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Chamber Becomes the Administrative Entity for the Area 10 Workforce Development Board (WIOA)

A message from Clint



You may have heard that the Chamber has recently become the Administrative entity for the Area 10 Workforce Development Board (WIOA). "Area 10" is a combination of Richland and Crawford Counties, and is a partnership between the all six county commissioners, Job And Family Services, and over 20 other businesses and entities who have an interest in Workforce Development. Workforce Boards were developed across the state under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which is a significant piece of legislation that aims to improve and streamline the nation's workforce development system. It was signed into law on July 22, 2014, replacing the previous Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA). WIOA represents a bipartisan effort to enhance collaboration among various stakeholders and provide individuals with the necessary skills to succeed in the labor market.

The primary goal of WIOA is to increase employment, job retention, and earnings, as well as to improve the overall quality of the workforce and meet the needs of employers. It accomplishes this by focusing on several key areas:

1. Streamlined Services: WIOA brings together multiple federally-funded employment and training programs into a single, streamlined system. This integration promotes better coordination and alignment among different programs, making it easier for job seekers and employers to access services.
2. Workforce Development Boards: WIOA establishes local Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) responsible for overseeing workforce development programs in their respective regions. These boards include representatives from businesses, labor organizations, education, economic development, and community-based organizations. WDBs develop regional workforce plans, coordinate services, and ensure that training programs are aligned with local labor market needs.
3. Career Services: WIOA emphasizes a comprehensive approach to career services, aiming to assist individuals in acquiring the skills and education necessary for employment. It supports various activities such as job counseling, job search assistance, labor market information, career exploration, and access to training and education programs.

4. **Adult Education and Literacy:** WIOA enhances adult education and literacy programs by integrating them with workforce development services. It encourages partnerships between adult education providers and employers to better align training with the skills needed in the workforce.
5. **Youth Programs:** WIOA places a strong emphasis on serving disconnected youth (individuals between the ages of 16 and 24 who are not in school or employed) and provides funding for comprehensive youth programs. These programs focus on academic and occupational skills development, leadership opportunities, and support services to help young people transition into successful careers.
6. **Vocational Rehabilitation:** WIOA strengthens vocational rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities. It emphasizes an integrated approach, ensuring that individuals with disabilities have access to the same workforce development services as others and promoting their full inclusion in the labor market.

Overall, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act aims to create a more efficient and effective workforce system in the United States. By improving coordination among various stakeholders, aligning training with employer needs, and prioritizing the needs of job seekers, WIOA strives to enhance employment outcomes and support economic growth.

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development's involvement with the Area 10 WIOA Board will be an integral part of helping to move the needle on workforce development. The board will make funding decisions and create program support that will move the needle on talent development and retention across the region.



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Questions? Contact Clint Knight, Director of Workforce Development at the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development at 419-522-3211 or cknight@choosrichland.com.



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Ohio Total Solar Eclipse

April 8th, 2024. Come early, stay late.

Total solar eclipse to hit our area on April 8, 2024

On Monday afternoon, April 8, 2024, residents and visitors across Ohio will experience a rare celestial event: a total solar eclipse. Its path of totality will be greater than most eclipses. Mansfield is in the path of totality for the Total Solar Eclipse of 2024 - observers in Mansfield will see (approximately) 3m 16.1s of totality! The eclipse is supposed to reach the highest totality in Mansfield at 3:12:15pm.

Planning is underway to ensure that residents and everyone coming to view the eclipse can safely enjoy this exciting event, and some schools in Richland County have cancelled class on this day.

The Mansfield area is being promoted by cities outside Richland County as a great viewing location.

For instance, an April 7, 2023 article from The Columbus Dispatch reported the following information:

Where will the total solar eclipse be visible in Ohio?

People within a 124-mile-wide band in Ohio will experience the rare total solar eclipse. The path of totality will cross the state from southwest to northeast, passing through cities such as Toledo, Bowling Green, Lima, Mansfield, Akron, Cleveland, Springfield and Dayton. The total eclipse will last for approximately three minutes and 40 seconds.

When was the last time a total eclipse was visible in Ohio?

The 2024 total solar eclipse will be the first time in over 200 years that people in Ohio will be able to see a total solar eclipse. On average, a total solar eclipse occurs somewhere on Earth every 1.5 years. However, only 21 total solar eclipses have crossed the lower 48 states in the entire existence of the United States. The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806. The next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be in 2099.

