

## Barre

### Notes 1/19/23 BRIC and Vermont Youth Project

**Team member spotlight-** John Skoda, Dept. of Labor Job Center Specialist [John.Skoda@vermont.gov](mailto:John.Skoda@vermont.gov)

1. Share a brief overview of what your organization does.

Provide services to job seekers including resume help, labor market information, job leads, and training opportunities.

2. Provide a snapshot of eligibility and the intake/referral process

Wide eligibility criteria for general job search support. WIOA training eligibility is assessed based on income, disability, and other barriers to employment. Participants can self-refer [online](#).

3. What is your favorite service to provide?

Talking to employers and getting an understanding of that side of the labor market. I enjoy the long-term solution finding involved.

**Black River Innovation Campus-** Chris Maggiolo, Deputy Executive Director (802) 546-1940 [chris@bricvt.org](mailto:chris@bricvt.org)

- Based in Springfield, VT with a coworking space and tech lab that includes 3D printers.
- Help create jobs with startup founders in areas such as advanced manufacturing, computing, coding, podcasting and digital design.
- No longer running the remote work certificate program but are applying for grants to start a micro-credentialing program.
- Closely connected to Springfield schools and workforce development partners. Feel free to reach out for connections to info interviews and potential internships.

- Will be expanding to a Randolph site on VTC's campus focused on advanced manufacturing and partnering with Norwich on computing.

**Vermont Youth Project update-** Matt Wolf, Vermont After School Youth Voice Coordinator (802) 448-3464, [matt@vermontafterschool.org](mailto:matt@vermontafterschool.org)

- Bernie Sanders' office awarded the youth of Barre \$44,000 for youth-led community improvement.
- A Community Coordinator was recently hired to help create a youth council and to oversee spending. Matt will be connecting the Community Coordinator with our Core Team and other related youth service teams in the Barre area.
- The funds are very flexible which allows for youth to get creative about how they want to spend it.

### **New Core Team option for next school year**

Our local team meets once a month plus two statewide meetings (October and February) during the school year. We have a new option to still attend those two statewide meetings and then have just two local meetings. Of those local meetings, one would be an employer panel and the other is left open for guest speakers about a topic important to the team.

The core team will vote if they want to keep the current frequency or switch to the 4 meetings a year model during the spring survey. Feel free to reach out to Rocko with any questions or comments about this new option.

### **Success and Support**

- Carrie Ballou is developing a job search scavenger hunt and would like to get feedback from others before presenting it to job seekers. You can email her at [Carrie.Ballou@vermont.gov](mailto:Carrie.Ballou@vermont.gov) to be sent the draft.
- Our next Core Team meeting (2/16) will be an animal-focused employer panel.

