

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting Period: Aug-24

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	Dept of Corrections talked about their Job Club program and how successful it has been having DARS and Career Works coming monthly. Team spoke about moving away from a Job Fair Preparation day and doing more job clubs around the County, for example LCM and Agape. Andy and Amanda will talk to LCM and Agape on teh 29th about expansion. Bedford Christain also needs to be considered as a spot.
	Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.		Virginia Career Works	Tim continues to work on improving awareness of Career Works. The example of the DOC Job Clubs is one example.
	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors		Community Partners	August 29, 2024 DSS staff will meet with Lake Chirstain Ministries (LCM) and Agape. We plan to discuss the job club idea.
	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	Bridges Out of Poverty session is planned for September 20, 2024 at the Bedford Welcome Center.
	Church involvement		Five 18 Family Services	No update provided

	Volunteer Support		Five 18 Family Services	No update provided
Barrier Identification	Focus groups - What is it like for those we are trying to help? Citizen Feedback Loop		Angela Hill lead for LCM	Tecora reported that her interns were developing questions that could be asked of her participants at DOC. They did not finish the project but Tecora plans to have it complete soon.
	Getting Ahead Class		Lake Christain and Agape	No Update.
Employer Human Capital Building	Employee Resource Network (ERN) Employer/Employee Support.		County Economic Development and DSS	No Update.
	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)			Every one agreed we need to plan another event.
	Care Portal Champion Development		Five 18 Family Services and Bedford Chamber	No update
Education Human Capital Building	Central Virginia Community College			No update
	Bedford County Public Schools			No update
Data Collection	To collect monthly data to track progress.		VCW, LCM, DSS, DARS, Bedford Couty Schoolsand Bedford County DSS	No update

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Members Present

- Andy Crawford Social Services
- Greg Modzelewski Citizen
- Pam Bailey Bedford County Economic Development
- Christian Wiscovitch Department of Aging and Rehabilitation Services

John Fedor	Department Of Corrections
Tammy Lawhorn	Social Services
Amanda Powell	Social Services
Mary Zirkle	Town of Bedford Economic Development
Tim Saunders	Virginia Career Works
Tecora Davis	Department Of Corrections
Kayla Boone	Chamber of Commerce