

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting Period: Jun-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	No update
	Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.		Virginia Career Works	Virginia Career Works will be hosting a hiring event at the Bedford Library on June 22nd from 1-4:00 PM and specific to Dynamax in Roanoke. He also shared that VA Career Works is working towards an expanded network of resources.
	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors		Community Partners	DSS met with LCM about 2GEN screening tool, on 5/30/23. There is a need identified at Lake Christian Ministries (LCM) for a list of employers - who are flexible with barriers to employment - for folks who have a desire to work. This also includes flexibility with absences or with schedules.

	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	Andy indicated that the Bridges out of Poverty training has been revamped and some of the previously used terminology for training has changed. The newest book is the 5th edition. He said that the next training for trainers will be held in December 2023 and there is a need for additional people to be trained on this program. People interested in filling this need should contact Andy for additional details.
	Church involvement		Patrick Henry Family Services	A part-time person has been hired at Patrick Henry Family Services to help onboard churches as responders for CarePortal in Bedford County. There is typically a support meeting for responders coordinated by Patrick Henry Family Services after the BARC meetings, but they are looking for other/better ways to meet needs. They will not be meeting over the summer.
	Volunteer Support		Patrick Henry Family Services	If you know anyone interested in CarePortal let Claudia know and or sign up in Care Portal
Barrier Identification	Focus groups - What is it like for those we are trying to help? Citizen Feedback Loop		Angela Hill lead for LCM	DSS staff will be trained to use the new tool on June 21, 2023.
	2Gen Screening Tool - Pilot Intake Assessment and Teaming.		Amanda Powell at DSS	Meeting with the Richmond representative at the end of May 2023.
	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	A meeting was held on June 2nd to discuss where to start. Holley has contacted Amanda Maness with Mid-South ERN and will hold a meeting on June 16th on best practices, tips and tricks for beginning an ERN. Amanda is located in Tennessee.
	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)			First event scheduled 5/2/2023 was a success with over 120 people attending.
	Care Portal Champion Development		Patrick Henry Family Services and Bedford Chamber	Working to get Unite VA into the Care Portal so they can work together in order to provide needed services to clientele, the two systems will interface
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 County Schools and Bedford County DSS	No Update

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