Job Seeker Resources in NE Ohio

A listing and description of networking groups and job seeker resources available in NE Ohio.

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RESOURCES IN NORTHEAST OHIO AVAILABLE TO JOB SEEKERS

There are a number of self-help groups which typically hold meetings at local churches. In addition, there are several organizations that receive their funding to provide services from local, state or federal sources. There are also profession-specific and miscellaneous groups.

The church based groups do not typically have web sites and are contacted by phone or by e-mail to the individuals currently involved. Reasonable attempts are made to keep this listing current. Please let us know if there is incorrect information. Call Sue Frammartino at 216-901-6000(<u>sframmartino@rtcpi.com</u>) or e-mail John Vinson at <u>jvinson330@roadrunner.com</u> with any corrections. Thank you.

CHURCH-BASED and NON-GOVERNMENT SPONSORED GROUPS

CAREER CONNECT JOB SEEKERS' NETWORKING EVENT - Ohio CareerConnect (OCC), voted one of the top five finalists in the 2012 Connectors Choice Awards for "Networking Organization of the Year", is a job seeker's networking group geared toward career professionals in transition. Our meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. They are free and open to any professional, from any industry. Come, meet new people and begin to develop relationships that just might provide you a path to a new career opportunity. Guests are welcome, so we encourage you to invite a friend or colleague who is in career transition or considering a job change to attend our monthly meetings. Light appetizers and soft drinks will be provided. Cash bar is available. Meetings are held at The Oak Barrel; 5975 Canal Rd; Valley View, OH 44125. Hosted by Szarka Financial Services. Reservations are recommended. You can register by visiting us at SzarkaFinancial.com, emailing Marissa at m.sharosky@szarkafinancial.com or by calling 440.779.1430.

CAREER TRANSITION CENTER (CTC) - Call 216-367-3011 for further information

- Two meeting schedules
 - Monday Morning Jump-Start A Job Club and Speaker Series Every Monday from 10 AM to Noon at the Career Transition Center in the CEO at The Shaker Heights Library – 16500 Van Aken Blvd. in Shaker Heights. Guest speakers will be present at the fourth Monday of each month.
 - Wednesday Morning West-East Jump Start A Job Club and Speaker Series Every other Wednesday from 10 AM to Noon at Vision 21, located at 1495 Warren Road in Lakewood. Assistance with starting your business is also available through Vision 21.
- CTC Mission and Meeting Format: Regular meetings to get job seekers 'out of the coffee shop' and into a business-like routine. Participants gather leads from other job seekers as to job openings, share personal experiences, and discuss techniques that have worked or not worked for them. The facilitator communicates information on up-to-date job search techniques, new trends, job fairs and open positions. Group members set realistic goals and gain confidence by working with a professional staff. Topics range from current techniques for finding a new job to answering questions on current economic and hiring conditions and motivational themes to keep job seekers energized, goal-oriented and proactive.

FEDERATED CHURCH EMPLOYMENT CONNECTIONS, a free networking and support group that started in the early 1980's and has continually met every Sunday at 9:45 AM, or between services during the summer hours at the Federated Church, 76 Bell Street in Chagrin Falls, Conference Room (next to the main sanctuary). Contact: Greg Polyak: Independent Financial Consultant at 866-444-1004, gregory.polyak@lpl.com, Bob Varnon: Construction Safety/Risk Mgt/Safety Trainer (FAIC, CSP, CHST, CPC), 440-804-4422 (cell)



nonrav@gmail.com, Dan Sommers: Six Sigma Consultant 330-562-8952 SommersDan@msn.com, or Ralph Lindeman: Professor (KSU) lindoksu@aol.com. Topics taught: Networking to improve your job search, resume writing, dealing with a negative job issues or asking for a raise. Get help with your emotions on job loss, financial difficulties, career change options, phone or face to face interviews. Build your confidence, quicken your job placement, job progression, and build a network of long term relationships to help you the rest of your life. Groups are usually very small so individual help is often a very strong point in attending E/C.

GRACE JOB SEEKERS NETWORK Grace Church, 7392 Pearl Rd., Middleburg Hts., OH 44130. We have provided strategic coaching and networking resources to workers in transition in Northeast Ohio since 2004. Our Purpose is "To Provide Skills, Encouragement and Christ-centered Spiritual Support for the Job Seeker in Today's Market". We are a member of the Crossroads Career Network, a nationwide Christian job transition and career management program: www.crossroadscareer.org. Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays at 7:00 PM. Led by Jim Jasko, 216-267-4300, jjjasko@gmail.com. All are welcome!

HUDSON JOB SEARCH (www.hudsonjs.org) A volunteer organization offering free outplacement training to those in the community of Hudson. The one-on-one counseling is only for people living in or attending church or temple in **Hudson**. A Monday night meeting on networking and the job search process is open to anyone. The meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month from 7:15 PM – 9:00 PM at the Christ Church Episcopal of Hudson, 21 Aurora Street. For information contact Jim Ahern, Director, hudsonjs@windstream.net or phone 330-653-5322.

