

## BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting Period: Sep-25

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Goal	Activities	Resources Used		Outcomes
		(Outputs)	Partners/Agencies	
Networking	Community Presentations		Information shared that pertains to the Mission and Vision of the Action Group	None
	Success Stories		Action Group Members	Stephanie Coughlan reported a great meeting with Career Works and Dept of Corrections. She also reported Elwood Staffing is coming Friday 1-3:30 to talk to peopel about job placement.
	Situational Reviews		Action Group Members	None
Community Engagement and Education	To Educate citizens about what support, training and employment is available.		Community Partners	Economic Development just did a business survey. They heard from businesses that they need more work ready employees.
	Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.		Virginia Career Works	The Chamber of Commerce Job Fair in August was well attended . 275 people and 31 businesses. CTE career exploration events for 8th graders coming this winter.
	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM		Community Partners	LCM and Agape meeting with DSS was held on July 30, 2025.
	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	Training will be held October 7, 2025

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Community Engagement and Education	Church Involvement		Five18 Family Services	Talked to Nikolette at Five18 family services last month. This is still a long term goal.
	Volunteer Support		Five18 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	Talked to Nikolette at Five18 family services last month. This is still a long term goal.
	Getting Ahead Class		Lake Christain and Agape	Typically these start in the Fall.
Employer Human Capital Building	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)		Five18 Family Services and Bedford Chamber	No update
	Care Portal Champion Development		Five18 Family Services and Bedford Chamber	No update
	Central Virginia Community College		Rick Foster, CVCC	There is now a link to the CVCC class schedule on the BARC website. Rick Foster reported that enrollment at CVCC is up 15%. They are offering more classes there this semester. The Town Police is doing their citizen academy at the Bedford Campus.
Education Human Capital Building	Adult Career Education		Kathy Smith	There are many changes being made to Adult Education. They are doing some hospitality classes at LCM. One change is they now have to have proof of citizenship to provide services.

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Education Human Capital Building	Bedford County Public Schools			No update provided
Data Collection	To collect monthly data to track progress.		VCW, LCM, DSS, DARS, Bedford Couty Schoolsand Bedford County DSS	No Data provided.

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Present: Kathryn Smith, Pam Armstrong, Lauren Thurston, Andy Crawford, Tammy Lawhorn, Rick foster, Greg Modzelewski, Christian Wiscovitch, and Stephanie Coughlan