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### **OhioMeansJobs Attends 2022 Buckeye Career Center Career Fair**

Lana Sims and DJ Milburn attended the 2022 Buckeye Career Center Career Fair and provided OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties and Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program information to junior and senior students attending the fair. Along with representation from the OhioMeansJobs centers, there were over 70 vendors present.

This was a day where the students could learn about what is available in the community, and beyond, regarding workforce and training opportunities. OhioMeansJobs center welcome packets, OhioMeansJobs.com registration directions, sample resumes, other counties OhioMeansJobs center locations and contacts, Workforce Funded Training Session schedules, and CCMEP assistance flyers were provided to the students.



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#### Bill and Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Bill had been an exemplary student from the moment he started in the JOG program. He was enrolled in the CBI program, as he was catching up on credits in order to graduate. Bill rarely attended school and when he did, he did not complete any of his school work. He would sit with his head down during class and sleep. He did not display any behavioral problems but made no positive steps in completing school work.

Upon further research into why Bill was not completing his work, it was found that his home life was not a place of peace. He was unable to sleep or work there. There was nothing motivating him to think that he had more in store for his life. Bill was a good athlete but he quit playing football as well. Bill made the decision after turning 18 to move in with his friend's family. This move has proven to be very productive for Bill.

Bill's attendance in school had improved immensely. He started to participate in all class activities and discussions. He also began to complete all of his classwork in a timely manner. He is on track to graduate this year, after catching up with his required hours. He also acquired a job at KFC and has expressed an interest in obtaining a more lucrative job where he can have an increased income. Bill continues to strive and the JOG staff will continue to help the student achieve his goals.

#### Sam and Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

When Sam joined JOG in his junior year, he faced many obstacles - the biggest obstacle being himself. Sam was extremely unmotivated and had no interest in working or finding a job. Sam also had many struggles with his school work and used an IEP to help him along the way.

Sam finally decided to take advantage of the work experience program through JOG, the summer before his senior year. He was unsure at first, but as the summer progressed he picked up more hours and really enjoyed working. Sam was able to keep working as the school year started and has a regular schedule after school and on the weekends.

Once Sam started working, there was a noticeable change in the way he presented himself as well as his motivation toward life. He has been able to save money, gain confidence, and even started using tutoring during his study halls. JOG has helped him find his voice and be more confident in himself and his choices. He also has been able to help others find their motivation and is a go-to mentor for his fellow JOG students.

Sam is a senior and set to graduate this May 2022. He is thinking about the possibility of going to college and his worksite is planning on hiring him after graduation. Sam is very thankful for the JOG program and the placement at the worksite that helped him find who he is.

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates (JOG) helps youth complete their education and successfully transition to employment at a livable wage or post-secondary job training.

# **City of Alliance Job Fair**

The Alliance Area Chamber of commerce, along with OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties successfully organized the City of Alliance job fair, held both in person at the Alliance Area Senior Center as well as virtually on Tuesday, April 19th. In addition, there were multiple entities who supported the event, and helped make it a success! The event supporters included Strengthening Stark, Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland & East Central Ohio, Inc., Greater Stark County Urban League, Men's Challenge of Alliance, Project REBUILD, ICAN, the Alliance YWCA as well as other community partners.

The in-person portion of the job fair was at max capacity, with 50 employers in attendance. Out of the 50, 12 participated in the online portion of the job fair. With a wide variety of employers active in this event, there was truly something for everyone.

Some of the employers who were in attendance are:

AEP Energy, Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity, Alliance Family Health Center, AllStaff, Inc., Aultman, Checkpoint Systems, Coastal Pet Products, Coleman Health Services, Grinders Above & Beyond, MAC Trailer Enterprises, Malone University, Ohio State Highway Patrol, PCC Airfoils, QCS Cleaning Solutions, Re/Max Edge Realty, Robertson Heating Supply Co., Sebring Mansion Inn & Spa, Stark County Park District, Texas Roadhouse, VXI Global Solutions, and Winkle Industries.

There was greater than expected job seeker attendance, with 81 in person and 21 virtual. However, there were 32 pre-registrations for the online portion of the job fair that the OhioMeansJobs centers were able to source for future use.

Coastal Pet Products stated that they thought the event was a "major success". They found at least four candidates virtually that will be attending interviews soon, and they have intent to hire all four.

In addition, there were 60 interviews scheduled from the in-person portion of the job fair.





# RAMTEC Training Center Hosts Tuscarawas County Advanced Manufacturing Corridor Project Partners



On Thursday, April 28, 2022, RAMTEC, located at Tri-Rivers Career Center in Marion, Ohio served as a site visit for the Tuscarawas County Advanced Manufacturing Corridor Project partners. RAMTEC is a provider of robotics and advanced manufacturing training to high school students and adults with many corporate and educational partners helping to stay at the forefront of technology.

The visit included a tour of the RAMTEC facility while observing labs and classrooms with the opportunity to talk to students about their training and next career steps. Attendees included RAMTEC and Tri-Rivers staff and staff from Marion Technical College, OhioMeansJobs Marion County and Marion CAN DO, the local economic development organization. Bill Beisel, Kent State University at Tuscarawas, Steve Rippeth, Buckeye Career Center, and JoAnn Breedlove, Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board participated in the tour.





