

LCJVS Board of Education Report

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Online Graduate Credit Courses

The Adult Career Center had a busy summer serving educators throughout Ohio seeking professional development graduate credits toward licensure renewal. In partnership with Ashland University, the Adult Career Center had 42 enrollments in their online graduate credits workshops in June, July, and August. Educators enrolled in a number of online workshops offered through the Adult Career Center, such as Ready Set Read, The Creative Classroom, Using the Internet in the Classroom, Movies with Windows, Teaching Science Grades 4-6, Solving Classroom Discipline Problems, Guided Reading: Strategies for the Differentiated Classroom, Teaching Math Grades 4-7, and Creating K-12 Learning Materials.

The Lorain County ABE Consortia

Historically, the State of Ohio has awarded three ABE grants to Lorain County through the Lorain County JVS, Lorain City Schools, and Elyria City Schools. For the fiscal year 2009-2010 grant year, the three independent grants collaborated to form a consortia and applied for one grant with the Lorain County Community College as the fiscal agent. The Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor, Eric Fingerhut, has awarded \$432,411 to the Lorain County ABE Consortia to serve approximately 1185 students. Included in this grant award is \$32,942 to serve correctional facilities.

The Consortia is committed to providing a seamless educational experience for adults in Lorain County. Through collaboration the Consortia will streamline the educational process for adult students. Students who have not received a high school diploma will participate in GED preparation classes working toward stackable certificates and their GED Certificate. Students who have received their high school diploma, but need a refresher, will attend ABE transitions to higher education classes, preparing them for admission to a career center or college program.

The Consortia allocated \$90,596 to The Lorain County JVS, as a member of the Consortia, to provide GED preparation classes at the Lorain County JVS, Lorain County Jail, and the Lorain-Medina Community Based Correctional Facility.

Instructor Meeting

The annual fall Adult Career Center instructor meeting was held on August 20, 2009. Approximately 45 new and experienced instructors attended the 3-hour meeting. Opening remarks were delivered by John Nolan, Cory Thompson, Peggy Michener and Chris Fletcher. Activity groups included topics on: Career Development program requirements and the in-take process, new class ideas for the winter/spring catalog, and instructor verification of class instruction. Teachers received their ID badges, completed BCI/FBI background checks and completed teaching certificates. The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Union Day Labor Festival, Lorain

On September 6th the Adult Career Center and high school staff participated in the Union Labor Day Festival held at Black River Landing in Lorain. The event included a car show, bands, food, and games and rides for children. Approximately 30,000 people attended this inexpensive family event. There was a constant flow of people interested in both the adult and high school programs, along with past students sharing their success stories. It was very beneficial to Lorain County JVS to sponsor this event.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Carroll Manufacturing, Avon

Diana Gott, Program Developer, contracted with Carroll Manufacturing in Avon for 130 hours of training. Over a two month period, approximately 150 employees participated in the training. The topics included: Excel, Outlook, Time Management, Customer Service and Supervisory training.

Employment netWork, Elyria

The Adult Career Center has been administering testing for The Employment netWork for approximately fifteen years. Through Diana Gott's, efforts they have renewed their contract with us for the 2009 – 2010 year to continue weekly testing for dislocated workers. The clients are given a career interest inventory assessment and ACT Workkeys in the areas of Math, Locating Information and Reading. The results of these combined tests help to develop a training plan for the clients.

Medina County Career Center, Medina

Diana Gott provided pre-employment testing for the Medina County Career Center. She administrated The National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) test to candidates applying for a position in their maintenance department. The results of the testing helped with the selection process.