

## LCJVS Board of Education Report Chris Fletcher, Director



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### Adult Career Center Featured in ACTE Issue Brief and Conference Call

The Adult Career Center was featured in December ACTE Issue Brief and conference call titled “CTE’s Role in Worker Retraining.” It outlines how career and technical education (CTE) programs play a pivotal role in retraining adults and providing them the skills needed to re-enter the workforce or advance along career pathways. CTE worker retraining programs not only focus on local employment needs, but also tailor programs to fit the needs of the adult population. Adults participating in these retraining programs can earn industry certifications, certificates or degrees through short-term and accelerated programs and flexible learning approaches.

Erin Gadd, Adult Career Center Supervisor, coordinated the teleconference for the JVS to specifically address questions in the area of support services. Chris Fletcher and Tina Salyer were on the panel with representatives throughout the United States. The Teleconference Speakers made brief statements and responded to questions from the participants of the conference call.

### Cosmetology Students Participate in Community Service

On Sunday December 18, Adult Career Center senior cosmetology students and instructor Sandy Pitts performed manicures and hand massages at the Oberlin Public Library in exchange for food or monetary donations. The proceeds were given to the Oberlin Food Bank, who distributed food to needy families in Oberlin, New Russia Township and southern Lorain County Area who need it most. This is the third year the Adult Career Center participated in the holiday nail painting.

### University Systems of Ohio Talent Development Network (USO TDN)

Diana Gott, Assessment Coordinator, represents the Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center on the University System of Ohio Talent Development Network (USO TDN) State Advisory Board. USO TDN is a state-wide development system facilitated through Adult Career Centers and Public Two-Year Colleges that utilizes a variety of “Best in Class” national and international vendors to provide top notch talent development services to employers and individuals at an affordable price.

The board provides its customers with flexible and unique solutions that help create and retain a high performing workforce. USO TDN offers comprehensive human resource development services which include: job profiling, assessments, skill certification, training recommendations and referrals, IT certifications, background screening, drug testing, performance management consulting and competency modeling.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Assessment Testing

Diana Gott, Program Developer, was given an extension through June 2011, with the Employment netWork to provide Workkeys testing on a weekly basis for their clients interested in training. Tests are given in the areas of: Reading for Information, Applied Math and Locating Information. Clients must meet specified skill levels to enter into a training program. If those levels are not met, the client is given remediation to improve and be retested.

For the past four years Diana has provided pre-employment testing for Nestles Prepared Foods in Solon, Ohio. Over the four years she has tested approximately 400 potential employees for Nestles. The areas tested are: Workkeys Reading for Information, Applied Math, Locating Information and Observation. Nestles requires specific skill levels the applicant must meet to be qualified for the available positions and an initial interview.

## Public Safety Accreditation

The Emergency Medical Technician and First Responder programs offered through the Adult Career Center received a renewal of their Ohio Department of Public Safety Accreditation extended through July 2013. Marsha Leonard, Public Safety Program Developer, worked diligently to gather all the information and data required by the state. She was very pleased with the summary report listing the following strengths:

- Administrative Support
- Program and Program Director's Respect in the Community
- Affiliate Support at Clinical and Filed Internship Sites
- Cost of Programs
- Dedicated Instructors with WMS Expertise and Teaching Experience
- Graduates of JVS held in high regard among EMS Employers

Marsha coordinates (and sometimes instructs) all of the Public Safety Programs held at the JVS and customized classes for local safety agencies, which are required to maintain current on healthcare issues and education. The list below shows a sample of these classes held here and at outside facilities.

- ❖ EMT Basic
- ❖ First Responder
- ❖ CPR & First Aid to all High School and Adult Career Center JVS Programs required to provide it to their students
- ❖ CPR /AED classes at Carlisle Fire Department
- ❖ Continuing Education classes at Wellington Fire Department