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Workforce Funded Training Orientation Sessions Scheduled in December



WORKFORCE FUNDED TRAINING SESSIONS

VIRTUAL

December 13th from 12PM-2PM

December 20 from 2PM-4PM

www.omjwork.com/training

Success Stories

Powell Electrical Systems, Inc. and the Business Resource Network

The Business Resource Network (BRN) is a collaborative and growing group of the region's chambers of commerce, workforce and economic development organizations, schools, colleges, universities, community organizations, and government agencies that all offer a business service to help employers and their employees solve problems. Lori Sproul, HR Manager at Powell shares her experience with the BRN.

Sproul explains, "Powell was founded in 1947 in Houston, TX. We have had a manufacturing site in North Canton, Stark County, Ohio since 1997. We manufacture custom-engineered products for our customers in industries such as Oil & Gas, Electric Utility, and Transportation. We are a customer-focused company that respects and listens to our clients. We achieve our success through the hard work and devotion of the people that work for our company. Our 'can-do' spirit symbolizes who we are; a world-class producer that embraces complexity through our customer-engineered solutions, and our commitment to continually improve our technical expertise, product designs, and processes is the basis for our drive to perform.

Powell Electrical Systems, Inc. became engaged with the Business Resource Network in the fall of 2021. After meeting with several local leaders, Powell received a proposal full of references, referrals, and resources. Here are just a few examples of those we have used so far:

The Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWTP) is one of the things that came out of our meeting with the BRN. The IWTP offers grant money to manufacturing employers to develop the skills of existing employees. The application process was relatively easy, and the support staff with the BRN were very helpful in guiding us through it. Powell used the IWTP grant to fund several training opportunities across 2021 and 2022, including ISO Auditor Training and a corporate initiative called Crucial Conversations. We will continue our annual Crucial Conversations training as well as add new training opportunities in 2023.

Through our relationship with the BRN, Powell also learned about the Ohio TechCred grant. We opened discussions with Walsh University about a data analytics program that qualifies for TechCred. We now have a cohort identified to complete a 3-part training course that we expect to identify more efficient and cost-effective means to process information. The team at Walsh University has been very helpful in taking us step by step through the application and registration processes. We began the training the first week of November 2022. We are excited about the possibilities ahead!



Lori Sproul

Success Stories

Powell Electrical Systems, Inc. and the Business Resource Network Continued

Here at Powell, we have customers in utilities and oil & gas, just to name a few. Some of our customers are outside the USA - we recently learned of the IMAGE grant related to international market access and are in the process of learning about our eligibility to apply for funding

Powell Electrical Systems, Inc. in North Canton, OH has a 5-year strategic plan that has identified some key business metrics to drive growth for our division. The relationship with the Business Resource Network and the resources provided are important components to minimizing the impact of the costs of doing business. We are always striving to improve ourselves and the grant funding available is helping us to drive toward our goals.

The BRN leaders don't just drop a proposal and leave the business to figure everything out on its own. The BRN leaders are customer focused, continue to build relationships, and provide ongoing support to Powell. At Powell, we solve our customers' toughest problems, and the leaders from the BRN provide resources and support to solve all our problems! We make a great team."



OhioMeansJobs Stark County Attends the Goodwill Community Resource Fair

OhioMeansJobs Stark & Tuscarawas Counties, along with over 30 other vendors attended the Goodwill Community Resource Fair on November 16th. Attendees were able to learn about the valuable resources available throughout Stark County.



Leadership Stark County Visits OhioMeansJobs Stark County

Leadership Stark County's 36th Signature Class visited OhioMeansJobs Stark County on Monday, November 21, 2022. The group had the opportunity to learn more about the public workforce system, Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board, and the services and resources available to individuals and businesses through OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties.



Pathway Home Gives Back

Pathway Home celebrated the holidays by teaming up with OhioMeansJobs Stark County and VANTAGE Aging to give turkeys and other Thanksgiving foods to Pathway Home participants and community families.



Left to right: Lester Strode of VANTAGE Aging, Patricia Faulhaber of OhioMeansJobs Stark & Tuscarawas Counties, and Sherry Schmidt of VANTAGE Aging

Left to right: Lester Strode of VANTAGE Aging, Rashan Hall of Pathway Home, and Sherry Schmidt of VANTAGE Aging

Friends of Adult Education Awards Six Scholarships, Plans for Upcoming Fundraiser

Six Buckeye Career Center Adult Education students have been awarded the Friends of Adult Education Erin Vanfossen Scholarship for the 2022-23 school year.

