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Greater Oh-Penn Manufacturing Apprenticeship Network

Ashtabula, Columbiana, Geauga, Mahoning, Portage and Trumbull Counties in Ohio
Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango and Warren Counties in Pennsylvania

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Seeking Apprentices in Manufacturing

Watch the Business Journals "Daily Buzz" video to hear about the benefits of apprenticeships.



Competencies, Credentials, Careers: NIMS New Tool

How does the Pathway Tool help?

- **Employers** can use it to enhance hiring practices, develop better job postings, and incorporate NIMS credentials into training operations.
- **Educators** can use this tool to design their curriculum,

Upcoming Events

• **Manufacturing Readiness**

Orientation: March 29, 2016
Class Begins: April 4, 2016
Trumbull Career & Technical Center

• **Mercer County Business & Industry Career Fair 2016**

Wednesday, March 10, 2016
8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
The Park Inn by Radisson
3377 New Castle Road West
Middlesex, PA 16159

In the News

[GE Transportation Donates \\$10K to Erie Regional Manufacturer Partnership \(ERMP\)](#)

ERMP is addressing the growth of manufacturing and declining pipeline of skilled manufacturers in Erie County. With more than 22,000 jobs in Erie County alone, manufacturing is critically important to the economic vitality of the region.

[Manufacturers Coalition Keeps Focus on Schools](#)

aligned with industry standards and directly linked to nationally recognized credentials.

- **Students** can use this information to plan their career path by learning which credentials fit their personal career goals and to better translate their respective skills sets developed in their training program.

Find out more [here](#).

Oh-Penn Manufacturing Collaborative: 2016 Action Plan

The Oh-Penn Manufacturing Collaborative created their original action plan over 3 years ago. In a span of just over 3 years, 90% of these goals had been completed and/or surpassed.

A summit was held in October 2015 to garner partner input on priorities moving forward. Results of a survey conducted during the summit that identified the top priorities for Oh-Penn as:

- Apprenticeship
- Career PAthways
- Employer Engagement
- Shared Resources
- Sustainability and Fund Development

The full 2016 action plan can be viewed [here](#).

Apprenticeship Scorecard

Below are The Network's goals for year 1 of the American Apprenticeship Initiative, as well as current performance numbers. This scorecard allows partners of The Network to see the progress of their hard work, as well as share our progress with others that want to become involved.

Apprenticeship Score Card	Year 1 Goals	Current Performance
Total number of employers benefitting from the grant program	8	
Total number of new apprentices registered	25	
Total number of participants to receive services under this grant	50	
Total number of newly registered American Apprenticeship Programs	12	
Total number of promotional/outreach activities to employers	535	177

Ryan Burgess director of Ohio's workforce transformation office attended the quarterly Mahoning Valley Manufacturers Coalition (MVMC) meeting. "We need to show kids the careers that exist within manufacturing and dispel some of the misconceptions about the industry," he said.

[Manufacturers Coalition to Host Readiness Program](#)

Pennex Aluminum recently hired 2 Manufacturing Readiness Alumni. "After completing the program, they show an outstanding level of skill, motivation, and enthusiasm about all areas of manufacturing," said Jera Daye, human resources.

Fast Facts:

Clarion County



Population: 38,821

Unemployment: 5.5%
Manufacturing Employment: 1,421

Manufacturing is the 4th largest employment sector

*Facts about a county in the Greater Oh-Penn Manufacturing Apprenticeship Network footprint will be provided each month.



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