



# OhioMeansJobs®

## Mahoning & Columbiana Counties

A proud partner of the  
American Job Center network

Established under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the One-Stop system is a collaboration of federal, state and local agencies that brings together various employment and training resources.

The physical hub of the One-Stop system is the One-Stop center where employers and job seekers can access a variety of services and partner staff in-person or virtually. In Ohio, these centers are branded as OhioMeansJobs centers.

From July 1, 2023, through June 12, 2024, the OhioMeansJobs centers in Mahoning and Columbiana counties have had approximately 19,000 visits.

### Benefits of Partnership

- **Increased Visibility and Brand Recognition:** Partnering with the One-Stop system allows your agency to reach a wider audience of potential clients or customers who are actively seeking employment or career development opportunities.
- **Increased Outreach and Client Support:** Partnering allows your agency to reach a wider audience of individuals seeking services aligned with its mission. This could be job training for welfare recipients, childcare assistance for working parents, or educational programs for veterans transitioning careers.
- **Enhanced Service Delivery:** By collaborating with the One-Stop system, your agency can offer a more comprehensive suite of services to its clients. Clients can access resources offered by the agency alongside job search assistance, career counseling, and training programs, leading to better outcomes.
- **Improved Efficiency and Reduced Costs:** Partnering allows your agency to leverage the resources and infrastructure of the One-Stop system, potentially reducing duplication of services and streamlining administrative processes.
- **Data Sharing and Collaboration:** The One-Stop system has robust data collection systems. Partnering allows agencies to share data securely, leading to a better understanding of client needs and improved program development.
- **Access to Grant Opportunities:** One-Stop systems often have access to funding streams or know about relevant grant opportunities. Partners that request a Letter of Support for grants are given priority over non-partners. Partnering can keep your organization informed about these possibilities, potentially leading to additional resources to support your mission.
- **Collaboration Opportunities:** Partnering allows your agency to connect with other organizations within the community, including businesses, training providers, and social service agencies. This fosters collaboration and can lead to the development of new programs or initiatives that benefit all parties involved.

- **Influence and Decision-Making Power:** Committees and boards play a crucial role in shaping the direction and priorities of the One-Stop system. By participating, your agency can have a direct say in how resources are allocated, what services are offered, and how the system operates. This allows you to advocate for programs and initiatives that align with your organization's mission and interests.
- **Stay Ahead of the Curve:** Committee and board members gain valuable insights into local workforce trends, skills gaps, state/federal initiatives and funding opportunities and employer needs. This information can help your organization adapt its services and offers to better meet the demands of the job market.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Participating connects you with other stakeholders in the workforce development ecosystem, including businesses, training providers, government agencies, and community organizations. This can foster valuable connections and lead to potential collaborations or partnerships beyond the One-Stop system.