

Committee Reports

One-Stop Committee Meeting

March 9, 2022

Outreach

During the December 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023 period, staff made 18 outreach efforts that included presentations attended by over 1,000 individuals as well as placement of materials promoting OhioMeansJobs Mahoning and Columbiana Counties, Mahoning & Columbiana Training Association, and the Business Resource Network in the Business Journal. Social media is now being used to outreach to all platforms, WIOA/DW/Youth/Business Services.

ESC of Eastern Ohio: Mock Interview Boot Camp; H.S. Seniors Email/Phone: job seekers Help Network: Community Resources Citizens' Circle: adjudicated adults Alta: Agency tour Super Saturday Financial: Families receiving VITA services PIA Orientation: incoming students Beatitude/Ursuline Sisters: scholars program staff	Business Journal: general public TCI Annual Health Fair: soon to be released inmates New Bethel Baptist Church: College Night VIP Teams Meeting: inmates due to be released YouScience: H.S. Seniors and Staff Psycare Outreach: CMHA staff, Psycare staff, food pantry, and homeless Facebook: general public Instagram – general public
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Cross Trainings

Columbiana County:

- Dec 14th OOD – What can I ask and why?
- Feb 3rd Goodwill Industries
- Feb 15th OOD - The Employer's Toolkit

Mahoning County:

- Dec 9th Community Legal Aid
- January 27th YSU

Service Delivery

Columbiana County: In January MCTA shared that programmatic staff is receiving training on CFIS, the state client tracking system that will replace OneFlow. The business service team reported that they are working to increase the number of job-orders they receive from businesses to help them locate quality employees to hire. Meeting attendees were reminded that all services are free and they are glad to post the job orders on the state labor exchange site-OhioMeansJobs.com.

Columbiana County Department of Job and Family services reported that the federal government has extended the public health emergency benefits, but Ohio's extra benefits will soon be coming to an end. For the last three years no changes were made for those needing Snap benefits and Medicaid unless they were deceased, no longer interested, or moved out of state.

ASPIRE reported a supplement grant award that will be used to help expand their Integration Education Training(IET) program. These are short term trainings that will result in certification. They have a Safe Food Handler class already, but new classes added will be Microsoft Office, Google Analytics and Adobe Photoshop Specialist. These classes are not just for high school students. Others may be able to use these classes to receive workforce credentials and are free through ASPIRE. The Mahoning and Belmont sites offer in person classes, but they also offer hybrid classes. All GED classes are as usual. Work continues to be done on the GED site.

The Columbiana County Educational Service Center reported that they will hold two events. On February 2nd the Business Advisory Council had a meeting where the Wapokenetta schools will be shared information about their student internship program. It is a robust program where the community and business partners work together. Columbiana County is looking to replicate this program. It is being held at the ESC, but it will also be presented on Zoom. The other event being held on February 24th is the Vision Casting Program. Lydia Mihalik, Director of Ohio Department of Development will be the keynote speaker and will be giving updates regarding work force development. The event is scheduled to run from 8:30 – 11:00 at the Kent State Salem Campus.

One other note... the Business Advisory Council has received a 4-star rating, which makes 3 years in a row for this success. They are the only Business Advisory Council in the state of Ohio that has achieved this success.

The Counseling Center reported out that Kathleen Clark is now the Team Leader for the Youth Employment Specialist. Gerri Stief is now the Transportation Coordinator. Gerri was a youth employment specialist in the vocational department. The Counseling Center now has a contract with Carts & Gerri is in charge of getting MCTA client's transportation lined up. They will now be able to get CARTS scheduled within 48-hour pickup.

Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities reported that they along with the ESC are now partnering with YSU in their state-of-the-art Excellence Training Center. They have received a two-year grant in the amount of \$500,000, the majority of which will be used to provide scholarships that will pay for certification programs. The focus will be to increase the number of students with disabilities. They are starting to identify participants and hope to have a minimum of 5 participants per quarter. Industry recognized credentials, micro-credentials and apprenticeship program participation will be offered.

Community Action Agency reported that the director of the Early Childhood Services, Christine Malloy, will be accepting applications for students in the spring. They will also be accepting applications for those seeking employment. The employment applications can be found on the CAA website. It was also reported that Sherry Green, the Transportation Director of CARTS, shared that CARTS' riders can now download the EasyFair app on their phone. They can use this app to pay for their rides instead of calling into the office to load up money on their card. The micro-transit should be up and running the last week of April or the first week of May. The micro-transit is an on-demand transit service that will run

between Salem and Columbiana. It will be like an Uber or cab. This should help clients that need transport in those areas.

Mahoning County: Service Delivery Meetings were held in December, January, and February. It was shared that CCMEP has a waiting list for In-School-Youth, but encourages partners to continue to send referrals because they will be contacted in order in intake date when additional services can resume. It was also shared that CCMEP will be getting a new name, although the announcement of the name has not been released yet.

OMJ Manager reported that there may be a need for new or additional workshops based on the changing needs in our community. Also, on June 30th, CFIS will be the primary website used to track clients at the OMJ centers in Mahoning and Columbiana Counties. A practice run will begin in March to work out issues that arise during this transition. At the February Service-Delivery meeting Carol shared that the new MOU is in process and information will be provided at the March meeting. It was also shared that a new facilitator has been hired and will start end of February.

Business Services provided a list of all job postings and reported on job openings that MCTA is hiring for.

ASPIRE reported that they have been offering services at Oak Hill. They have had one consistent student show up.

MCCTC reported that the new website is almost complete and it will be much easier for clients to navigate. They are also interested in building resources sit to help break down barriers and welcomes partners' input. MCCTC is also a Tech/Cred training provider. The program is state funded and employers can apply for funding up to \$2,000 per employee. In February it was announced that campus tours will be held in February, March, and April.

Goodwill reported that they are offering a retail training course for free. The course is usually \$99.00. Goodwill also ha a job fair at the Rescue Mission and 30 jobseekers attended. An update was shared that the Niles store will open in early March. They are currently taking applications for open positions there.

Flying High reported that they now have a recovery to school program which is available to those with barriers. In January they reported that they just opened their second recovery house which will house 10 men.

Academy of Urban Scholars announced that Out-of-school youth can earn a high school diploma and credential at the same time. An open house was held on January 27th from 11am to 7pm.

YSU reported that they have developed a partnership with FoxCon and have also announced an EV center at Lordstown. The Excellence Training Center has developed unique alternative for non-traditional pathways to graduation.

The ESC of Eastern Ohio reported that they have five (5) career counselors who work with 21 school districts in Columbiana, Mahoning, Trumbull, and Stark counties with programs that are designed to help students reach graduation.

Vantage reported that they have tried to hold info sessions they have not been successful. They are trying something new by forming an advisory board made up of social workers, case managers, partners, etc.

Job Corp announced that they are still conducting tours at their Cleveland site every Wednesday at 10am.

OOD reported that they have a new Health and Disability Assessment Questionnaire which can help counselor for eligibility purposes. It will also reduce the number of faxes that are being sent.

YMHA reported that their Family Self-Sufficiency program is there to help make individual self-sufficient. They also asked partners to please encourage clients that they work with, whom are section 8 or public housing, to enroll in the FSS program.

Business Services

From December 1st 2022 through February 28th 2023, there were 94 staff-assisted job orders. There were 86 recruitments on-site.