

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting Period: Apr-26

Please provide an update of your committee's goals, activities and accomplishments for the month. Report due last day of each month.

Goal	Activities	Used	Partners/Agencies	Outcomes
Networking	Presentation			None
	Success Stories		All	None
	Situational Reviews		All	None
Community Engagement and Education	Educate Citizens about what support, training and employment is available.		Community Partners	Denise Hutton has transitioned and Tim's office is trying to fill that position now. They are still working to provide that service from other staff. Tim also reported applying for a grant for Bedford to provide services locally so citizens would not have to drive to Lynchburg. They did not get that grant but it did help him think about working on more grants to fund this idea. Andy recommended he talk to Jennifer Smith Ramey at Horizon Behavioral Health.
	Community Information Sessions		Community Partners	Administrative reminders emphasized providing accurate job-fair dates for the BARC calendar. The group also spent time discussing News Letter ideas and how to best share BARC information.
	Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.		Virginia Career Works	Job fairs and industry specific recurring events continue to take place. They are all on the BARC calendar.

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Community Engagement and Education	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support		Community Partners	
	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	
	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			VADOC has not had tme to work on this but it remains on the list.
	Getting Ahead Class		Lake Christain and Agape	LCM and Agape each have getting ahead classes occuring right now.
Employer Human Capital Building	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)		Five18 Family Services	Andy is working on planning another session.
	Care Portal Champion Development		Five18 Family Services	Title IV-E funded cost-of-poverty-experience training available after July 1.
	Central Virginia Community College			No updates today
	Adult Career Education		Kathy Smith	No updates today

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Education Human Capital Building	Bedford Co. Public Schools			No updates today
Data Collection	To collect monthly data to track progress.		VCW, LCM, DSS, DARS, Bedford Couty Schoolsand Bedford County DSS	<p>Data provided by DARS: <u>Bedford Probation and Parole:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 new participants referred in March 2026, • 5 previous referrals are working currently. • 1 is working with a Job Coach seeking employment. • 1 is pending. <p><u>Lake Christian Ministry:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 referrals are working with a Job Coach seeking employment - 1 is currently employed <p><u>Bedford DSS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January - 8 referrals with 3 intakes completed ,1 successfully closed . - February- 5 referrals with 4 intakes completed to open DARS case for employment services. - 3 placed in employment

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