



### **Business Advisory Council**

The November Business Advisory Council Meeting was held on November 29, 2023 in Crawford County. Presenters included Lu Cook from the Lt. Governor's Office, Covert Manufacturing and the Area 10 Workforce Development Director. Updates from Action Teams, Coordinating BACs and the Crawford County Ready for Hire program also took place. The highlights are available [here](#).

### **21st Century Community Learning Center Grants**

This time of year is a heavy lift for compliance and reporting. The Compliance and Performance Review (CAPA) document upload is completed for Mid Ohio's 21CCLC Program at Galion High School. We have also been notified by The Department of Education that we will have an on-site visit from their personnel at some point after the first of the year. This is part of the typical course of business for these grants which have on-sites at least once per grant cycle. This visit will require additional document submission. The University of Cincinnati is the state evaluator for the Department of Education. The "survey" report required from their evaluation services center due this month is also now complete. It is an obligation of 21st Century Community Learning Center grant awardees to enter data related to their programs into the federal Annual Performance Report (APR). This is the data used by Congress to lobby for keeping the 21CCLC grant funds in the federal budget. The APR compliance report for "outcomes" was scheduled for November, but due to errors within the Department's software, we are not able to submit at this time. We have been told *"Watch for updates and a deadline for 21 APR outcomes (likely late December or early January) once we determine next steps. Your patience is appreciated."*

### **After School & Summer Learning Grants (SPARC Council) "READY FOR HIRE"**

The After School ready for Hire program is well underway, and like other grants, this is the time of year for reporting and compliance. The Department held two mandatory meetings for these grants to outline the University of Cincinnati reporting requirements and to discuss overall project closeout expectations in 2024. The Site Coordinators are now working with Kaylene Love to create articles about the program in each county (Richland, Crawford and Morrow) at the rate of one article per month. The SPARC Council wishes to share this information with local media outlets and businesses on a regular basis. Sustainability planning is taking place with the Area 10 Workforce Development Board through a partnership opportunity leveraging a funding stream available to them. We are working to craft a proposal that embeds the Ready for Hire programs during the school day and in summer, and scales the program offerings to impact more students. The proposal is due next week, and we hope to learn more about the funding status in April 2024.