



APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER



BusinessFirst! Resource Meeting

We are excited to invite you to the **May 22nd BusinessFirst! Outreach Specialist Meeting**, at the newly renovated Madison Lakes Learning

We will be highlighting Veteran Services and resources in our region and our featured speakers will be **Kennedy Dennard**, Regional Workforce Consultant with the Ohio Department of Veteran Services, and **Jennifer DeFrancesco**, Medical Center Director / Chief Executive Officer of the Dayton VA Medical Center.

This will be an enlightening session for us all on how to better serve those who served.

[EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION](#)



Harrison Township Business Walk

BusinessFirst!, regional partners, and Harrison Township will be conducting the first Community Business Walk of 2025 on Thursday, May 8th from 9am – 11am along the Webster Street corridor.

Business Walks are a great opportunity to engage with businesses in the community and bring services and programs directly to those business owners. Please let us know if you are interested in joining us on a team!

If you have promotional materials you would like to have distributed at the walk, please reach out to [Lisa Robertson](#) ASAP.

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



Now Hiring! Development Coordinator

The City of Dayton is currently accepting applications for a Development Coordinator.

The Development Coordinator is a position appointed and directed by the City Manager to coordinate with key stakeholders and partners in the execution of the Greater Downtown Asset Based Development strategies, actively pursue economic development opportunities within the greater downtown geography and attract investment. Though the primary geographic responsibility will be the Greater Downtown area, lead responsibilities may include representing the City Manager in complex redevelopment projects in other areas of the city.

JOB DESCRIPTION

ONLINE APPLICATION



Building Your Business Entity for Success 2025

April 23, 2025 - 11 am
Goodwill Easter Seals - Miami Valley



Building Your Business Entity for Success 2025

April 17, 2025, 12 - 4 pm
University of Dayton Arena

Each year, OhioMeansJobs – Montgomery County holds several large job fairs to connect you with local businesses who are hiring. The Spring Job Fair, brings together many Dayton-area companies, and they're all looking for top talent in the region.

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Ohio Business Matchmaker

Join the Dayton Region Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC) for an informative session designed specifically for small businesses including Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), Women Business Enterprises (WBEs), and Veteran-owned businesses.

In this session, professionals will guide attendees through the ins and outs of establishing the right legal structure for your business—from sole proprietorships and LLCs to corporations and partnerships. Attendees will gain a clear understanding of how your business structure impacts your liability, taxes, operations and long-term goals.

Already in business? We'll also cover when and how to change your existing structure as your company evolves. Attendees will leave with practical steps and actionable insights to ensure your business is built on a solid legal foundation.

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Five Rivers MetroParks: 16,000 Acres of Recreation, Conservation & Community Impact

April 25, 2025 - 8:30 am
Sinclair College - Building 12

The ongoing and recent overwhelming support for Five Rivers Metro Parks not only equates to many ways to spend time outdoors but is instrumental in helping to attract new businesses to the Dayton market. Having recently passed a new levy, learn what is on the horizon for this Dayton asset. An overview of upcoming major projects, including how and where this additional funding will be focused throughout the park district, will be presented.

Speakers include Karen Hesser, CEO of Five Rivers Metro Parks and Carrie Scarff, Chief of Planning with Five Rivers Metro Parks.

This event is presented by the I-70/75

April 23-25, 2025
Ohio Union, Columbus

The Ohio Business Matchmaker helps Ohio businesses develop relationships with government buyers and large prime contractors. This event features one-on-one discussions with agencies and large prime contractors from local, state and federal organizations. It includes pre-scheduled matchmaking and a webinar series to prepare for the Matchmaker.

The Ohio Business Matchmaker allows businesses to either pre-schedule appointments or create their own unscheduled matchmaking the day of the event. For more information, email matchmaker@development.ohio.gov.

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WBC of Greater Dayton Grand Opening

April 30, 2025 - 4:00 pm
Central State University

Join us in celebrating the grand opening of ECDI's Women's Business Center of Greater Dayton at Central State University – Dayton! This new resource hub will provide entrepreneurs with the training, support, and funding opportunities they need to grow and thrive.

