

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting Period: Mar-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	Resources Used (Outputs)	Partners/Agencies	Outcomes
Networking	Presentation			
	Success Stories		All	
	Situational Reviews		All	None
Community Engagement and Education	Educate Citizens about what support, training and employment is available.		Community Partners	A Postal Service hiring event with 42 attendees, Oakwood Health and Rehab held at the CareerWorks center, and upcoming Bedford Chamber on April 17, 2026 and Moneta job fair May 28, 2026.
	Community Information Sessions		Community Partners	Administrative reminders emphasized providing accurate job-fair dates for the BARC calendar.
	Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.		Virginia Career Works	Denise Hutton the WIOA person at Career Works is leaving her position. Now going to work for Virginia Works to reievew other workforce boards.
	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors		Community Partners	Michelle Swanson spoke of LCM’s planned prom-dress distribution on May 21 with about 40 dresses reserved for local teens aged 14–18, intentionally limited to neighbors and existing clients.
	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	A Class was held in March with 40 people attending.
	Church involvement		Five18 Family Services	No update

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Community Engagement and Education	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 Christian & 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.
Education Human Capital Building	Central Virginia Community College			

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Education Human Capital Building	Adult Career Education		Kathy Smith	Kathy Smith described a restricted \$20,000 grant for GED or quick-certification training limited to residents of residential treatment settings in Bedford or Lynchburg and requested referrals before the funds expire; the group agreed to share contacts including Horizon Behavioral Health, Elam House/Eagle's Nest, and DARS, with Andy Crawford and Kathy Smith exchanging more details offline.
	Bedford County Public Schools			No update
Data Collection	To collect monthly data to track progress.		VCW, LCM, DSS, DARS, Bedford County Schools & Bedford County DSS	No new data discussed.

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Present: Kathryn Smith, Pam Armstrong, Andy Crawford, Greg Modselewski, Stephanie Coughlan, Michelle Swanson, & Tim Saunders