



After School & Summer Learning Grants (SPARC Council) “READY FOR HIRE”

There were two required reports with accompanying evidence that were due to ODE in early October. Those reports included a desk review for the SLAOG After School Program grant, and a report for the Summer Program due to the University of Cincinnati for the Summer SLAOG Grant. We were notified last week that we have been selected for an onsite visit by ODE to one of our SLAOG After School Program sites. Once we are notified, we will need to provide an additional set of documents in advance of the ODE visit. Programs will begin next Monday at each site in Richland, Morrow and Crawford Counties. We will again partner with Goodwill Industries to provide the paid internships for high school students for Crawford and Morrow Counties, as they are the entity Job and Family Services uses for the same service. In Richland County we have a new partnership with North End Community Improvement Collaborative to provide the same service, as the Youth and Family Council was no longer able to stand in that space.

Business Advisory Council

The first Mid-Ohio Business Advisory Council meeting took place on September 27, 2023 at Mid-Ohio. Mid-Ohio's BAC Plan and Award Addendum were completed and submitted to the state by September 30, 2023. We will not know our potential award status until the spring of 2024. During the meeting, Eric Leach, Deputy Director at Ohio Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation was a guest speaker, providing an overview of Ohio's Population Data and Projections and the impact on the Ohio Labor Force, Advanced Manufacturing and Electric Vehicle Investments in Ohio, and Broadband & 5G Investments. His Slides are available [here](#), and I recommend that you take a look at them. He was also able to share 2020-2030 High Growth Sectors-High Wage Jobs (Healthcare, Construction, Transportation & Warehousing, Information, Professional and Technical Services, Manufacturing), Employer Trends (Flexible shifts, hyper flexible schedules, parent shifts, upskilling employees, focus on soft skills), Priority Workforce Initiatives & Programs and the Find Your Career Pathway Website: Workforce.Ohio.gov/CareerPathways which contains toolboxes for teachers and families in supporting students in choosing a career pathway in Ohio.

21st Century Community Learning Center Grants

Programs are gearing up for their start date next week. ODE provided two days of Orientation training last week resulting in more compliance and reporting requirements for these funds. In addition, new guidelines were presented for use of the new Chronic Absenteeism funds that were awarded to our middle and high school grants. We are working to submit the required plan to the state for these funds by October 20th.