Enjoy light bites and refreshments from a local caterer.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the strength and creativity of women in business while learning about the exciting resources and investments coming to the Greater Dayton region.

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Ohio TechCred

TechCred helps Ohioans learn new skills and helps employers build a stronger workforce with the skills needed in a technology-infused economy.

Many of these trainings can be completed online!

These technology-focused credentials take a year or less to complete and prepare current and future employees for the technology jobs Ohio employers need.

The next application period opens on May 1!

ABOUT TECH CRED

TECH CRED APPLICATION



DDC Fly-In

May 12-14, 2025

The Dayton Region hosts one of the United States' most extensive and enduring community-wide programs, known as the Fly-In. This initiative, launched in 1984 by the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, continues annually with the primary objective of bridging the gap between local interests and federal governance in Washington D.C.

Each year, local leaders visit Washington, D.C. to engage with federal officials, advocate for regional interests, promote economic development, and improve quality of life. The highlight is a Capitol Hill reception, offering networking with lawmakers and business leaders interested in Ohio.

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



Defense, Space, Acquisition, Engineering, IT, Cyber & Intel Hiring Fair

May 20-21, 2025 - 11 am - 2 pm
Wright- Patt Club, Bldg #800A

The hiring fair is open to All Experienced Professionals with access to the military installation (DoD ID, CAC Card, or Have Your Own Sponsor).

Registering for the event does not give access to the secure government site.

*Must Register Online And Share Your



Vets Moving Forward

May 21, 2025 - 3 pm - 7 pm pm
Wright State University, Student Union

Vets Moving Forward is an annual event focused on connecting Veterans to Resource Organizations and Jobs in our Greater Miami Valley.

Vets Moving Forward is ten years old this year! We'll have a Resource Fair area for organizations to share information on their mission with Veterans. There will also be a Job Fair area for organizations to talk with Veterans about positions within their

Resume With Employers. Even If You Can't Attend, Register & Upload Your Resume

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NATO Parliamentary Assembly 2025 Spring Session

May 23-26, 2025

The NATO Parliamentary Assembly was created in 1955 to serve as a link between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the parliaments of the now 32 NATO nations, with the most recent additions being Finland (2023) and Sweden (2024). The United States has not hosted a session since the Annual Session in Orlando, FL, in the Fall of 2003. The U.S. has never hosted a Spring Session of the Assembly until Dayton 2025, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords.

[EVENT WEBSITE](#)



DRMA Events

DRMA provides members with various industry-specific networking and educational

companies. In addition, there will be a Dayton VA Medical Center Enrollment Fair for Veterans to sign up for VA services.

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Ohio Basic Economic Development Course

June 2-5, 2025

The Ohio Basic Economic Development Course (OHIO BEDC) is an intensive training experience for economic development practitioners, community leaders, local government officials, and others committed to building healthy economies for their communities.

The course is appropriate both for people who are new to the economic development profession as well as those more experienced who are seeking a refresher on basic practices and principles. The OBEDC is accredited by the International Economic Development Council. Registration is open to residents of any state.

Typically held once per year, the Basic Course is a can't miss education opportunity for those who are new to the profession, have new economic development responsibilities, or will be an economic development decision maker as an elected or appointed official.

[OEDA WEBSITE](#)

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Good Connections Café

events and Meet Ups.

Take a look at our events and click on the event name to view more details.

[DRMA EVENT CALENDAR](#)

The first anniversary of Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley Good Connection Cafe was celebrated on April 7th!

Good Connections Cafe gives job coaching and training to adults with developmental disabilities to prepare them to enter the workforce. In 2024, 138 people successfully finished the program.

To become a member of the café, program participants learn food prep skills, register training and money management. They gain ServSafe Food Handler certification classes and take exams. Upon completion of the program, they earn minimum wage and above.

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