



February 2024 NEWSLETTER

BusinessFirst! Events!

If you are interested in participating in specialist events as a host or speaker, hosting business walks or participating in jurisdictional breakfasts and round tables, please contact [Clarence Rahman](#) at BusinessFirst! for additional information.



Virtual Hiring Event for Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) is hosting a Virtual Hiring Event to connect employers with candidates seeking **remote and hybrid positions**, and there is no cost for participating. This will be a four-hour event with 20-minute or 30-minute (your choice!) pre-scheduled morning and afternoon interviews with qualified candidates. The interviews will take place as Microsoft Teams Meetings, which will be hosted by OOD.

February 29, 2024
10:00 a.m.- Noon and 1-3 p.m.

Please contact [Cynthia Crews](#) (513-309-5140) **ASAP** if you or your co-workers are interested and able to participate. It should be a great promotional hiring opportunity and contribution to the community!



Dayton Serves: Dayton's Largest Volunteer Recruiting Platform

The Dayton Serves platform is sponsored by the Dayton chapter of SCORE, a nonprofit organization that has been training nonprofit staff and leadership since 2012. We also mentor nonprofit organizations through our network of 50 local coaches and mentors. SCORE has been serving the area for over 50 years at no cost to our clients. We are supported by donations from local foundations, corporations and private donors.

Our volunteer platform is part of a nationwide database including Cincinnati, Michigan, Nevada ... etc. In addition to recruiting and matching volunteers we offer 18 workshops per year to volunteers, Board members, and organization staff and leaders in the skills they need to succeed.

For more information, or to volunteer with SCORE to help us help our community, see our site at: daytonserves.org or contact us at: **Dayton Score**



Accepting Applications for the Economic Development Program Coordinator

Greene County is currently accepting applications for the position of Economic Development Program Coordinator. This is a Full Time Development position that plans, coordinates, evaluates and supervises activities of a wide variety of specialized County programs (e.g., development, archives) and can include supervising staff, volunteers and temporary employees. Click the link below for the position description and instructions on how to apply.

[ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR](#)



Accepting Applications for the Planning & Zoning Administrator

The city of Trotwood is a unique suburb that is 70% rural with an urban core located north of Dayton, Ohio. This diverse community of approximately 24,000 people is experiencing a resurgence of growth and is looking for a motivated individual who enjoys making a difference in society while applying innovative approaches to community development.

The Planning & Zoning Administrator is responsible for the management and implementation of the various plans, programs policies and regulations relating to the city's land use plan,

compliance with ordinances, and development of the city.

PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education

SOCHE Internship Opportunities

SOCHE is a leader for higher collaboration, engaging with colleges, universities, and industry to transform the economy through education and employment.

SOCHE strives to find internships for students at all academic levels including high school, undergraduate, master's, and post-doctorate.

One application opens the door to multiple internship opportunities!

Contact SOCHE at 937-258-8890 or soche@soche.org.

INFORMATION ON APPLYING FOR INTERNSHIPS



Miami Valley SBDC and SCORE Dayton are Unlocking Entrepreneurial Success

Empowering local businesses and entrepreneurs, the Miami Valley Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and Service Corps Of Retired Executives (SCORE) Dayton drive economic growth to create a dynamic



6888 Kitchen Incubator Soft Opening this February

6888 Kitchen at the Arcade (pronounced 6 triple 8) is a multi-phased project with business curriculum development during the first phase. This first phase will be the creation of OH Taste's **Sharpen the Axe (STA)** Program, covering a wide range of topics related to running successful food business and will include the following objectives:

- Business Development and Strengthening
- Entrepreneur Development
- Accelerator (pilot cohort)
- Phase 1 data collection and evaluation for program refinements.

Please contact Should you have any questions or media inquiries, feel free to reach out at (937) 203-0802 or kitchen@ohtaste.org.



