

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name:	Employment and Training		Month/Reporting Period:	Sep-24
<i>Please provide an update of your committee's goals, activities and accomplishments for the month. Report due last day of each month.</i>				
Goal	Activities	Resources Used (Outputs)	Partners/Agencies	Outcomes
Community Engagement and Education	Community Information Sessions		Community Partners	Centra Job Fair will be 9/18/2024 2-7 pm at the Liberty Mountain Conference Center The Bedford Chamber of Commerce will hold their job fair on April 18, 2025 at Jefferson Forest High School

	<p>Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.</p>		<p>Virginia Career Works</p>	<p>The Group talked about the proposed plan to expand Job Club to Lake Chirstain Ministries, Agape and Bedford Chirstian Ministries. Career Wroks and Deparatment of Rehabilitation was very open to work on this plan. Discussion followed about we can better connect Agape and Lake Christian Ministries clients to workforce services. Discussion centered around career and workforce readiness opportunities that individuals can access. Traci Blido encouraged everyone on the call to share with people that they can connect with Virginia Career Works via our website https://vcwcentralregion.com/ and complete the short questionnaire and workforce center staff will respond to them and connect them to the proper partner organization that can assist them best, whether that's Title 1 program (youth and adult career needs) or DARS, or other CVCC, etc.) Andy suggested that workforce staff could perhaps visit LCM and hold an information session and Traci shared her contact information to reach out.</p>
	<p>Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors</p>		<p>Community Partners</p>	<p>Andy Crawford, Amanda Powell and Greg Modzelewski visited AGAPE and Lake Chirstain on August 29, 2024. We discused the Job Club expansion and staffed case specific needs at that time. The gorup will meet again in 10/31/2024</p>

	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	The next Bridges Out of Poverty training will be held September 20, 2025 at the Bedford Welcome Center. There are slots open.
	Church involvement		Five18 Family Services	Andy said Claudia from 5:18 Family Services has an open position right now to coordinate the CARE Portal if anyone knows someone who might want to work part time and do that work.
	Volunteer Support		Five18 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	No update
	2Gen Screening Tool - Pilot Intake Assessment and Teaming.		Amanda Powell at DSS	No update
	Getting Ahead Class		Lake Christain and Agape	LCM just started their Getting Ahead Class on 8/28/2024. Michelle said they are holding Getting Ahead Classes on 3rd Wednesdays. The first one was Aug. 28 and they are also doing a Budgeting Class.
Employer Human Capital Building	Employee Resource Network (ERN) Employer/Employee Support.		County Economic Development and DSS	Andy said he continues to work with Pam Bailey on the Employee Resource Network (ERN), but after meeting with Smyth and Cintas, they aren't seeing much traction. He was pleased to meet the new Bedford County Schools Superintendent who said "When families do better, students do better." Andy reported feeling very optimistic about his meeting with the Superintendent.

	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)			No Cope is scheduled. Group discussed the need for another one soon.
	Care Portal Champion Development		Five18 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	Andy and Christian reflected on the good communication they are having between their organizations. Staff now has a better understanding of what DARS can do for people.

Case Reviews				<p>Andy asked if anyone had stories for Case Reviews, a time for members to share any success stories from the last month. Tammy Lawhorne briefed the group on two clients, one who is holding down a job now, but has some transportation issues she has to work out daily. Another client is also successful in employment right now but is struggling with emotional disabilities and Christian offered to assist if Tammy would like to follow-up with him. Discussion centered around career and workforce readiness opportunities that individuals can access. Traci Blido encouraged everyone on the call to share with people that they can connect with Virginia Career Works via our website https://vcwcentralregion.com/ and complete the short questionnaire and workforce center staff will respond to them and connect them to the proper partner organization that can assist them best, whether that's Title 1 program (youth and adult career needs) or DARS, or other CVCC, etc.) Andy suggested that workforce staff could perhaps visit LCM and hold an information session and Traci shared her contact information to reach out.</p>
Submitted By:	Andy Crawford			

Members Present

Andy Crawford	Social Services
Greg Modzelewski	Citizen
Tammy Lawhorn	Social Services
Mary Zirkle	Town of Bedford Economic Development
Jason Ferguson	Central Virginia Community College
Traci Bildo	Career Works
Daniel Dees	Domestic Viloence
Lauren Thurston	Bedford County Economic Development
Michelle Swanson	Lake Chirstain Ministies
Christain Wiscovitch	Department of Aging and Rehabilitation Services

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