



MAY 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



Now Hiring!
Development Coordinator

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



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

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

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



Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

Promoting Technology in the Workplace

May 21, 2025 - 10 am - 11 am

OOD will host "Technology in the Workplace" to offer ways of utilizing technology to reach individuals with disabilities seeking permanent employment or internships.

This webinar will address:

- The benefits and potential risks of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the recruitment process,
- How AI and technology used in hiring tools can create access for people with disabilities, and
- Ways employers can leverage available technology to attract candidates with disabilities.

Presenters

Shelly Burkhart, ADAC, Accessible Ohio Specialist
Megan Naves, CRC, Career and Credential Consultant

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

EVENT REGISTRATION

PASS & REGISTRATION OFFICE

VETS MOVING FORWARD

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 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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Safety Breakfast with the Experts: Navigating Marijuana Legalization

May 22, 2025 - 8 am - 9 am
The University of Dayton

During this session, Dyann McDowell will discuss the impact of legalization on the workplace including the impact on productivity, safety, employee morale, and overall business operations. She will also cover the steps every employer must take to safeguard workplace safety.

About the Speaker: Dyann McDowell is a powerhouse in the world of Human Resources and Training. As the President and HR Business Partner at Training Marbles, Inc., a company that's revolutionizing HR Consulting and training. With a mission to elevate conversations and exceed expectations, Dyann takes complex HR policies and transforms them into engaging, understandable training programs.

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**GENERATION
DAYTON**

Generation Dayton: Dayton's Expansive Impact Panel: May 2025

May 28, 2025 - 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Base Camp Outdoors Co.

From hosting the NATO Parliamentary Assembly to inventing the pop tab, and powered flight, Dayton has long been a city where big ideas take off. Known for its legacy of innovation, today's Dayton continues to lead through industries that shape not just our region—but the world.

Dayton's Expansive Impact is a panel



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



RecruitMilitary and DAV Wright Patterson AFB In-Person Military Hiring Event

May 29, 2025 - 11 am - 3 pm
**Hope Hotel & Richard C. Holbrook
Conference Center**

RecruitMilitary and DAV will be hosting an in-person hiring event in the Wright Patterson AFB area. This event presents a valuable opportunity for Transitioning Service Members, Veterans, Military Spouses, Family Members, DoD civilians, contract personnel, National Guardsmen, and Reservists who are seeking meaningful employment opportunities.

With this being an exclusive event it is a great way to connect directly with companies who are hiring with immediate

conversation with a twofold purpose:

- To showcase the far-reaching influence of Dayton-based industries and organizations.
- To explore and answer the question: Why Dayton? Why do people choose to live, work, and lead here—and what makes this city a destination for opportunity, growth, and meaningful impact?

Hear from a diverse group of panelists across different industries, each sharing how their work in Dayton is creating waves far beyond it.

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2025 The Future of Downtown Dayton

June 3, 2025 - 7:30 am - 9:30 am
Sinclair Community College

Join us for an insightful discussion on the future of Downtown Dayton! This engaging event will bring together key leaders and stakeholders to explore current projects, economic trends, and strategic initiatives shaping the heart of our city.

Topics of Discussion:

- Top projects & future plans – Major developments shaping downtown
- Redevelopment updates – Main St., Riverfront, The Arcade and more
- Foot traffic & economic competitiveness – The downtown experience
- Challenges & solutions – Addressing risks and fostering growth

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openings. Additionally, there are over 200,000 active jobs available on RecruitMilitary's job board, with over 5,000 positions specifically located within 30 miles of Wright Patterson AFB.

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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

EVENT REGISTRATION



GENERATION DAYTON

Generation Dayton Day 2025

June 6, 2025 - 11:30 am - 5 pm
Dayton Metro Library

Each year, Generation Dayton, the Dayton Area Chamber's early career professionals program, focuses its volunteer efforts on giving back to various non-profit organizations throughout the community. Generation Dayton Day gives attendees the opportunity to enjoy lunch, network, hear a presentation from a community leader and volunteer.

Generation Dayton Day is a day to give back to our community and meet new people through volunteerism. Therefore, we encourage your team to break up into pairs and select various volunteer sites. If you are interested in volunteering as a large group with your team, please reach out to us and we can connect you with our community partners. If you require additional accommodations, please email Nicki Royce at nroyce@dacc.org.

Please bring a water bottle, wear closed-toed shoes, bring/wear sunscreen and dress for the weather (some sites are indoors and some are outdoors).

The after party will be at **The Silos** (810 E 1st St, Dayton, OH 45402)! Join us following your volunteer time to network and unwind. There will be a "cash bar" and at the venue.

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2025 Empower Cohort Application

Empower is a women's professional leadership development program for mid- to upper-level management. This 10-month intensive cohort program, blending professional business coaching with innovative curriculum and problem solving, is designed exclusively for women business leaders.

The ideal Empower candidate is an accomplished leader within her organization or community. This applicant is someone who has been identified as a candidate for future growth opportunities or has the personal desire to take their leadership to the next level. Empower is the perfect program for someone who is focused on both professional and personal development. Empower combines these critical components into a "next level" leadership experience.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Friday, June 6, 2025. The program cost of \$3500 for Dayton Area Chamber members and \$5200 for non-members must be paid in full prior to the opening retreat. Please contact **Amanda Bergmann** with any questions.

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2025 Southwest Ohio Growth Summit

June 26, 2025 - 8:00 am to 10:00 am
Champions Mill Conference Center

The Cincinnati Business Courier and Dayton Business Journal will host the Southwest Ohio Growth Summit - a joint event highlighting growth and development in Southwest Ohio.

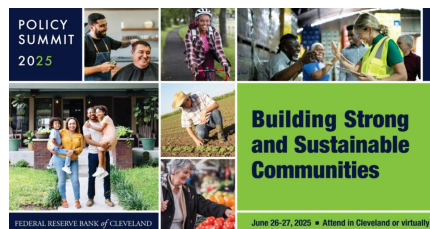
The first panel will focus on economic development and the attraction, retention, and development of talent in the region. This conversation will focus on what our growth organizations are doing to attract businesses and employers to the region between Interstate 275 and I-675, and how our education partners are working

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2025 Policy Summit: Building Strong and Sustainable Communities

June 26-27, 2025
Sinclair Community College

The Policy Summit is the Cleveland Fed's premier community development conference that explores solutions, at both the practitioner and policy levels, to challenges that low- and moderate-income communities face. This biennial multiday event brings together leading voices from across the nation to present attendees with the latest research and best practices.

Join us in Cleveland or virtually for the 17th

to make sure we have the talent needed to fill the jobs of tomorrow.

The second panel will focus on real estate development in Southwest Ohio. This conversation will focus on the physical growth and development happening in these counties, with an emphasis on current and upcoming developments, as well as tools businesses and developers can tap into to make projects happen.

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annual Policy Summit. This year's theme is "Building Strong and Sustainable Communities," and the focus will be on research and innovative strategies related to housing, the workforce, and economic development.

At this event, community practitioners, policymakers, researchers, grantmakers, bankers, and students will benefit from

- access to timely research and best practices from across the country
- learning how to design and implement impactful programs and strategies
- opportunities to build new relationships through meaningful networking

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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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