More than 200 people turned out for a healthcare job fair held Thursday, May 29 at the OhioMeansJobsCenter. Cincinnati State's Pathway to Employment Center (PTEC) partnered with OhioMeansJobs Cincinnati- Hamilton County, to bring a few hundred interested candidates valuable opportunities in the healthcare field.

Among the employers looking for well qualified candidates were Mercy Health Partners, The Christ Hospital, Brookdale Senior Living, TruStaff, Envision, Little Sister's of the Poor LTC and Eastern Personnel Services, Inc.

Employers were recruiting for state tested nurse aides, certified nursing assistants, patient care assistants, LPN's, housekeeping/ environmental services, food service/cooks, patient transportation, home health aides and customer service representatives. Candidates were asked to bring their resume and dress professionally.
Tri-City Staffing partners with OhioMeansJobs

The OhioMeansJobs Cincinnati - Hamilton County team have become vital to the success of many businesses. Even a small start-up business like Tri-City Staffing can benefit from their services.

Tri-City Staffing, located in Gulf Manor, OH, was created by Yvonne Brown and Dhana Donaldson in 2013. The two women bring over 30 years of experience in job preparation and workforce development, while their business focuses on temporary and permanent job placements for customers.

"Yvonne Brown and Dhana Donaldson, have a passion for assisting job seekers," according to Kathleen Busemeyer, Employer Services Representative at OhioMeansJobs. "They assess skills and then, together, create a plan for career success in the short term and long term," said Busemeyer.

Tri-City Staffing initially came to OMJ to find qualified candidates to fill some positions and Busemeyer helped host their job fair. Robert Brown, a recent ITT Technical Institute graduate, attended the employment fair and applied for an internal office assistant position with Tri-City Staffing and received their extensive training because he had no previous office experience.

"The OMJ team was vital to the success of the hiring event. They were efficient, professional and proactive in determining our needs, complimented Dhana Donaldson, principle of Tri-City Staffing.

Tri-City Staffing took advantage of On-The-Job Training funds and Brown was later hired. "The OJT funds have certainly helped our company be comfortable hiring a new employee since funds for hiring are limited," Donaldson added. "Tri-City Staffing looks forward to working with OhioMeansJobs again."

Youth Spotlight

Pre-Apprenticeship program, 3CRC, celebrates 4th graduation

The Community Construction Career Readiness Collaboration Program or 3CRC, celebrated 8 pre-apprenticeship graduates at IBEW/NECA Electrical Training Center.
The eight young men from Literacy Center West and Lighthouse Youth Services, were "dressed to the nine's" courtesy of the Urban League's Suit Yourself Gentlemen's Clothing Closet and their staff, Brian Harris and Gregory Walker with special thanks to Stephen Tucker who made the connection for the suiting schedule to work.

The men learned skills in construction trades, MSSC safety, blueprint reading, CPR and first aid, over a course of six weeks, totaling 200 hours. Many of the classes helped them achieve a Certified Production Technician certification. Most importantly, the program gives the young men a better chance of getting accepted into a registered apprenticeship training program.

The young men are high school drop outs who work minimum wage jobs. Some have children and others have a juvenile record which can hinder their success but they all worked hard to achieve a large number of credentials and graduation.

A grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation through Partners for a Competitive Workforce, funded the training with the SWORWIB managing coordination between the youth providers, the youth and 3CRC.

The SWORWIB thanks the partners for this opportunity including: Greater Cincinnati Building Trade Council, Greater Cincinnati Apprenticeship Council, Labor Institute for Training, Santa Maria/ Literary Center West, Lighthouse Youth Services and the Urban League.

To read the full story on the young men, click here

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**Spotlight on Manufacturing**

**Cincinnati named 1 of 12 cities as a designated manufacturing community**

The Southwestern Oh aerospace Region Manufacturing Community (SOAR), led by The City of Cincinnati, was selected as one of the 12 nationally designated areas for aligned federal funding to support growth in manufacturing announced by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker as part of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnerships (IMCP) initiative.

