

LCJVS Board of Education Report

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January 2013

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Registration for Winter/Spring Classes

Lorain County residents received their Winter/Spring catalog through the mail in December. We have begun the intake process for career development programs, which includes; Dental Assisting, Medical Office, Phlebotomy and STNA. The intake process includes the potential student meeting with a representative for information about the program, taking the Workkeys test and registering for the class. Students have also begun registering for career enhancement and special interest classes.

Installation Process of New Aceware System

The installation of the new registration system, Aceware, has begun. The Aceware system has enhanced features and will allow more flexibility for students to enroll. Currently, the Adult Career Center staff is using the Schooldesx system to register students, track payments and gather class information reports. The company that owns Schooldesx will no longer support the system after June.

Lorain County Growth Partnership (LCGP)

Chris Fletcher attended the January Lorain County Growth Partnership (LCGP) meeting at the LCCC satellite in Wellington. The LCGP, developed by the Lorain County Board of Commissioners, works with Lorain County organizations and businesses to compete more effectively in a regional marketplace. Currently over 35 companies, public institutions and local governments are LCGP partners.

The focus of the January meeting included:

- New business portfolio review
- Identified workforce needs
- Regulatory and advocacy issues
- Events, grants upcoming
- Retention & Expansion
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership: Advocacy, Workforce

Cosmetology Update

Oberlin Community Services thanked the Cosmetology students and staff for participating in their food drive for the Oberlin Food Bank. The students painted nails, gave hand and arm massages for a monetary or food donation in December. They collected \$36.00 and 5 boxes of food, to help families in Southern Lorain Counties. The students were able to put into practice advertising and marketing techniques, advertising the EDGEucated Cuts Salon. The students did a fantastic job representing their class and the JVS! . The students are also learning the importance of community service and a way of giving back.

Upcoming Events

Members of the Adult Career Center Staff will participate in the following upcoming events:

- Northeast Regional Meeting @ Auburn Career Center with Dr. Faircloth and Cory Thompson
- Legislative Seminar in Columbus on 1/22/13 - 1/24/13
- Lorain County Chamber of Commerce Annual State of Lorain County Report at LCCC Spitzer Center on 1/31/13 11:30am – 1:30pm
- Ground Hog Day Breakfast at LCCC Spitzer Center on 2/1/13 from 8am – 10am
- JVS Open House 2/10/13 1pm – 2:30pm
- Economic Summit on 2/26/13 - 2/27/13 in Columbus
- Career Fair at LCCC in March.

Incumbent Worker Funding

The Adult Career Center customized team will be sharing the following grant information with employers when promoting our customized training options:

Governor John R. Kasich announces the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program.

This employer-driven program is designed to provide direct financial assistance to train workers and improve the economic competitiveness of Ohio's employers. The voucher program is designed to offset a portion of the employer's costs to upgrade the skills of its incumbent workforce and will provide reimbursement to eligible employers for specific training costs accrued during training. The program's funding will be used in conjunction with private contribution to fund skill-upgrade training. Eligible employers must demonstrate that by receiving funding assistance through the Voucher Program that their business will not only obtain a skilled workforce but will improve their company processes and competitiveness.

The program is first come, first served. The caps on the program funding will be \$500,000 per eligible company and/or \$4,000 per eligible employee, with a reimbursement rate of up to 50%; all training must begin and be completed between February 4, 2013 and June 30, 2013.

To learn more about the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program, including program guidelines and instructions, visit http://www.development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_wtvp.htm