

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting Period: Mar-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 (Output)	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	Keith Cook and Tim Saunders reported that if their intake form is too much information to let them know and they also mentioned their partner referral form.
	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors		Community Partners	Space issues were discussed and Andy mentioned the possibility of using the Moneta Library.
	Bridges out of Poverty Training	Training was provided for 40 people on	Trained Trainers	40 people trained

	Church involvement		Patrick Henry Family Services	Applying for funds to provide the COPE experience and Andy stated that he would need 15 to 20 volunteers to keep the cost down on training.
	Volunteer Support		Patrick Henry Family Services	
Barrier Identification	Focus groups - What is it like for those we are trying to help? Citizen Feedback Loop		Angela Hill lead for LCM	Re-entry-Tecora and Angela may have 7-10 candidates for this focus group and hopes to meet at the Bedford library. Claudia is in the process of getting one together for single parents. One also to be done for SUD. Andy stated that this needs to be put on the BARC agenda for coordination as to not duplicate efforts.

	2Gen Screening Tool - Pilot Intake Assessment and Teaming.		Amanda Powell at DSS	Amanda will get that screening tool to Andy to share with the group.
	Getting Ahead Class		Lake Christain and Agape	LCM has a class in progress. Not sure on Agape's dates.
Employer Human Capital Building	Employee Resource Network (ERN) Employer/Employee Support.		County Economic Development and DSS	Meeting held with the Chamber and a great discussion was had and looking into the process and how to use this as an employee retention tool.
	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)			Still looking into funding for this.
	Care Portal Champion Development		Patrick Henry Family Services and Bedford Chamber	Claudia stated that she is still working on this at this time.
Education Human Capital Building	Central Virginia Community College			

	Bedford County Public Schools			Beth Robertson stated that she can do a presentation on the Major Clarity program that the school system is using for students.
Data Collection	To collect monthly data to track progress.		VCW, LCM, DSS, DARS, Bedford Couty Schoolsand Bedford County DSS	Angela Hill (LCM), Keith Cook (VCW), Christian (DARS), Beth R. from Bedford Co. Schools all stated that they can pull Bedford specific data. Bedford DSS is also tracking SNAP closures at this time.

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