

JVS Board of Education Report

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Incumbent Worker Training Dollars

The state has recently announced the availability of funds for a newly revamped program to help Ohio's companies stay competitive through investment in employee training. To help meet Ohio's training needs, the Ohio Incumbent Workforce (OIW) training program will cover up to 50 percent of the cost of eligible training -up to \$4,000 per employee.

In partnership with Lorain County Community College, the Adult Career Center of LCJVS has developed a shared training list of programs that meet the parameters of the grant in the targeted industry areas. Technical Assistance workshops are also being offered to companies to assist them with filling out the application to access these funds.

Our customized training coordinators are working with several of our local companies in conjunction with the LCCC workforce development team to develop solutions to training needs that can be met with the assistance of funds from this grant.

Adult Education On the Road

Adult Career Center staff have been on the road again for the busy local festival season. Staff from the Adult Career Center have attended numerous events including the Lorain County Fair, the Lorain Labor Fest, The Oberlin Family Fun Fest and Fall into Avon. We will also be promoting our programs at the upcoming El Centro Block Party on September 20. For many of these events our Cosmetology students attend the festival and provide services to the participants including nail painting, hand massages and temporary tattoos.

Adult Education Fall Inservice

On August 29, the staff of the Adult Career Center met in the Orchid Room at the Miller Preserve in Avon to be introduced to the WIN program and to strategize about goals and action plans for the department. Dr. Faircloth and Jerry Pavlik welcomed the staff and Gary McIntyre provided IT updates.

Peggy Michener of InnovatEd presented an overview of the new Workforce Innovation Network and answered questions about its implementation. The afternoon was devoted to strategic planning to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the department. The planning session ended with an identification of overarching goals for the year which include Implementation of the WIN project, Improving marketing and increasing awareness, and Investigating other sources of funding to support our programs.

New HEI Data Management System

While a new data management system may not seem too new and exciting, the new HEI system is the first real upgrade that has been made to Adult Workforce Development Information gathering since 2006. Staff from the Adult Career Center attended training this week to be introduced to the new system which will provide much more real time data information, and will allow us to capture placement and credential data on an ongoing basis to give a more accurate picture of our performance.

More comprehensive data and real time reporting will provide us with much more accurate data for decision making.

Classes Begin

Career Development classes are beginning this month. Auto Technology, Precision Machine Technology, Dental Assisting, and EMT began the week of September 9. Cosmetology began the week of September 16 and several other programs are slated to begin later this month. Welding and Fabrication will begin in October. Numerous other short term programs are also in progress including several apprenticeship training programs. While enrollment is down somewhat from last year, customized training is on the rise. This supports the improvement in the economy, as companies are more able to provide training for their employees.