NORTH COAST JOB SEEKERS (NCJS) (www.northcoastjobseekers.org) We are a job search support group for professionals in transition or those who are currently employed but seeking new career options. We provide tools, tips, resources, techniques and networking opportunities to help maximize a job search. If in transition, or want to explore new career options, we encourage attending North Coast Job Seekers meetings. Meetings will be at Pioneer Memorial Presbyterian Church in Solon on the second and fourth Monday evenings of the month. The format of the meetings: the second Monday of the month will consist of addressing job search issues and networking, the fourth Monday of the month we will have a speaker on job search topics.

Meeting location: Pioneer Memorial Presbyterian Church, 35100 Solon Road, Solon, OH 44139. Meeting time: 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Refer to website for specific meeting information (www.northcoastjobseekers.org)

PARKSIDE CHURCH JOB SEARCH GROUP, Parkside Church, 7100 Pettibone Road, **Bainbridge**. Group is facilitated by Ken Vaughan. They do periodic one-day workshops followed by 5-6 evening sessions and have a LinkedIn group. Ken Vaughan's phone is 440-248-9814 and he can be reached by e-mail at kvaughan44@aol.com.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH JOB SEEKERS, 2747 Fairmount Blvd, **Cleveland Heights.** This is one of the longest serving informal support groups and meets 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Fridays. The group provides informal support for unemployed and underemployed job seekers. Discussions emphasize job search strategies, interviewing techniques, overcoming barriers to employment and networking. There are three rotating facilitators -- Bonnie Dick, Training and Employment Consultant, 216-283-9148 (bonnie.dick1616@yahoo.com), James Hogg, 216-991-6799, and Dennis Kelly 216-382-2236 (handdkelly1854@yahoo.com).

LAKE COUNTY JOB SEEKERS, Learning Loft, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Mentor, OH 44060, Contact is Dan Moon, 440-552-0629, or Dave-440-357-8033. Liciseekers@sbcglobal.net . Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Send mail to: Lake County Job Seekers, C/O Dan Moon, 6781 Melrdige Dr., Concord, OH 44077. Their website is www.LCJS.US



NORTH CANTON EXECUTIVE NETWORKING GROUP (NCENG), Brown Mackie College in the Student Lounge – 4300 Munson Street N.W. Canton, Ohio 44718. A free networking and support group for professionals in the Northeast Ohio area to discuss best practices and share helpful tips for creating an effective personal marketing plan. Meets every other Tuesday at 8:30 AM. Contact Joyce Rodek at ierodek@gmail.com

- **ST. ALBERT THE GREAT (STANEO)** 6667 Wallings Rd. North Royalton, OH 44133. Contacts: Lorie Milano: 440-897-0636 LMilano33@sbcglobal.net. Meetings are the second Wednesdays of each month from 7:00-9:00 PM.
- **ST. BASIL JOB SUPPORT GROUP** 8700 Brecksville Rd. Brecksville, OH 44141 Contacts: Gene Gilbert: 440-582-1770 ecgilbert@americtech.net and Bob Kestranek: 216-701-7661 rkestranek@hotmail.com . Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 7:00-9:00 PM.
- **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER/HOLY MARTYRS** 606 E. Washington St. Medina, OH 44256. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Holy Martyrs, 3100 S. Weymouth Rd. Medina. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at The Knights of Columbus Hall, 131 N. East St. Medina. New members are required to attend a brief orientation at 6:30 PM. Contacts: Dan Cathcart cathcartd@yahoo.com (job postings), Jim Mayiras jmayiras@yahoo.com 330-721-9796 (general inquiries) and Joe Gainard joeyg@zoominternet.net (job seekers) 330-725-8690
- **ST. JOHN NEUMANN EMPLOYMENT NETWORKING GROUP** 16271 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136 Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Contact: Joe Wollet 440-846-8080 jwollet@gmail.com.
- **ST. RICHARD NORTH OLMSTED EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY** St. Richard Parish, Korab Hall, 26855 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Contact Donna Speagle, at (216) 696-6525 ext. 8760 dspeagle@dioceseofcleveland.org www.srnoem.org.

STOW COMMUNITY JOB CLUB, Stratford Place 4301 Darrow Rd. Ste 2550 Stow OH 44224 330-687-4731 Meetings are held the second Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and the fourth Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Contact Diana Miller, dmiller@communityjobclub.org. Their website is www.communityjobclub.org.

THE SAINTS EMPLOYMENT NETWORK, St. Mary of the Falls, meets in School Hall, 8262 Columbia Rd. Olmsted Falls, OH. Meets third Thursday at 7:00 PM. New member registration at 6:30 PM. Contact Gabrielle Oelbracht at 440.488.0680 gabrielle.saints@yahoo.com

SUMMIT NETWORKING GROUP, is a free, community resource for those in Summit and nearby counties to provide support and assistance during a job search. The group meets twice monthly, on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month from 8 AM to 9:30 AM in the lower-level conference room at 3700 Embassy Parkway, Akron, Ohio 44333. The group follows a structured agenda focused on productivity, accountability and mentoring in the job search. It is geared towards those seeking a professional, management or executive level position. Contact Debbie Hershfield at 330.608-0231 or Deborah.Hershfield@gmail.com for more information.



