

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting Period: Oct-25

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Goal	Activities	Resources Used (Outputs)	Partners/Agencies	Outcomes
Networking	Community Presentations		Information shared that pertains to the Mission and Vision of the Action Group	None today.
	Succss Stories		Action Group Members	Stephanie Coughlan with Probation and Parole reported that DARS is now at Probation and Parole on Tuesdays. Amanda Powell with DSS reported that there is a new pilot for VIEW for Virginia. More detials to come.
	Situational Reviews		Action Group Members	None to Report
Community Engagement and Education	To Educate citizens about what support, training and employment is available.		Community Partners	Career Works reported that they have a large following on Social Media.
	Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.		Virginia Career Works	Job Fair 10/9/2025 at VEC on Odd Fellows Road. Work Force Board Meets next Tuesday. Utilization Of the work force Board data was presented.

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Community Engagement and Education	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors		Community Partners	There is a meeting on October 30, 2025. LCM has been using the National Labor Exchange to refer clients. Monday Adult Education had their frist session for hospitality classes.
	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	Training was provided for 23 people on October 7, 2025.
	Church involvement		Five18 Family Services	No update
	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		Stephanie Coughlan Probation and Parole.	Stephanie discussed different ways she and her staff could collect this data.
	Getting Ahead Class		Lake Christain and Agape	LCM started a class after Labor day.
Employer Human Capital Building	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)			There is a COPE training in Lynchburg soon.
	Care Portal Champion Development		Five18 Family Services and Bedford Chamber	No update

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Education Human Capital Building	Central Virginia Community College			CVCC working on Spring Schedule. Tuesday and Thursday Biology Class is going well.
	Adult Career Education		Kathy Smith	Kathy had a conflict and had to miss this meeting.
	Bedford County Public Schools			No one was present for this meeting.
Data Collection	To collect monthly data to track progress.		VCW, LCM, DSS, DARS, Bedford County Schools and Bedford County DSS	Career Works shared their data for Program Year 24 (ending in July 25) In that year there were 442 visitors to the center from Bedford. They also reported 90 Bedford County Citizens completed their orientation process and were referred to services.

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