The recipients include Cosmetology students Kristine Milner of New Philadelphia, Sara Reber of Coshocton, Cyeshia Matthews of West Lafayette, Haley Bates of Coshocton, Brandy Paisley of New Philadelphia, and Ainsley Sefert of New Philadelphia. Each will receive a check for \$1,250 to put towards the Adult Education programs they are enrolled in at BCC.

To receive the scholarships, students must be enrolled in one of BCC's part-time or full-time Adult Education programs. Full-time options, which begin each August, include Cosmetology; Dental Assisting; Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVAC-R); Heavy Equipment/CDL A Operator; Law Enforcement Training Academy; Medical Assisting; Medical Office & Billing Specialist; Utility Lineworker; and Welding Technology. Part-time offerings begin throughout the school year.

A calendar of start dates and more info on each program can be found at:

www.buckeyecareercenter.org/ProgramCatalog

In addition to awarding scholarships, the Friends of Adult Education organization is preparing to host its annual fundraising dinner on Thursday, December 8, 2022, from 3-6PM at BCC. The event is a pre-paid, carry-out-only pulled pork dinner, prepared by the Buckeye Career Center Culinary Arts program. Each meal is \$15 and includes pulled pork with BBQ sauce on the side, cornbread with honey butter, macaroni & cheese, creamy coleslaw, and pineapple upside-down cake. Limited meals will be available for walk-in purchases the night of the event. You can also make a financial contribution to the Friends of Adult Education by accessing the following link:

faebcc.org/pulled-pork-dinner-fundraiser

Questions regarding Adult Education at Buckeye Career Center can be directed to the Adult Education department by calling 330-339-2288.



To serve the community by empowering people, of all ages, to discover their passion and prepare for their future through career and technical education.

Project REBUILD Enrolling for January Cohort

Project REBUILD's mission is to re-engage young adults ages 16-24 to create pathways to academic, professional, and leadership opportunities while providing them with the skills and support to set them up for lifelong success. Project REBUILD believes in creating a caring, supportive, and positive learning environment to develop and learn new skills to maximize their full potential.

Our staff works closely with each participant to help set their individual goals and help maximize their potential, as well as follow up after members have completed the program.

The Project REBUILD program lasts for (9) months, during which students will learn, develop, and achieve by learning soft skills and getting hands-on training. Student members also get paid during their training and can earn additional incentives along the way. During the course of their (9) months with Project REBUILD, students have the chance to earn their high school diploma, learn about careers, post-secondary education, and organizations that positively impact our community. Students can also earn multiple certifications while participating in the program.

We are currently enrolling for our 2023 session which begins January 9.

For more information about getting involved with Project REBUILD as a volunteer, mentor, or donating please visit www.ProjectRebuild.org. Your help and support is always appreciated!



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

"TEACH ME" TUESDAYS @ 10AM

JOIN US!!

HOW TO ACE AN INTERVIEW

Are you prepared to get an interview? Learn how to effectively communicate your skills and answer tough questions! We'll also show you what to do before and after the interview to maximize your chances of getting your dream job.

December 20, 2022



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Tech Tips with Carolyn Varlamos

This month's Tech Tips look at how to edit a received email in Microsoft Outlook and the keyboard shortcut I promise you'll use even more than Ctrl+Z. The tips have been found by OhioMeansJobs tech guru Carolyn Varlamos with the help of the HowtoGeek.com and techrepublic.com websites.

How to Edit a Received Email in Microsoft Outlook

By Rob Woodgate, How-to Geek

The subject and body of a received email are at the whim of the sender, but you can change the subject line to something better or add notes to the body quickly and easily using Microsoft Outlook.

Have you ever forwarded an email to yourself or created a new task instead of marking an email for Followup just so you could add notes to it? Maybe you've dragged an email into OneNote or Evernote so you can write a little context around it? Or perhaps you've just quietly cursed the sender for not adding a useful subject line or not adding a subject at all.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/692662/how-to-edit-a-received-email-in-microsoft-outlook/>

The Keyboard Shortcut I Promise You'll Use Even More than Ctrl+Z

By Karisa Langlo, CNET.com

I can't tell you how many times I've accidentally hit the "X" on a tab I was just trying to switch over to. It seems to happen on a daily basis. Maybe my mouse speed isn't properly calibrated. Maybe I'm too click-happy. Or maybe I just know Ctrl+Shift+T has my back. This keyboard shortcut is my secret weapon, and it's saved me more times than I care to admit.

<https://www.cnet.com/tech/computing/the-keyboard-shortcut-i-promise-youll-use-even-more-than-ctrl-z/>



Early Childhood Resource Center Childcare Program Opportunity



EARLY CHILDHOOD
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 OhioMeansJobs.

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

<http://ohiomeansjobs.com/stark>

<http://ohiomeansjobs.com/tuscarawas>

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