2024 The Big Hoopla: Community and Events

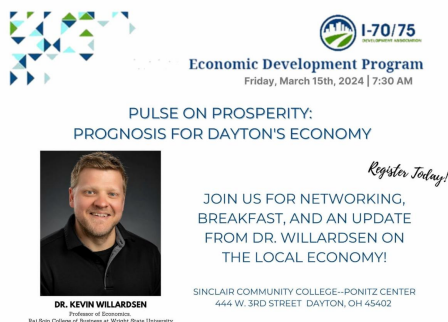
Since 2012, The Big Hoopla NCAA First Four® has showcased Dayton's collaborative spirit, basketball unity and affinity for our military heroes serving locally and around the world.

The NCAA Basketball Tournament

ecosystem where entrepreneurs are supported and encouraged to thrive.

These resources contribute significantly to the success stories shaping the county's business landscape through specialized counseling, diverse mentorship, and a commitment to economic development. As Montgomery County, Ohio, entrepreneurs realize their visions, Miami Valley SBDC and SCORE Dayton stand as steadfast partners, unlocking doors to growth, innovation, and economic prosperity.

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Pulse on Prosperity: Prognosis for Dayton's Economy

March 15, 2024 - 7:30am

Our focus will be on identifying not only the current challenges facing the Dayton region but also the potential opportunities that lie within them. Dr. Kevin Willardsen will explore the macroeconomic headwinds affecting industries and businesses while also delving into the microeconomic nuances that impact the day-to-day functioning of our local economy.

This presentation is not just an academic exercise; it is a call to action for all economic development stakeholders in the Dayton region. Dr. Willardsen will provide practical insights that stakeholders can leverage to enhance the resilience of their businesses and projects.

[EVENT REGISTRATION](#)

presents a tremendous opportunity to come together as a community, and as a country, to celebrate the great things that can be accomplished with teamwork, dedication, and a shared goal.

Events include a 4 Milers, a STEM Challenge, Scholarships and Teacher award programs as well as tickets and events surrounding the NCAA First Four in mid March.

[THE BIG HOOPLA - EVENTS AND UPDATES](#)



Launch Dayton Business Toolkit

The Launch Dayton Business Toolkit is a collection of free, online, foundational business courses created by local experts. The Toolkit is a great resource to share when you meet with folks who are looking to start businesses.

Current courses include:

- Business Feasibility (market research+)
- Marketing 101
- Bookkeeping 101
- Intro to Business Law
- Access Capital
- Open Your Brick + Mortar
- and more!

Check out the Launch Dayton Business Toolkit [HERE!](#)



**Small Business
Development Centers**

Miami Valley Small Business Development Center Workshops

The Ohio Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Program provides comprehensive business management and education services as well as free, confidential, in-depth, one-on-one counseling and low- or no-cost training.

Topics include:

- Strategic Planning
- eCounseling
- Technical Assistance
- Quality-Based Assessments
- Information about Federal, State and Local Programs
- Loan Packaging Assistance
- Business Start-up Planning and Training

WORKSHOP
CALENDAR/REGISTRATION

****SAVE THE DATE****

Community Leader - Washington, DC Fly-In

May 13 - May 15, 2024

The Fly-In is more than just a show of support for the community's interests. The annual trip offers attendees an opportunity to learn more about Washington D.C., and the federal government. Attendees interact with government officials, **speak with one voice** in support of our federal installations, promote economic development, and help improve the quality of life for those living and doing business in the Dayton Region. The annual Capitol Hill reception is a chance to mingle with members of the delegation and their staffs, as well as other government officials and Washington business leaders with an interest in Ohio.

Each year, sessions include presentations from the House and Senate Congressional delegation representing the Dayton Region.

Registration will open in February 2024.

DDC SAVE THE DATE - Link to Event



Created in 2001, the nationally recognized BusinessFirst! program uses a customer oriented approach to economic development that connects businesses to resources in the Dayton Region. We are the single-point of contact for all of your business needs. BusinessFirst! has provided assistance to over 7,800 businesses in the Greater Dayton Region - we are here to assist your company, too.

BusinessFirst! for a Greater Dayton Region
Erin Doherty

If you have any information, events, job openings or articles that you would like featured in our newsletter, please let us

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