

AREA 14 NEWS

Top News



The Area 14 Workforce Development Board was presented with an Auditor of State Award! Pictured above: Kendra Wilson, Perry County JFS; Susanne Simpson, Ohio AOS Keith Farber's Office; Joe Frazier, Area 14 WDB Director

- **QUEST Grant enrolling participants**
- **AOMC Job Fair was a huge success**
- **Hiring event at OMJ-Perry provides positive results**

Director's Message:

As I wrap up my third full month as Director, I am still incredibly grateful for this opportunity. I would like to extend a sincere thank you, to all Board members, OMJ staff and partner staff, for providing a warm welcome. I am nothing short of impressed at all the hard work being done throughout Athens, Meigs and Perry Counties.

I look forward to what the future holds, as well as continuing to collaborate and work alongside the wonderful community members of Area 14.

Best Regards,

Joe Frazier, CWDP
Director

Upcoming Events:

3/5: Business Partner Team Meeting

**3/6: OMJ-Meigs Hands-On
Apprenticeship Day**

**3/6: Career Fair at Sheridan High
School**

**4/9: Tri County Employment
Extravaganza**

4/25: 20th Annual Area 14 Job Fair

5/1: Area 14 WDB Meeting



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Featured Updates

- OhioMeansJobs-Perry County hosted a job fair, in which nine job seekers were hired from the event!
- 5G & Broadband trainings are in full swing throughout SE Ohio. Our local Broadband Coordinator is working diligently, to enroll participants into training cohorts through local training providers. For more information on QUEST funding, contact jocelyn.howard@hapcap.org or Director Frazier.

Board Member Spotlight:

David Brennan

Each newsletter, we will highlight a different Board Member. This month we spotlight David Brennan, owner of Brennan's Plants. David currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Area 14 WDB.

David has served on the Area 14 WDB for 22 years and does so in order to give back to our local community. His favorite aspect of serving is working alongside fellow Board members, who are dedicated to improving our communities. In addition to his profession as a Landscaping Contractor, David also teaches. In his free time, David enjoys playing music, gardening and serving on other boards, such as Reentry Task Force, Adena HockHocking Bikeway, Athens Kiwanis and Friends of the Plains Indian Mounds.

Thank you for your many years of service!

AOMC Job Fair

The Appalachian Ohio Manufacturers Coalition partnered with OhioMeansJobs-Athens County, to host a manufacturing career day, as part of their 2024 Job Fair Tour. This event was attended by approximately 200 local students and job seekers! Attendees were able to network with 27 different employers and training providers in the manufacturing sector. Linn Yost, President of Micro Machine Works advised, "AOMC's goal is to take this tour into various counties of Appalachia, so that those seeking work can learn about all the little-known manufacturing career opportunities in this region."

AOMC will host its Quarterly Gathering and Dinner on March 19th, where they will complete a tour of Snowville Creamery, followed by dinner at the Blakeslee Center.

For more information on AOMC:
<https://www.aomanufacturers.org>



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Area 14 Workforce Development Board 101:

About the Board:

The Area 14 Workforce Development Board is comprised of 19 board members from Athens, Meigs and Perry counties with a shared commitment to providing a high-quality and responsibly managed workforce development system. The Board procures, monitors and assists local providers of workforce development services to align the human resources in our area with the needs of employers.

Who We Are:

Area 14 is one of twenty local workforce areas in the state of Ohio, consisting of Athens, Meigs and Perry counties. The Area 14 Workforce Development Board (WDB) is the representative group that is part of the Public Workforce System, a network of federal, state, and local offices that support economic expansion and develop the talent of the nation's workforce.

Our WDB serves as a connector between the U.S. Department of Labor, state office of Ohio Job and Family Services and the three Ohio Means Jobs Centers in our area that deliver services to workers and employers. Our role is to develop regional strategic plans and set funding priorities for this system. Our goals are to facilitate partnerships between local businesses with similar training needs, rely on labor market information to develop sector strategies that focus resources on a particular high growth industry for this area, and to provide the required tools for job-seekers to succeed.

Services:

Job Seeker:

The three OhioMeansJobs centers in Area 14 provide one-stop shopping for job-seekers looking for career planning, job placement, advancement, and training services at the local level. Open to any and all job seekers, these centers are the integrated service delivery system for individuals who need to access to workforce development services. With multiple partners "on site" job seekers can access multiple services and providers from a single location.

Employer Services:

For employers, our OhioMeansJobs centers offer access to qualified applicants, local labor market information, and specialized services that will assist employers with their hiring, training and retention needs.

Annual Job Fair:

Each year, staff at local OhioMeansJobs centers in Area 14 have sponsored an annual job fair, in Athens, Ohio. The 20th Annual Area 14 Job Fair will be hosted on April 25, 2024 at the Athens Community Center.



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