

The Connection

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MCCTC promotes community connections

The Mahoning County Adult Career and Technical Center knows how important it is to connect community members with information about events that could be beneficial.

Jodi Glass, recruiter and marketing specialist for the Adult MCCTC program, welcomes information sharing from organizations that have upcoming hirings along with health, wellness, or career based events which could benefit our local area residents.

Information about events such as job fairs, professional development opportunities, and more, can help increase knowledge and develop skills that could lead to future success.

MCCTC has a Community Bulletin Board where information about these topics can be shared. Anyone wishing to share their information can email Jodi at jodi.glass@mahoningctc.com.

In addition, MCCTC adult programs offer a wide variety of

adult classes that can lead those interested down a new path of endless possibilities.

Some of the more popular classes that are offered are Welding, Automotive Technology, Medical Assistant, Medical Office Specialist, Firefighter I & II, and EMT.

Campus tours are given regularly with new campus tour events scheduled for March, April and May. For more information, call MCCTC Adult Office at 330-729-4100.



A new DVOP is welcomed at Mahoning County DMJ

Jeremy Rogers is the new DVOP for Mahoning County, and has been assigned to the OhioMeansJobs office at 127 Boardman-Canfield Rd. DVOP stands for Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist. DVOPs are responsible for helping vets overcome barriers to employment. They do everything they can to get them job ready. Jeremy has worked for the state for 13 years. He joined the Navy

in 2001 and was discharged in 2005. He decided to move back to his hometown of Ravenna, Ohio to help his family with their farm and campground. He is looking forward to helping Mahoning County veterans and getting to know his coworkers. We would like to welcome Jeremy and we thank him for his service.



“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

~Mother Theresa~

CCCTC Nursing and Police Academy Students Graduate



First row; Tylar Girtten, Emilee Stollenwerk, Chloe Dale, Alexis Smith, Trinity Shelton, Misty Breault, Amber Lambert; Antoinette Douglas, Sally Downard; Second row, Dana Wilke, Abigail Bouchillon, Haliegh Potts, Harlie Kale, Amy Frabel, Jenese Scott, Doreanne Wood, Julina Martinez, Haylie Heckert; Third row, Katelin Foster, Anthony Pittano, Kaylee Colkitt, David Bandy, Emily Carnahan, Gary Martin, Caliya Gruber, Alexys Merrill and Tayler Gardner.

The Columbiana County Career and Technical Center is celebrating the graduation of 27 students from this year's nursing class. This job field has a bright outlook in the state of Ohio and in other states across the nation.

Each of these 27 students received their diploma and registered to sit for their NCLEX exam. A congratulatory address was given by Dr. Darney, Adult Education Director and diplomas were presented by the superintendent, Willard Adkins. Lead instructor, Jacki Fields, pinned all of the graduate nurses.

Twelve of the twenty seven nursing graduates were sponsored by MCTA through their tuition assistance program.

Special awards were presented by Emily Deack, Nursing Program Administrator, to three recipients. Misty Breault received the Spirit of Nursing award. Clinical Excellence went to Jenese Scott, and Highest Academic Honor went to Katelyn Foster.

Dr. Darney along with Police Program police commander, Allen Young, also presented career passports to the police academy cadets. Each academy cadet has already been commissioned to a local police department.

Congratulations to all graduates in both fields!!

New classes have started this fall for both of these programs. Anyone interested in gathering information about future classes can contact the Adult Education Department at the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center.

The contact information is CCCTC, 9634 State Route 45, Lisbon, Ohio 44432. Phone number is 330-424-9562.



CCCTC Adult Education Part Time Program Graduates

CCCTC Adult Education graduated its inaugural part-time program for practical nursing on December 14th. Sixteen graduates were awarded their diplomas as well as their nursing pins. The part-time cohort runs for 18 months, three evenings a week. This is a great alternative for those looking to go back to school while still being able to work. The next

cohort will begin in March 2025. Congratulations to all graduates!!

CCCTC Adult Education will be offering a phlebotomy only training starting in 2024. The course will be 8 weeks in length with a national certification awarded once the student completes the training and passes the national exam. This training is FREE to those that qualify for the Short Term

Grant that is offered.