# **Buckeye Career Center Adult Education Students Prepared to Enter the Workforce**

Two Buckeye Career Center Adult Education students are prepared to enter the workforce with their high school diploma and industry-recognized credentials in hand. Alex Contrael and Drew Taft recently completed BCC's new Adult Diploma Program (ADP), earning the two honors by completing the Welding course and receiving American Welding Society credentials. Currently, 13 other students are enrolled in ADP at Buckeye Career Center, completing courses in Phlebotomy, Nail Technician, EMT, and Welding. ADP is open to Adults 20 years old and older who currently do not have a high school diploma or GED. The courses are free.

Meanwhile, BCC has 71 full-time and 554 part-time students enrolled this school year. Of those students, 207 industry-recognized credentials have been earned by the full-time students and 260 by the part-time students. Adult Diploma Program students have earned 33 credentials to boost their chances of employment by demonstrating their skills related to their respective industries. In addition, BCC has 100 students who have taken the ASPIRE/GED program, 697 people have used the testing center, and BCC has conducted 267 BCI/FBI background checks this school year.



Anyone interested in Adult Education courses at BCC is invited to attend the next Adult Education Open House on June 7, 2022, from 4:30-6:30 pm at BCC. Courses begin in August. Financial aid is available to those who qualify and the \$50 application fee will be waived for anyone who attends the open house.

For more information about BCC Adult Education, visit: www.BuckeyeCareerCenter.org or call 330-339-2288.

## May Workshops Available Onsite at the OhioMeansJobs Centers in Stark and Tuscarawas Counties



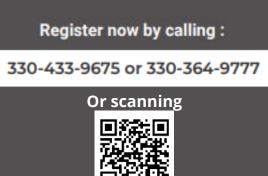
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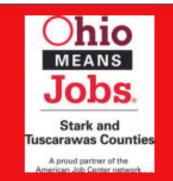
Stark & Tuscarawas Counties

We are now offering in-person workshops!

Find out how to update or create your resume in our Writing an Effective Resume workshop

Learn how to prepare for an interview in our How to Ace an Interview workshop





#### WORKSHOP DETAILS

#### Writing an Effective Resume



### May 17, 2022 at 10am

#### How to Ace an Interview



### May 18, 2022 at 12pm

# **Tech Tips with Carolyn Varlamos**

This month's Tech Tips look at how to draw and manipulate arrows in PowerPoint and 13 essential functions for data entry in Excel. The tips have been found by OhioMeansJobs tech guru Carolyn Varlamos with the help of the HowtoGeek.com and techrepublic.com websites.

#### How to Draw and Manipulate Arrows in PowerPoint By Amelia Griggs, How-to Geek

Whether you need to point to an image or chart for emphasis, show movement, or demonstrate a process flow, PowerPoint offers a wide range of arrow shapes. Here's how to use them.

https://www.howtogeek.com/367140/how-to-draw-and-manipulate-arrows-in-microsoft-powerpoint/

### 13 Essential Excel Functions for Data Entry

#### By Sandy Writtenhouse, How-to Geek

Entering data in your spreadsheet is the basic principle behind using Excel. From adding the current date and time to looking up values to changing the letter case of your text, some functions can help you tremendously with data entry.

Enter the Current Date and Time: TODAY and NOW Obtain Parts of a Text String: LEFT, RIGHT, and MID Change the Letter Case: UPPER, LOWER, and PROPER Round Your Numbers: ROUNDUP and ROUNDDOWN Remove Unnecessary Spaces: TRIM Compare a Value and Return a Result: IF Look Up Values: XLOOKUP

https://www.howtogeek.com/791838/excel-functions-data-entry/

Is there a specific topic or task you would like to learn? Let Carolyn know!



### Early Childhood Resource Center Childcare Program



RESOURCE CENTER

## **Looking for a career change?**

### ✓ Paid credential in the child care field

✓ Job placement at \$13+ per hour

### ✓ First year incentives and hiring bonus

Stark County residents with a high school diploma or GED should contact us immediately! Program is free, but spaces are limited!

Complete orientation and classes in as little as 4 weeks, followed by job placement at \$13+ per hour.

First Aid/CPR and mentoring included in the program.



This program is brought to you by the Early Childhood Resource Center with funding from OhleMeansJobs.

To register, call or text Haley at (330) 903-1934.

# **Project REBUILD July Cohort**

#### Project REBUILD is Enrolling for their July cohort!

Project REBUILD is accepting applications for its YouthBuild Greater Stark County Program. Young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 that aren't actively attending high school and are unemployed or underemployed are encouraged to apply for the nine-month education, work readiness, and youth development program. Youth with previous court involvement are encouraged to apply. More information and an online application can be found on our website:

Apply to Become a Member – Project REBUILD, Inc.

"Originally I joined Project REBUILD because I heard I would be able to get my diploma." After a few months of the program, Dakota realized that he could get far more than a diploma. "I learned that it offered so many more opportunities than I would have ever guessed. - Dakota 2020 Cohort



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