



Business Advisory Council Update

The Business Advisory Council may soon enter a major growth phase caused by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce as we engage with new compliance expectations, unfolding multi-region collaboration requirements, and funding opportunities targeted at the seven Jobs Ohio Regions in the state.

- The Career Pathway Support Network Grant is ODEW's first attempt to reorganize Ohio's (former) Tech Prep. This will be accomplished by providing a small amount of funding to a single entity per Jobs Ohio Region who will serve to convene all entities engaging in Career Pathways work in that area.
 - We have officially partnered with NEO ESC (lead applicant) and North Central State College to support a "hub" concept that would impact our Richland County School Districts. If this grant funds, we will receive a small amount of financial benefit, but will have a scope of work to complete, beginning with activities that start November 1st and include a 60 day timeline.
 - We have unofficially partnered with NorthWest and Central regions as we will need to participate in the convenings on behalf of our districts, but the other entities were not able to allocate funds to our ESC.
- The Mid Ohio BAC is in 3 different JobsOhio Regions (Central, Northwest and Northeast). We are the only ESC in this situation to my knowledge, and new requirements will require us to be present for "Hubs" in 3 regions over time.
- A second round of funding will build on this first reorganization, and attempt to replicate a model that uses regional non-profit intermediaries as primary entities working with ESC Business Advisory Councils, school districts, postsecondary partners, career centers and business to develop learn to earn models that are intended to exist state wide. These efforts are part of the Lt. Governor's "Playbook" for Ohio.