

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and
Training

Month/Reporting Period: Aug-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
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Community Engagement and Education	Community Information Sessions		Community Partners	<p>On August 24, 2023 Bedford Community Business Roundtable will be held in collaboration with Career Works (Tim Saunders) Disability Awareness (presented by DARS). Angela from Lake Chirstain Ministries mentioned that she would like the opportunity to know if employers are willing to hire individuals with barriers. Pam said that she can help to get the conversation started. It also was mentioned to invite Sherri Fulcher (Department of Labor Liaison) to future meetings and Tim explained differences between apprenticeship and internships. He said that apprenticeships takes longer than internships and recommended that potential clients need to know what type of industry has already apprenticeships opportunities available. Next steps is connect with Sherrie. He also said that Sherrie is very easy to talk to and could provide more guidance to employers and clients. John said that he has experience referring various clients to apprenticeships before Covid and 8 of them were successful in welding careers.</p>
	Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.		Virginia Career Works	Tim continues to work on improving awareness of Career Works.

	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors		Community Partners	August 31, 2023 DSS staff will meet with Lake Chirstain Ministries (LCM) and Agape to dicuss how to better connect to Getting Ahead In a Just Getting By World participants.
	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	Christy Lucy and Denny Huff facilitated two Bridges Out of Poverty sessions in July. Denny will do another one for Centra Health on August 23, 2023. Andy did a presentaiton to Lake Christain Ministries and local churches on 7/18/2023 and another session to 40 community partners on Augst 8, 2023. It was discussed to charge \$25 in the near future to cover the cost of the books.
	Church involvement		Patrick Henry Family Services	None
	Volunteer Support		Patrick Henry Family Services	None
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 need to reconnect and schedule one for reentry.
	2Gen Screening Tool - Pilot Intake Assessment and Teaming.		Amanda Powell at DSS	VDSS has moved the start date to October 2023 for VIEW participants.
	Getting Ahead Class		Lake Christain and Agape	Agape and LCM planing Getting Ahead Classes for the Fall.

Employer Human Capital Building	Employee Resource Network (ERN) Employer/Employee Support.		County Economic Development and DSS	Pam has reached out to some businesses but has not gotten good feedback. Maybe more information can be gathered at the August Roundtable.
	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)			No update
	Care Portal Champion Development		Patrick Henry Family Services and Bedford Chamber	No update
Education Human Capital Building	Central Virginia Community College			Andy (DSS) and Nadine (CVCC) spoke this week to discuss SNAP-E&T referral process. . Andy spoke about SNAP E&T. It's a benefit some local DSS offices have and is an underutilized. He is trying to do more work to publicize the program. This benefit is for any SNAP recipient but is really focuses on Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD). The program can help with school expenses like gas, books, uniforms, etc.
	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

Submitted By: Andy Crawford

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
Denny Huff	Bedford Community Health Foundation
Mary Zirkle	Town of Bedford Economic Development
Tim Saunders	Virginia Career Works
Nadine Hicks Green	Central Virginia Community College
Angela Hill	Lake Christain Ministries
Tracy Blido	Virginia Career Works
Tecora Davis	Department Of Corrections