If you know someone who might be interested in either of these programs, have them contact Kevin at 330-424-3520 to get enrolled and see if they qualify for the grant.



Row 1: Brittany Furbee, Brenda Brown, Sofia Romeo, Lynn Walter, Brooke Clarkson, Kandice Norris

Row 2: Kelli Beamer, Desiree Mehaffey, Jocelynn Cannon

Row 3: Kizia Hart, Whitney Fox, Samantha Vogel, Kathy Kessler

Not Pictured: Misty Gilbo, Janell Dozier, Keitha Walker

OHIO Introduces a New Skills-Based Job Search Tool

A new skills-based job search tool has been created for applicants seeking state government positions. This job search tool helps to find openings that are based on skills and training, not just on academic degrees.

The State of Ohio is now considered a Model Employer for Skills-Based Hiring Practices due to Governor Mike DeWine's Executive Order 2023-10D. He stated, "This new skills-based approach will help job seekers more easily identify the types of jobs available and employers attract employees with the skills needed to succeed."

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In a skills based model, candidates' skills are looked at first before traditional avenues like academic degrees. As of now, state job postings will present a primary job skill on each opening along with professional skills connected to the job posting.

Job seekers must first create an account on the website [Careers.Ohio.gov](https://careers.ohio.gov). Once the account is created, they can work on tailoring their profile with their acquired skills to find job postings that would match.

According to the latest data from the U.S. Census bureau, about 62 percent of adult Americans do not have a bachelor's

degree. Requiring this academic achievement in order to qualify for a state job can significantly limit the scope of applicants that could be well suited for these positions.

As stated by Lt. Governor Husted, "For most jobs, there are many ways to acquire those skills and a college degree shouldn't be an artificial barrier for employers to find the best person for the job. Nor should a degree requirement be a barrier to entry for someone who has the right skills, but does not have a college diploma."

CAREERS.OHIO.GOV



IT'S MORE THAN JUST A JOB!

Generous Giving brings joy to Ursuline Sisters Mission



MCCTC Adult Career Center hosted a giving tree to benefit Ursuline Sisters Mission. The response was heartwarming. Not only did Adult Career Center staff and students donate an abundance of gifts, but Mahoning County Career and Technical Center and Valley STEM + ME2 Academy staff and students jumped in with their generous donations as well! Every tag was taken from the tree and an MCCTC representative was able to drop off new unwrapped gifts and a stack of gift cards!

Pictured L-R: Ursuline Sisters Mission Education Director, Sarah Chill with MCCTC Adult Career Center Recruiting/Marketing Coordinator, Jodi Glass



"Noone is useless in the world who lightens the burdens of others."

Charles Dickens

FANAC Robotics training programs now carry the endorsement of the ARM Institute



MCCTC Adult Career Center's FANUC Robotics training programs now carry the endorsements of the Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing Institute. ARM endorsement demonstrates commitment to provide training programs aligned with industry standards and advancement in robotics technology. Maintaining the quality and relevance of training programs is crucial for sustained success in the rapidly evolving field of robotics and has a direct impact on the workforce.

Congratulations to employees from Pennex who recently completed customized FANUC robotics and earned their certification.

Learn more about careers in robotics and the ARM Institute at roboticscareer.org. Questions about customized robotics training...call (330) 729-4100.



MCCTC Adult Career Center's Firefighter I extrication class was held in November.

Thanks to Prime Towing and Services from Wellsville for donating the cars. Students worked hard to refine their skills for this module of their training.

Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services visits OhioMeansJobs



Mahoning OMJ partners and staff L-R: Mary Mihalopoulos MCCTC, Sandy Furano MCECSC, Lindsay Heldreth ODJFS, Cyndy Bresnahan OMJ, Matt Damschroder ODJFS, Mary Ann Kochalko WDB, Susie Wickline MCTA, Sharlene Senediak WDB, Craig Forbes ODJFS, Carol Ramsay-Loomis OMJ Mahoning.



Columbiana OMJ partners and staff L-R: Anna Marie Vaughn CCESC, Sharlene Senediak WDB, Lindsay Heldreth ODJFS, Susie Wickline MCTA, Kelly Darney CCCTC, Matt Damschroder ODJFS, Jack Hile OMJ Columbiana, Craig Forbes ODJFS, Mary Ann Kochalko WDB.

