

BARC Childcare Committee Meeting Minutes January 25, 2023

Present: Crystal Bailey (EHS) Janet Trent (EHS) Carolyn Hitchcock (Centra Bedford) Mary Buchanan (Centra Bedford) Misty Jewell (Child Care Aware) Kim Gregory (CVCC) Amanda Powell (Bedford DSS) Holly Layne (BBCV)

The Bedford Y and Centra Bedford are communicating to see how they can partner together to support the childcare program and have spaces for employees. This could be a good model to share with other employers.

Amanda updated us on subsidy changes:

- Co-payments are required again
- Adult needs to report they are actively searching for jobs
- The scale is different so that many more families can receive subsidy

Amanda also shared information on TANIF's VIEW Program where they connect potential employees with employers. She also shared that the BARC Workforce Development group is also looking at childcare needs.

Holly will talk to Pam Bailey and set a meeting time to plan the Childcare Informational Session for Bedford Employers which she will share with the group so that anyone interested in helping us plan can join.