

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting Period: Nov-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 updates at this time.
	Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.		Virginia Career Works	The Education Workforce Summit was held in October in partnership with the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance and Career Works. The RANE (Resource Access Network for Employers) meet in October and is coordinated by DARS.
	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors		Community Partners	The Action Group decided today to have case staffings at the beginning of these meetings. DSS or DOC can bring cases that seem to be struggling to gain employment and training to the action group for feedback. Release of Information will be needed before cases can be staffed. Another meeting is planned for November 30, 2023 with AGAPE and LCM.

	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	DSS will start holding Bridges Out of Poverty Training next year. Participants will need to purchase the book prior to attending the training.
	Church involvement		Patrick Henry Family Services	Patrick Henry is contining to look for churches to provide CarePortal. They have hired Jenae Atnip to focus on Bedford churches.
	Volunteer Support		Patrick Henry Family Services	Ciricle meeting was held in October
Barrier Identification	Focus groups - What is it like for those we are trying to help? Citizen Feedback Loop		Angela Hill lead for LCM	Tecora and Angela continue to work on this goal. They have decided to kick off dates to meet in Janaury.
	2Gen Screening Tool - Pilot Intake Assessment and Teaming.		Amanda Powell at DSS	VDSS has moved the start date for VIEW participants no new date has been provided.
	Getting Ahead Class		Lake Christain and Agape	Agape and LCM are in the middle of Getting Ahead Classes at this time.
Employer Human Capital Building	Employee Resource Network (ERN) Employer/Employee Support.		County Economic Development and DSS	There was no update on this topic.
	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)			A sessionis planned at Blue Ridge Church New London on November 9, 2023. There was another one on October 13, 2023 at the LRBA. JD will ask Denny for funding ideas for future trainings in Bedford.
	Care Portal Champion Development		Patrick Henry Family Services and Bedford Chamber	The need for more churhces continues. PHFS is working to bring more on.

Education Human Capital Building	Central Virginia Community College			No Update
	Adult Career Education		Kathy Smith	Hospitality Certification training will be held again at the Bedford Central Library. Classes will be held on Thursday nights from 5:30 -7:30 starting on January 4 for six weeks.
	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	Beth Robertson with Bedford County Public Schools did a presentation to BARC in October. The data was well put together.

Submitted By: Andy Crawford

Members Present

- Andy Crawford Social Services
- Greg Modzelewski Citizen
- Tecora Davis Department Of Corrections
- Keith Cook Virginia Career Works
- John Fedor Dept of Corrections
- Amanda Powell Social Services
- Kathy Smith Adult Education Serivices
- Trevor Hoss Bedford County Public Schools
- Tammy Lawhorn Social Services