



JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



## Executive Pulse Training Event

We have rescheduled the event with Laith Wardi! Register via the link below.

Business retention is the base for the work we do in economic development. Laith Wardi, CEO of ExecutivePulse, will joining us on February 11 at 10am to discuss what is happening in this field and how it can influence the work we are doing locally. In addition to talking about national trends like Touch Points, Laith will show us how to more efficiently use the ExecutivePulse tools and start to automate parts of the process.

Laith hasn't visited the area since COVID and he always brings a fresh perspective based on his customers and many training events.

Click [HERE](#) for additional information and to register for this free event!



## BusinessFirst! Virtual Resource Meeting

We are excited to announce an upcoming opportunity to hear from John Seibel, Executive Director of GoCyber Collective, a nonprofit dedicated to bridging the growing gap in cybersecurity awareness and education. With the rise of cyberattacks threatening critical infrastructure, businesses, and individual citizens, GoCyber Collective is on a mission to create a safer digital environment for all.

Join us on February 18, 2025 at 1:30pm for this insightful virtual session, where John will share how the GoCyber Collective is working to build a more secure community and explore ways the BusinessFirst! network can collaborate to protect businesses and individuals alike.

Stay tuned for event details, and don't miss this opportunity to learn how we can support and strengthen our community together.



### Workforce Virtual Meetup

**January 28, 2025**

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.

At this meet up, we'll be discussing the key components of an Internship Program and how SOCHE can help!

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 REGISTRATION\*\*](#)

### How Community Plans Create the Foundation for Future Economic Development

**January 29, 2025, 10:30am**

Join us on Wednesday, January 29th at 10:30am for an insightful dialogue, "How Community Plans Create the Foundation for Future Economic Development," where planning and economic development come together to explore a shared vision for vibrant communities.

This is a free webinar that will highlight the benefits of having a plan that can guide future development in a community. Learn why today's planners and economic development professionals are working together to align priorities related to housing, zoning, land use, sustainability, safety and investments in their communities.

[\*\*EVENT REGISTRATION\*\*](#)



## The Workforce Equation: Why Child Care Matters for Ohio Businesses

**January 30, 2025**  
**Wright State University**

Join the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce for a statewide Child Care Summit presented in partnership with Groundwork Ohio, Preschool Promise and Wright State University. This half-day event will bring together Ohio's business, government and community leaders to explore the critical link between child care and workforce & economic development.

Attendees will discuss the economic impact of childcare and learn about innovative solutions and strategies to support businesses and their workforce.

### [EVENT REGISTRATION](#)



## 2025 Dayton Development Coalition Annual Meeting + Economic Review

**February 5, 2025**

Join us on February 5, 2025, for a look back on 2024. Learn more about the DDC's 2024 results and the economic landscape for 2025.

Registration/Doors Open: 10:30 a.m.  
(Networking Encouraged)

Served Lunch and Program: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Leadership Dayton Class of 2026: Information Session

**January 31, 2025**  
**NCR Country Club**

Are you interested in learning more about the Dayton Region's premier leadership development program?

Find out why more than 1,700 business and community leaders have completed the Leadership Dayton program since its inception in 1976. The class of 2026 will kick off during the program's 50th year!

Leadership Dayton is a premier leadership development program designed to identify, educate and motivate a network of community leaders and increase their capacity to serve the Dayton region. Participants are immersed in the many facets of our community through seminars, small work groups, panel discussions, experiential activities and direct interaction with community leaders.

### [EVENT REGISTRATION](#)



## Construction Job Fair

**Wednesday February 12**  
**Carillon Historical Park**

Looking to build your future in the construction industry? Join us for the Construction Job Fair on Wednesday, February 12th, at Carillon Historical Park, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This event is your opportunity to connect with top construction companies, trade schools, and industry professionals eager to help you take the next step in your career.

PLEASE NOTE: To accommodate a variety of DDC Investor organizations, we ask you limit registrations to 2 people per organization. Annual Meeting Sponsors can register either a half or full table via their organization link. We will notify Investors if additional seats become available.

#### EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

## OhioTechNet

### Training Ohio's Manufacturing Workforce

The members of the Ohio Technical Skills Innovation Network, or Ohio TechNet is nationally recognized for developing AND implementing collaborative, inclusive, innovative solutions that meet manufacturing and technology workforce needs.

Ohio TechNet supports workplace development and academic professionals at Ohio educational institutions to incubate, develop and sustain innovative programming that accelerates the growth of Ohio's manufacturing and technical workforce.

Ohio TechNet partners benefit from peer-to-peer collaboration, technical assistance and access to resources, making program expansion and innovation at their institution more efficiently, faster to implement, and easier to sustain.

#### DISCOVER HOW OHIO TECHNET CAN HELP YOU!



### Ohio Information Security Conference

**March 5, 2025**

OISC is tailor-made for CISOs, security analysts, threat hunters, risk managers, and

#### JOB SEEKER REGISTRATION



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### Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans

The Reynolds and Reynolds Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans (EBV) program supports the success of military veterans who are aspiring entrepreneurs.

The EBV at Wright State is part of a larger consortium of higher education institutions, initiated by the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University. The consortium is comprised of universities across the U.S., including Texas A&M, UCLA, the University of Connecticut, Louisiana State University, Florida State University, Saint Joseph's University and the University of Missouri.

The full program is taught by entrepreneurs, professionals and faculty in Wright State University's Raj Soin College of Business who support small business development.

Post-9/11 veterans with honorable discharge are eligible to apply for the program. There is no requirement that applicants be enrolled as a student.

#### INFORMATION & APPLICATION



### NATO Parliamentary Assembly 2025 Spring Session

forward-thinking professionals dedicated to shifting the security paradigm. Whether you're responsible for securing critical infrastructure, safeguarding sensitive data, or shaping strategic security initiatives, OISC offers curated content to amplify your impact.

Network with industry peers, leading security professionals, and solution vendors to establish meaningful connections that drive collaborations and partnerships.

Discover innovative strategies and best practices to design robust cybersecurity frameworks tailored to your business needs, ensuring compliance and risk mitigation.

Engage with top cybersecurity experts showcasing state-of-the-art technologies, tools, and services that can fortify your organization's defenses.

#### EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



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**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

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.

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

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