Read the full article here:

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/2023/04/07/2024-solar-eclipse-in-ohio-what-you-should-know/70092122007/>

Additional informative websites:

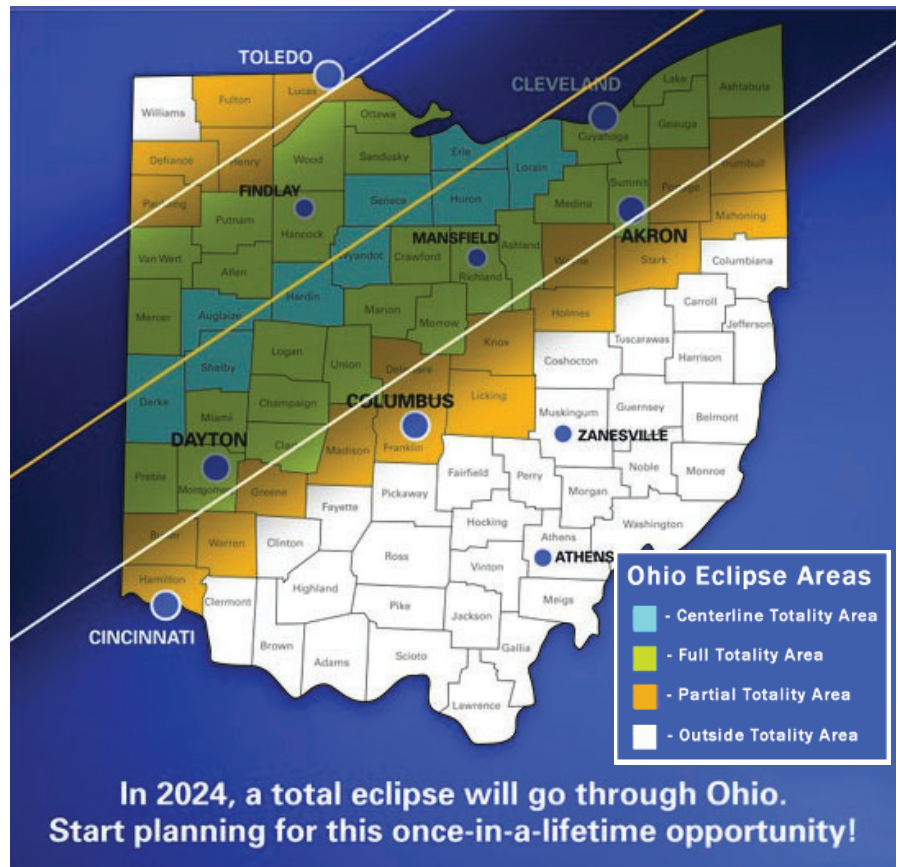
<https://eclipse2024.org/communities/city/31593.html>

<https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/usa/mansfield-oh?iso=20240408>

<https://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/story/news/2023/04/08/total-solar-eclipse-to-hit-the-region-one-year-from-saturday-april-8/70089939007/>

<https://ema.ohio.gov/media-publications/ohio-total-solar-eclipse>

<https://destinationmansfield.com/ohio-total-solar-eclipse/>



The Ohio Department of Education has created the website below as a resource for educators and school administrators on logistics and curricular approaches to educating students and the community about the eclipse.

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Science/Resources-for-Science/2024-Solar-Eclipse>

See future newsletters for updates on local planning measures.



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In May, Leadership Unlimited class members examined diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives happening throughout Richland County.



Mansfield City Schools Superintendent Stan Jefferson explained equity-centered leadership.



Leaders from throughout the county talked through DEI initiatives in terms of how we are doing and where we are going.



Love on a Mission members shared about their programming and outreach with LGBTQIA youth, families, and community members.



The class visited the Shelby High School FFA barn to learn about rural inclusion and career pathways for agriculture students.

Learn more about program days at facebook.com/LeadershipUnlimited.



Young Entrepreneurs Academy



The Young Entrepreneurs Academy class of 2023 has graduated after a successful semester of business development. Our final lessons on business banking and taxes helped students create a strategy for their first year in business. We celebrated their achievements with a graduation ceremony. Students displayed their businesses at the Chamber Business After Hours at Adena Corporation.

- (Top right) The students gave their best pitches at the Investor Panel on May 9 at the NCSC Kehoe Center. Start-up funds totaling \$5,250 were divided among the students based on their ask and the merits of their pitches.
- (Middle right) Families attended the YEA! graduation ceremony.
- (Bottom right) Colleen Prosser, AVP, Business Banker Mechanics Bank, talked with the students about business banking.
- (Bottom middle) Congratulations to Olie Francis who was named the YEA! Richland Saunders Scholar. He'll compete for cash prizes and scholarship funds in the 2023 YEA! Saunders National Competition.
- (Bottom left) Helen Brown, CPA, gave an overview of tax law and record keeping.
- (Top left) Support our young entrepreneurs: Deathrow Airsoft, R.C. Lawn Care, Olie's Outlook, and Taste Protein.



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or visit our event calendar at
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- 6/8 LU 40th Anniversary Dinner, 5:30-7:30pm @ Dan Lew Exchange
- 6/14 Inside Richland County
- 6/15 Lunch & Learn / Active Shooter Training (sold out)
- 6/21 Inside Richland County
- 6/23 Chamber Golf Classic at Deer Ridge Golf Club (sold out)
- 7/19 Women's Leadership Connection, 11:45a-1p @ DLX Kobacker Room
- 7/24 Member Appreciation Lunch, 11:00a-1:30p @ Buckeye Imagination Museum
- 8/3 Business After Hours, 5-7pm @ ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Shelby
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