

## Childcare Committee of the Bedford Area Resource Council

Meeting Agenda      May 25, 2022

**Our Mission:** The Early Childhood Committee of the Bedford Area Resource Council serves as a facilitator of conversation and action focusing on identifying and meeting the Early Childhood Care and Education needs of Bedford County's families.

**Our Vision:** All Bedford County families will have access to quality (Early Childhood) Care and Education for their children ages 0 – 12.

### 1. Welcome / Introductions

Pam Bailey (Bedford County Econ Dev) Vanessa Di Lio (DSS Subsidy) Allison Burns (Teachers for Tomorrow) Cindy Perdue (Bedford Co Schools) Janet Trent (Human Kind Early Head Start) Kara Sensenig (VA Quality) Denise Hutton (CV Career Works) Betty Easter (BARC Coordinator) Misty Jewell (Child Care Aware) Carolyn Hitchcock (Centra Health) Crystal Bailey (Human Kind EHS Family Engagement Specialist) Bridget Austin (Lyn Cag Family and Children Services) Andy Crawford (Bedford DSS) Kim Gregory (CVCC) Holly Layne (Bright Beginnings CV)

### 2. Centra Members

Centra Health wants representation in the community to help with pressing needs. So, we welcome Carolyn Hitchcock!

### 3. Andy – local representatives

Sen. Newman's aide contacted Andy to set up a meeting to discuss the childcare desert. It was suggested we compile a one-page data sheet and select 2 – 3 folks to meet with him. Andy will set up the meeting date. We will highlight the Infant Toddler gap. Kim Gregory provided information we can use.

### 4. Centerfest

September 24 from 10 – 6. Will try have Gus the Bus there. Will set up a table to hand out childcare information, developmental info, etc. to families. Child Care Aware may be able to provide freebies. Holly will submit the application to Centerfest and all will help out with a two -hour shift.

### 5. Next steps

We need to decide how to share the survey results and with whom. Media has approached Pam. GA Pacific has approached Andy.