Services | No update   |
| Barrier Identification             | Focus groups - What is it like for those we are trying to help? Citizen Feedback Loop        |                | Angela Hill lead for LCM      | Focus Group set for 5/8/2023 for reentry. Future groups to focus on single parents (PHFS colab), Substance Abuse and Mental Health, |

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|                                  | 2Gen Screening Tool - Pilot Intake Assessment and Teaming. |  | Amanda Powell at DSS                              | Still working on a good format to be shared from VDSS. |
|                                  | Getting Ahead Class  |  | Lake Christain and Agape                          | LCM will have graduation 4/2023                        |
| Employer Human Capital Building  | Employee Resource Network (ERN) Employer/Employee Support. |  | County Economic Development and DSS               | No Update  |
|                                  | COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)                          |  |   | First event scheduled 5/2/2023                         |
|                                  | Care Portal Champion Development                           |  | Patrick Henry Family Services and Bedford Chamber | No update  |
| Education Human Capital Building | Central Virginia Community College                         |  |   | CVCC had a job fair today.                             |
|                                  | Bedford County Public Schools                              |  |   | Spring Break was this week                             |

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| Data Collection | To collect monthly data to track progress. |  | VCW, LCM, DSS, DARS, Bedford Couty Schoolsand Bedford County DSS | <p>Beth will do a presentation in May and Keith will do a presentation in June</p> <p>The DSS Self Sufficiency staff reviewed their data from December 2022 to March 31, 2023 , They reported 68 open TANF/VIEW cases as of January 1 2023. Since then 39 have closed leaving 29 open cases. 2/2023-First job class we started with 4 participants. 3 completed the class and 1 gained fulltime employment. 4/3/2023-Second job class was to start with 4 participants but no one attended. 1 person did report obtaining employment. The staff will followup with the other 3 people who did not attend. At this time 4 of the open cases are employed FT (at least 30 hours per week) 4 are employed PT (anything under 30 hours a week) 10 are in a pending status This allows them time to get childcare. 2 HH are to start job readiness class. (20 hours a week plus 15 hours a week job search or other approved activity) 4 HH are in Job Search (15 to 35 hours per week.)</p> |
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