



AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



BusinessFirst! Outreach Specialist Meeting

We are excited to invite you to the **September 18th BusinessFirst! Outreach Specialist Meeting** at Dine' Development Corporation, located at the former Entrepreneurs Center at Tech Town at 714 Monument St in Dayton.

The focus in September will be learning more about Employment Opportunities for non-traditional workforce. Our speakers will be: **Ronnie Gullatte**, ReEntry Program Coordinator, Montgomery County Office of ReEntry; **Alyssa Jacobs**, Refugee Resettlement Program Manager and **Eliza Diamond**, Employment Services Team Lead of Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley.

Dine' Development Corporation is a Navajo Nation owned family of companies that provides government agencies and commercial organizations with IT, Professional, Environmental, and Research & Development services. Guests will also hear about their operation in Dayton and tour the renovated building after the meeting.

EVENT REGISTRATION



Dayton Dragons - Resource Partners Night!

We are excited to invite the BusinessFirst! Resource Partners to a night of baseball and fun with the Dayton Dragons!

Join us in Montgomery County's suite to network and cheer on our Dayton Dragons with your fellow BusinessFirst! resource partners.

Space is limited, so please RSVP [here](#) or contact [Brianna Wolfe](#).



BF! New Member Request

The City of Oakwood is interested in joining the BusinessFirst! program. Council Member Leigh Turben spoke at the July 24 Outreach Specialist meeting to talk about their intent. With a new City Manager they want to do more business outreach and see BF! as a good fit. Their team joined the recent Harrison Township business walk and are looking at other ways to reach their companies. Jurisdictions are encouraged to come to the September 18 meeting where we will vote on their request to join. If you have questions, reach out to [Clarence Rahman](#) or [Gwen Eberly](#).

BusinessFirst! Member Night

BusinessFirst! hosted several jurisdictions at the August 8 Dragons game for a picture-perfect night of baseball. It was a great opportunity to catch up peers and friends with some Cracker Jack snacks.

We are holding a Resource Partner Dragons game on September 2., see the above article to register. You do so much to help local businesses and this is a great way to show our appreciation!

[EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION](#)



Economic Update: What Leading Indicators are Saying about 2026

August 20, 2025; 3 pm - 6 pm

Join us for DRMA's most popular event of the year! Listen to an engaging update from one of the country's premier economists, [Connor Lokar](#) of ITR



Northern Chamber Coalition - Legislative Day 2025

August 21, 2025; 8 am - 12 pm

Economics. His presentation will provide the information you need to guide your business moving forward.

Improved clarity in the leading indicators suggests improved timing analysis of different markets: leading (e.g. residential housing), coincident (e.g. GDP, Total Industrial Production, Wholesale Trade, and Retail Sales), and lagging markets (e.g. nonresidential construction, wages, interest rates). The presentation will cover markets specific to the audience along with inflation, interest rates, risks, upside potential, and ITR Economics' extended outlook for the 2030s where appropriate.

EVENT REGISTRATION



LaunchPad - August 2025

August 21, 2025; 9 am - 5 pm

LaunchPad is a free, monthly event series designed for entrepreneurs, small business owners, creatives, and startup founders looking to grow, learn, and connect.

The August LaunchPad Event focuses on customer validation and value proposition, showcasing critical steps to refine your business model and stand out in the market.

EVENT REGISTRATION



**OHIO CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**

Dayton Regional Impact Ohio

August 26, 2025; 12 pm - 5 pm
Wright State University

Join the Annual Northern Chamber Coalition in Ohio for an impactful morning of advocacy, collaboration, and networking! Hosted by the Northmont Area Chamber of Commerce, Huber Heights Chamber of Commerce, Trotwood Chamber of Commerce, Vandalia Chamber of Commerce, and Brookville Chamber of Commerce, this free event is your opportunity to connect with fellow business leaders and make your voice heard on crucial issues affecting our region.

The event features dynamic speakers, invaluable networking sessions, and a dedicated Q&A where your concerns can be addressed directly. Come prepared to engage, collaborate, and drive positive change for the Northern Ohio business community.

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



DRMA Meetup - Workforce/HR

August 26, 2025; 11 am - 12 pm

Workforce/Human Resources Meet Up is for anyone responsible for human resources or skilling up your manufacturing workforce. This roundtable discussion group covers topics ranging from recruitment/retention, building the workforce pipeline, training resources, funding sources, HR policies and practices, and others.

In order to simulate an in-person event and to ensure a worthwhile discussion, please be prepared to turn on your video AND contribute with questions, best practices, and suggestions.

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



WORKFORCE360

Workforce360 - August 2025

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, Dayton Development Coalition and JobsOhio, invite you to join us for the Dayton Regional Impact Ohio Conference. This is your opportunity to hear directly from influential political, business and community leaders as they explore the most pressing issues and emerging opportunities shaping the future of the Dayton region. Designed to foster meaningful dialogue and collaboration, this half-day event brings together decision-makers from across sectors to discuss economic development, public policy, innovation and workforce trends unique to our area.

This event will include a keynote address by Vivek Ramaswamy, offering a compelling perspective on national issues, in what promises to be a thought provoking and timely discussion.

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



2025 Startup Week

September 9 - 10

A homecoming for the entrepreneurs who've been building from the beginning, and an open door for those just getting started.

