



SEPTEMBER 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 Recruitment Opportunities from a 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.

In addition to our featured speakers, we will have a **Membership Vote for the City of Oakwood** and a brief presentation about the new **JobsOhio Relocation Incentive**.

Parking is across the street from the facility.

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BF! Business Walks

We have two Business Walks in the works to round out 2025!

On September 25th, Oakwood will host their first business walk, focusing on the retail business area on the south side of town. Please reach out to [Lisa Robertson](#) for any questions, or if you have materials you would like to submit for the walk packets.

On October 16th, Yellow Springs will be holding their first business walk! Please reach out to [Brianna Wolfe](#) if you are interested in participating or contributing items to walk packets!



BusinessFirst! celebrates 25 years!

BusinessFirst! is heading into its 25th year of connecting businesses with the resources they need to succeed. The Montgomery County team will be meeting with member jurisdictions to talk about how the program is working and how it can be made better. This information will be added to what we learned from the recent survey. The feedback is an important part as jurisdictions look at renewing their contracts. If you have program suggestions or needs, contact Clarence Rahman at rahmanc@mcohio.org.



Now Hiring! Economic Development & Research Manager

The Downtown Dayton Partnership (DDP) — a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization with a mission to address our downtown's challenges and capture transformative opportunities through commerce, community, and culture — is seeking the right person to join our team as an Economic Development and Research Manager.

The Economic Development and Research Manager will report to the VP of Strategy and support DDP's economic development, planning, and advocacy efforts. This role will lead the collection, analysis, visualization, and storytelling of data related to Downtown Dayton's economic health, real estate activity, public space use, and vibrancy metrics.



Now Hiring! Community & Economic Development Director

The Community & Economic Development Director position within the City of Middletown coordinates efforts to enhance and diversify the city's economic base. This involves retaining and expanding existing businesses and attracting and developing new ones. The role requires professional planning expertise and guidance for the city's growth and development. The ideal candidate should possess considerable knowledge, abilities, and experience in planning, quality management skills, a strong customer service orientation, and effective communication skills.

JOB DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION

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Reentry Reverse Career Fair

September 17; 9 am - 12 pm
Montgomery County Job Center
1111 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!

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



Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program

September 19 and September 22

Curious about how Sinclair College's Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program could help your constituents? Program Manager Val Beerbower has two free breakfast briefing sessions coming up exclusively for small business service



I-70/75 Investing in Growth: Affordable Housing for Stronger Community

September 19th; 7:30am

Join us for a thought-provoking speaker event exploring the economic impacts of

providers and economic development community members. You'll learn more about this free educational program and how you can help small business owners in your community grow and scale their enterprises.

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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.

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affordable housing and how it serves as a catalyst for stronger, more resilient communities. The discussion will highlight how access to affordable housing drives workforce stability, attracts new investment, and reduces public service costs. Attendees will gain valuable insight into how housing affordability isn't just a social issue—but a powerful tool for economic development.

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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



Sinclair Sparks: Retaining & Maintaining High Performers

October 2, 2025; 9 am - 10:30 am

High Performers typically do their jobs well without much supervision but that doesn't mean they don't need attention. High-Performers who are not coached properly can get frustrated and may eventually look for new opportunities. Learn how to meet the needs of high performers so you can



2025 Cities in Motion: Peak Innovation Bus Tour

October 3, 2025; 7:15 am - 2 pm

Discover the blueprint behind Cincinnati's Innovation Hub on this dynamic urban development bus tour. See how bold planning and strategic investment are

retain your top talent.

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Manufacturing Day Events

October 3, 2025

Celebrated annually on the first Friday in October, with events continuing throughout the month and beyond, MFG Day—Manufacturing Day—is a national grassroots movement that demonstrates the reality and future of modern manufacturing careers. Thousands of companies and educational institutions nationwide are invited to open their doors to students, parents, educators and community leaders.

MFG Day, an initiative of the Manufacturing Institute—the workforce development and education affiliate of the National Association of Manufacturers—empowers manufacturers to come together and address their collective challenges and build excitement about manufacturing careers to help their communities and future generations thrive.

[**FIND LOCAL MFG DAY EVENTS!**](#)



OhioX AI Roundtables

October 16, 2025 - Columbus, Ohio
October 21, 2025 - Cincinnati, Ohio

reshaping the Queen City, and walk away with fresh insights, real word inspiration, and valuable connections.

This is an exclusive, economic development experience connecting regional decision-makers to innovation success stories in Cincinnati — with the goal of applying best practices to Dayton's own Innovation Hub vision.

This is more than a tour — it's a conversation about the future of the Dayton region's economy, with key players riding together and connecting on the road.

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2025 National Advanced Air Mobility Industry Forum

October 14 - October 15, 2025
Springfield

The National Advanced Air Mobility Center of Excellence (NAAMCE), in collaboration with the City of Springfield, JobsOhio, Dayton Development Coalition and the Advanced Air Mobility Institute will host the fourth National Advanced Air Mobility Industry Forum Oct. 14 & 15, in conjunction with the Pulitzer Electric Aircraft Races held on Oct 10-12, in Springfield, Ohio.

Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) will revolutionize the way we travel and transport goods, from military capability to organ transport. The National Advanced Air Mobility Industry Forum (NAAMIF) will bring together manufacturers and suppliers from across the AAM industry for networking, workshops, keynote presentations, static displays, and demonstrations.

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IEDC - Training Courses

The **OhioX AI Roundtables** are a premier gathering designed exclusively for senior enterprise technology leaders across the state of Ohio. This exclusive forum offers a dynamic space where innovation meets collaboration, fostering an environment primed for the exchange of cutting-edge ideas and insights in the realm of artificial intelligence.

OhioX is hosting this Roundtable to determine and discuss the enterprise adoption of responsible AI across the state in our largest businesses.

[COLUMBUS ROUNDTABLE INFO & REG](#)

[CINCINNATI ROUNDTABLE INFO & REG](#)

Entrepreneurial & Small Business Development Strategies
October 28-29, 2025 - Online

Small businesses are the backbone of economic growth. This course provides an in-depth look at the essential elements of small business support—from financing and incubation to export assistance and beyond. You'll discover how to equip entrepreneurs with the resources they need to overcome challenges, thrive in competitive markets, and build sustainable ventures that strengthen your community's economy.

[COURSE INFO & REGISTRATION](#)

Business Retention & Expansion
October 30-31, 2025 - Online

Supporting your existing businesses is just as important as attracting new ones. This course delves into proven strategies for business retention, proactive outreach, workforce development, and financial support. You'll walk away with the tools to foster a resilient and thriving ecosystem, driving local investment, creating jobs, and ensuring long-term community growth.

[COURSE INFO & REGISTRATION](#)



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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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