ACADEMIC AND OTHER GROUPS SUPPORTED BY GOVERNMENT FUNDING

SUMMIT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES EXECUTIVE NETWORKING GROUP James Kroeger, Principal – Civic Advantage kroeger1663@yahoo.com 330-957-8613

CUYAHOGA COUNTY LIBRARY CAREER CENTER, is the number one resource of its kind in NE Ohio. It has been in business more than 25 years and has an experienced staff. It has counselors, an excellent research library, its own publications and runs workshops at several locations. They also offer Discover, a computerized self-guidance system. They are located in the Maple Heights Library at 5225 Library Lane in Maple Heights and are readily accessible. Their phone number is 216-475-2225. Call for an appointment. The Career Center offers several workshops at local branches. See website for details. Their web site is www.cuyahogalibrary.org/careerexpert

THE JOB CENTER: Comprehensive job center for Summit County. Go to www.thejobcenter.biz to view information about services. The Executive Networking Group meets bi weekly. Call 330-633-1050 for more information. Location information: 1040 East Tallmadge Avenue, Akron, OH 44310 / Phone 330-633-1050.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION SERVICES is part of Cuyahoga Community College and offers job search preparation at Western, Eastern, Metro and Westshore campuses. Please contact 1-866-933-5180 to contact a local office. Our web site www.tri-c.edu/careerservices lists services offered and upcoming on campus recruiting events. Contacts: Ms. Treacy Crowley, Executive Director at 216-987-5578 or treacy.crowley@tri-c.edu and J.T. Neuffer, Director of Employer Relations & Career Services at 216-987-2893 or jon.neuffer@tri-c.edu. Free job posting site for employers and job seekers at: http://www.collegecentral.com/tri-c/.

EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION provides complete office facilities and instruction in resume preparation, interviewing skills, etc. They have a web site describing their services www.employmentconnection.us

West Side: 11699 Brookpark Road, Parma, OH 44130, 216-898-1366 Fax: 216-898-1497 Downtown: 1020 Bolivar Rd. Cleveland, OH 44114 216-664-4673

MATURE SERVICES INC (formerly known as SENIOR WORKERS PROGRAM). The Senior Community Service Employment Program provides paid work experience at non-profit and governmental agencies to low-income individuals age 55 plus. This program operates in 24 counties in northeast Ohio, western Pennsylvania and southwest Ohio. They have a web site www.matureservices.org. Phone: 330-253-4597. Located at: 415 S. Portage Path, Akron, OH 44320

TRANSITIONS Purpose to provide support for business professionals that are currently in transition, feel that they may be in transition soon, or are contemplating a career change. Participants need not be a resident of Lorain County. Lorain County Community College,1005 North Abbe Rd., Elyria 44035. Bass Library/Community Resource. First Floor. RM:C-131 Meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, from 7:00 -- 8:30 PM. Open to public. Free seminars, networking, contacts, job leads, and support. To register: call 440-366-4076 or by email at www.lorainccc.edu/careers. Jobs may be posted at https://lorain-csm.symplicity.com/.



PROFESSION-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

HR NETWORK GROUP: This is a networking group for human resource professionals. It was started by Rick Taylor of Ratliff & Taylor some years ago. The group no longer meets but communicates and distributes job posting information through a Yahoo group site. HR professionals may request to be invited to join the group by contacting Sue Frammartino at 216-901-6000 (sframmartino@rtcpi.com)

F.E.N.G. (Financial Executives Network Group); This is a large networking group of senior financial executives. Membership is by invitation. There is a local Chapter that meets and shares information about job openings although this is only part of their networking activities. Lamar Ratcliffe 216-401-0739 lreading-ichapter the invitation of their networking activities. Lamar Ratcliffe 216-401-0739 lreading-ichapter the invitation. There is a local Chapter that meets and shares information about job openings although this is only part of their networking activities. Lamar Ratcliffe 216-401-0739

M.E.N.G. (Marketing Executive Network Group) is a membership networking group for senior marketing executives. Operates in 11 major cities in US. There is no local Chapter as yet. M.E.N.G. has a web site (www.mengonline.com).

CHEMPHARMA is a fairly new group with a mission "to identify advancement, career development and growth opportunities in the chemical, pharmaceutical, life science and allied industries....". Their web site is www.chempharma.org

EXECUNET Networking Meetings – Rick Taylor (216-901-7400) facilitates these meetings for ExecuNet in Cleveland. The meetings are for executives making in excess of \$100,000 and meet the third Tuesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporate Plaza I office building in Independence. To register go to www.execunet.com

SENIOR EXECUNET – Rick Taylor (216-901-7400) facilitates these meetings for ExecuNet in Cleveland. The meetings are for executives (CEO, CMO, CFO, COO, CIO, etc.) making in excess of \$200,000. The group meets every second Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at Corporate Plaza I office building in Independence. To register go to www.execunet.com.

MISCELLANEOUS GROUPS

BUSINESS VOLUNTEERS UNLIMITED: This is an organization for encouraging business people to become involved in volunteer activities in the Cleveland area. Their web site is www.businessvolunteers.org.