The partnership is led by the U.S. Commerce Department and is designed to accelerate the growth of manufacturing in the community by supporting the development of long-term economic development strategies. This helps communities attract and expand private investment in the manufacturing area and increase international trade.

In order to earn the designation, communities had to demonstrate the significance of manufacturing already present in their region and develop strategies to make investments in workforce training, advanced research infrastructure and site development, supply chain support, trade and international investment and capital access.

SOAR's aspiration is for the region to be internationally recognized by the aerospace industry as the place to manufacture parts and engines globally.

To read the initiative, click here

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**OMJ Spotlight**

**OMJ.com receives a makeover**

The newly redesigned OhioMeansJobs.com site is new and effective in assisting employers and individuals.

The new site offers a 7 minute promotional video under "About OMJ" and reaches out to local employers, education partners and the general public to educate partners on OMJ.com. The video highlights how employers can post jobs through OMJ, review millions of resumes and get services to find the talent to drive their success. Employers can also learn about different programs or grants such as Ohio Learn to Earn, Work Opportunity Tax Credits and on-the-job training (OJT's). Interested individuals can benefit from the new site by using it as a virtual career counselor by planning their career, building and posting resumes, finding programs to assist in skills training or finding in-demand occupations.

The video also talks about future enhancements planned for the fall that are designed for young students. Students will have their own profile to see career matches in an industry, customizing a career plan and
Leo Reddy presents the SWORWIB President, Sherry Kelley Marshall with the 2014 MSSC Award at the 21C Museum Hotel.

To view the new site, click here

**IT Spotlight**

**SWORWIB partners with IT employers on hiring fair**

A recruitment fair was held May 28 at the OhioMeansJobs Center. This year the CIO Roundtable, Partners for A Competitive Workforce, SWORWIB and Max Technical Training joined forces to fund a JAVA Developer Apprentice Program with the goal of training dislocated skilled workers as JAVA developers needed by IT Employers. Great American insurance Company is a Champion Sponsor of the Initiative. Other representatives included Paycor, Western and Southern and Assurex.

To be selected for the program, candidates took a series of assessments. Candidates must score at least a six on the WorkKey's Math Assessment. They must also pass the Walden Programming Aptitude Test, and must pass a background check and drug screen. Individuals who have successfully met the assessments and other requirements are eligible to participate in the interview process for selection with the training at no cost to them.

13 candidates took the WorkKey's Math Assessment. 10 scoring a 6 or higher, qualifying them for the IT Aptitude test portion of the program. 7 of those 10 qualified for the enrollment process and are awaiting funding qualification verification.

Once candidates graduate from the apprenticeship program, they could start at $44,000- $47,000 as an Associate Developer with the partnering employers.

**SWORWIB Spotlight**

**The SWORWIB welcomes two new employees**

The SWORWIB offers its final farewell to Patricia Massey who worked at the SWORWIB for 5 years and Kathleen Williams who had been with the WIB for four years. Massey retired while Williams took a position with Clermont County in Communications. We wish them both the very best in their future endeavors.

The SWORWIB welcomes Tammy Nared as the new Operations Coordinator and Dominique Springs as the Youth & Public Information's summer Intern. Springs is a recent graduate of the College of Mount St. Joseph, earning her B.A. in Communications and New Media Studies and a former WIA youth in our Jobs for Cincinnati Graduates. Congratulations and welcome aboard Tammy and Dominique!!

**SWORWIB wins new award**

This years Manufacturing Skills Standards Council leadership council dined at the 21C Museum Hotel for their annual awards ceremony. Sherry Kelley Marshall was presented with a 2014 MSSC Recognition Award presented by Leo Reddy, President of MSSC, for being a stellar partner in training industrial athletes to serve the manufacturing industry.

We will have more on the MSSC Executive Briefing and Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair in the July NewsWIB.
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The SWORWIB now has its own Facebook page, where we will post news, pictures and interesting tidbits throughout the month. And we also have a Twitter feed -- @CincyWorkforce. So like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @CincyWorkforce and we'll keep you up to date throughout the month!

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