Matt Damschroder, director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, was welcomed at the OhioMeansJobs office in both Mahoning and Columbiana counties.

ODJFS is responsible for developing and supervising the state's public assistance, workforce development, unemployment compensation, child and adult protective services, adoption, child care, and child support programs.

Partners and staff at the OhioMeansJobs centers were able to share with Mr. Damschroder the collaboration and opportunities amongst the partners in the community.

Partners include the Columbiana County Educational Service Center (CCESC), Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio (ESCNEO), The Mahoning and Columbiana Training Association (MCTA), Workforce Development Board, Inc. of Mahoning and Columbiana Counties (WDB), Columbiana County Career and Technical Center (CCCTC), Mahoning County Career and Technical Center (MCCTC), and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.



What is a partner? According to dictionary.com a partner can be a pair or even a group of people engaged together in the same activity. Our OhioMeansJobs partners work together to help those in need in their communities. You support one another by sharing ideas, resources and connections. You do this with enthusiasm, kindness and compassion. The sharing of ideas and resources has benefited those who need the help most. Never think that the smallest thing that you do to help does not make a difference. IT DOES!!



GET TO KNOW YOUR MAHONING PARTNERS



Academy for Urban Scholars

3405 Market St. Youngstown 44507 330-744-9070

The Academy for Urban Scholars is a brick and mortar high school whose curriculum is designed to provide differentiated learning for every student. Each student is given a customized Individual Learning Plan (ILP).

Choffin Career and Technical Center **200 E. Wood Street Youngstown 44503 330-744-8700**

At ChoffinCTC we are helping our scholars build their interests, build their skills and build their futures through a variety of career and technical programs housed within our four specialized academies.

Community Corrections Association **1507 Market Street Youngstown 44507 330-744-5143**

Our goal is to enhance safety in our communities while also giving those convicted of crimes a second chance to live productive, honest and ethical lives. This is possible thanks to the talent of our staff, the passion of our board of directors and the support of our community.

Eastern Gateway Community College **101 E. Federal St. Youngstown 44503 330-480-0726**

Eastern Gateway Community College provides quality, flexible, innovative and affordable educational opportunities to serve our communities through helping students achieve success.

Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio **7320 N. Palmyra Rd. Canfield 44406 330-533-8755**

ESC of Eastern Ohio delivers personalized resources and services to districts and community agencies through collaboration and engagement.

ASPIRE-Eastern Gateway Community College **Multiple locations 740-996-4096**

Their mission is to provide high-quality basic educational services to assist students in acquiring skills to be successful in employment, training, college, high school equivalency test, English Language Acquisition and self-sufficiency.

Flying High, Inc. **6 Federal Plaza Central Suite 710 Youngstown 44503 330-797-3995**

Flying High provides opportunities for people to develop their potential through a variety of services which include: The Professional Development Center vocational school, job readiness and placement assistance, GED tutoring, Working Toward the Future Program, GROW Urban Farm, nutritionally assisted alcohol and drug treatment, peer support and case management services and the Eagle's Nest Recovery House.

Job Corps**Multiple locations 800-733-JOBS(5627)**

JobCorps is a residential career training program that helps eligible young people ages 16-24 complete their high school education, trains them for meaningful careers, and assists them with obtaining employment.

Mahoning & Columbiana Training Association**127 Bdmn Canfield Rd. Yo. 44512 330-965-1787**

With 35-plus years of experience in workforce development, MCTA continues to provide and improve job training services, including job counseling and assessment, classroom training and on-the-job training to residents of Mahoning and Columbiana Counties.

Mahoning County Career & Technical Center**7300 N. Palmyra Rd. Canfield 44406 330-729-4100**

MCCTC seeks to create lifelong learners through dynamic relevant curriculum that encompasses advanced technology, rigorous academics, college credit options, industry credentials and strategic partnerships.

MYCAP**1325 5th Avenue Youngstown 44504****330-747-7921**

MYCAP's vision is to implement, coordinate and deliver quality programs and services providing ways to overcome barriers of social and economic poverty for moderate to low-income individuals, children and families throughout Youngstown and Mahoning County.