Over the past decade, we've seen what's possible when founders come together to create, collaborate, and grow—side by side in community.

Because entrepreneurship isn't just something you do. It's something you're made for. You're made to dream. Made to grow. Made to lead. Made to make it. However you arrive, whatever you're building, you belong here—because you were made to make something that lasts.

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

August 27, 2025; 8 am - 1 pm
Sinclair Community College - Bldg 12

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Miami Valley Human Resources Association (MVHRA) invites you to join us for Workforce360: 2025! Workforce360 is a dynamic half-day event bringing together Dayton region business leaders, HR professionals and inclusion advocates. New this year, the event will feature a mix of keynote presentations and breakout sessions focused on relevant topics such as mental health in the workplace, employment law updates, cultivating inclusive workplace culture, leveraging AI, and innovative hiring strategies.

Throughout the event, attendees will have the opportunity to connect with peers, exchange ideas, and gain valuable insights from a diverse lineup of speakers. Join us to explore effective strategies for attracting, retaining, and developing top talent—and to better understand the evolving needs of our regional workforce.

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



Evolve Dayton

September 10; 9 am - 10:30 am
Prime Time Party Rental

Evolve exists to connect women entrepreneurs with one another, serve one another, and help one another overcome challenges in marketing, sales, networking, and professional development.

Evolve meetings are a welcoming place for entrepreneurs and sales professionals to create deeper relationships and more opportunities. We have 2 rules: No cliques and No judgment. The goal is to connect with one another, serve one another and help one another overcome challenges in Marketing, Sales, Networking and Professional Development.

Presented by Lead Mentor Pam Wherle.



DBJ 2025 Best Places to Work!

September 11; 4:30 pm - 7 pm
Dayton Convention Center

We're turning up the energy for this year's Best Places to Work celebration with a full-on pep rally/TEAM SPIRIT theme! Wear your company colors, bring your team spirit, and get ready to cheer on the region's top workplaces!

Join us for the most spirited celebration of the year as we honor the region's Best Places to Work! This year's event is all about energy, pride, and team spirit—so bring your coworkers, wear your company colors, and get ready to cheer!

Expect high-energy fun, team competitions, spirit awards, and a celebration of workplace excellence like never before. Let's rally together and celebrate what makes your workplace one of the best!

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION

DAYTON Area Chamber of Commerce

Breakfast Briefing: September 2025

September 12; 7:45 am - 9:15 am
NCR Country Club

Join us in September for a presentation from Thomas Ubelhart, General Manager of Joby Aviation's Dayton Production Site. He's excited for the opportunity to help bring jobs and aviation back to Ohio with such a wonderful company like Joby.

Joby is a California-based company building quiet, all-electric aircraft to connect people like never before. With up to 100 miles of range and the ability to take off and land vertically, the Joby aircraft will change the way we move while reducing the acoustic and climate footprint of flight.

Joby plans to build facility capable of delivering up to 500 aircraft per year; a 140-acre site at Dayton International Airport has potential to support significant further growth, with space to build up to two million square feet of manufacturing facilities; Joby plans to invest up to \$500 million and create up to 2,000 jobs.

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



Reentry Reverse Career Fair

September 17; 9 am - 12 pm
Montgomery County Job Center
1133 S Edwin C. Moses Blvd; Rm #1133

The Montgomery County Office of Reentry Employment Subcommittee is excited to announce the fall Reentry Reverse Career Fair and invite your company to attend and recruit motivated talent!



2025 Ohio Defense & Aerospace Forum

September 15, 2025; 7:30 am - 6 pm
Wright State University

The Ohio Defense & Aerospace Forum

provides an opportunity for defense installation leadership, community leaders, industry representatives, and elected officials to connect, build awareness, and gain a deeper understanding of the current defense environment and the role they play in supporting all facets of national defense.

FORUM WEBSITE

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



Montgomery County Workforce Fall Job Fair

**September 25, 2025; 12 pm - 4 pm
Dayton Convention Center**

Connect with top employers and discover the career opportunities waiting for you at the Fall Job Fair.

EVENT FLYER

Candidates are graduates of the Montgomery County Reentry Career Alliance Academy (RCAA), a four-week career and job readiness program that is offered to citizens returning from incarceration. Learn more about the RCAA program: <https://www.mcohio.org/373/Reentry-Career-Alliance-Academy>

A reverse career fair differs from a traditional career fair in that, instead of employers setting up displays of their organizations at booths for job seekers to approach, the Reentry Career Alliance Academy (RCAA) graduates will be at tables marketing themselves to employers and recruiters attending the event. This is the largest group we have had to date, and we are expecting up to 30 candidates!

CAREER FAIR & PARKING INFO



Ohio Tech Day 2025

#OhioTechDay is a statewide celebration of technology in Ohio held annually on the final Friday of September. Ohio Tech Day 2025 is Friday, September 26th.

The goal of the day is to raise awareness for the role tech and innovation play in Ohio's economy and to inspire our next generation of tech leaders.

#OhioTechDay showcases the amazing people, companies, and ideas that are Ohio tech and inspires students to consider careers in this exciting space.

OHIO TECH DAY PAGE

OHIO TECH WEEK EVENTS

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.

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