ODJFS-Veteran Services

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services identifies, connects with, and advocates for veterans and their families. Services include outreach, benefits, advocacy, financial support, records access, long-term care, and more.

Ohio Dept. of Job & Family Services**345 Oak Hill Youngstown, 44503****330-740-2600**

ODJFS promotes long-term self-sufficiency and provides a safety net for our most vulnerable citizens. It oversees Ohio's public assistance, workforce development, unemployment insurance, child and adult protective services, adoption, child care, and child support programs.

Public Library of Youngstown Ohio**305 Wick Ave. Youngstown, 44503****330-744-8636**

The Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County connects people and communities to reliable resources that inspire learning and foster enrichment.

VANTAGE Aging**4495 Market St. Suite 301 Youngstown, 44512****330-782-0978**

VANTAGE offers services to help older adults remain healthy, active and independent in our communities. Older adults receive paid job training in 38 Ohio counties and 37 Indiana counties.

Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries**Multiple locations****330-759-7921**

Since 1893, Goodwill has been helping people overcome barriers to employment. They run social enterprise operations, such as their thrift store, that allows them to employ people with disabilities and offer other services for people who face barriers to employment.

Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority**131 W. Boardman St. Yo. 44503****330-744-2161**

YMHA strives to enhance the quality of life for our residents by providing attractive, secure, affordable housing and innovative programs designed to enable residents to achieve a higher level of economic and social self-sufficiency.

Youngstown State University Accelerator**YSU 1 Tressel Way Youngstown, 44555 330-941-3000**

The YSU Skills Accelerator is an online community of learning designed to accelerate the adoption of in-demand industry 4.0 skills centered around Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology and Professional and Business Skills



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Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities 7675 State Rt. 45 Lisbon 44432 330-424-7788

The Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities offers an integrated continuum of education, training and family support services to eligible persons with developmental disabilities, for the entire span of life.

Columbiana County Career and Technical Center 9365 State Rt. 45 Lisbon 44432 330-424-9562

The mission of CCCTC Adult Education Department is to provide high quality educational opportunities for adults to increase their skill set.

Columbiana County Port Authority 7860 Lincoln Hwy Lisbon 44432 330-424-1800

The Columbiana County Port Authority promotes economic development in Columbiana County and facilitates cargo movement on the Ohio River. It has land available in industrial parks, leases warehouse and manufacturing plants and undertakes public/private project development and finance. It receives no local tax support but rather operates as a quasi-public business enterprise.

Columbiana County Educational Service Center 3872 Saltwell Rd Lisbon 44432 330-424-9591

The CCESC strives to provide quality services and leadership through collaboration and innovation tailored to create success for all students.

Columbiana Action Agency for Columbiana County 7880 Lincoln Hwy Lisbon, 44432 330-424-7221

The mission of Community Action Agency of Columbiana County is to strengthen the community, foster well-being, and promote self-sufficiency.

Counseling Center of Columbiana County 40722 State Rt. 154 PO Box 429 Lisbon, 44432 330-424-9573

The mission of the Counseling Center is to improve the lives of individuals and families by meeting the behavioral health needs of the community. They accomplish this through: excellent customer service, evidence-based practice, continuous performance improvement, and recovery focused care that is comprehensive, effective, and affordable.

Eastern Gateway Community College 101 E. Federal St. Youngstown 44503 330-480-0726

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Eastern Ohio Correction Center 227 N. Market St. Lisbon, 44432 330-420-0288

The Eastern Ohio Correction Center provides its clients with a safe and secure environment to enable positive changes in their lives through a high-quality, structured education, treatment, and community service environment.

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Mahoning & Columbiana Training Association 7989 Dickey Dr. Suite 4 Lisbon 44432 330-420-9675

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Ohio Dept. of Job & Family Services 7989 Dickey Dr #2 Lisbon 44432 330-424-1471

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

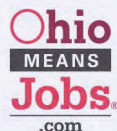
Margaret Mead

Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water~it will make ripples throughout the entire pond.

Jessy and Bryan Matteo



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