

## Partnership Quarterly

### Year One Update

The first year of the operational partnership between economic and workforce development in Lucas County has concluded with significant progress toward reaching goals for an integrated and comprehensive approach to development in the region. The key components of the new alignment include strong business relationships with fellow economic development

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### Workforce Services Month

The Source, Lucas County's one-stop, is planning several events throughout the month of September in celebration of Workforce Services Month.

Events include a Job Fair for workers over 55, release of their annual report, and the opening of classroom space for Owens Community College at their facility.

More information will be available soon.

Activities promoting the success and services of one-stop career centers are planned each September with funding from the State of Ohio.

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Julie Schaid, Executive Director of the Partnership for Continued Learning, spoke to LCIC & WIB Members on the State's perspective for P-16 initiatives at the June 27th joint board meeting to introduce the P-16 Council.

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#### Meeting Schedules

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### LCIC Gains Local Media Coverage for P-16 Educational Initiative



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Lucas County Improvement Corp. community volunteer **Jamie Olmstead**, left, and freshman Da'Washa Wainwright clean a stairwell at Woodward High School. More than 30 students, parents, and volunteers spent the past two mornings sprucing up the school for the upcoming school year. The group trimmed bushes, spread mulch, planted flowers, washed walls and staircases, and more at the request of the new principal, Emilio Ramirez.

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Blake Gillespie of The Toledo City Paper published an article on the P-16 Council formation and the effects that educational initiatives can have to stem brain drain from our area.

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Ignazio Messina of the Toledo Blade also covered the formation of the P-16 Council and the impact it will have our local education and workforce efforts.

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Linda Stacy, LCIC Director of Educational Development, appeared on WSPD Radio speaking about the P-16 Council and the importance of aligning education/training with economic development.

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partners and a specific focus on workforce and educational development. Shawn Ferguson, LCIC CEO, remarked, " I am confident that this approach to long term development will provide Lucas County with a distinct competitive advantage based on a highly skilled and soundly educated workforce." Ferguson further stated that the LCIC staff are committed to linking regional economic development strategies to education initiatives supported by partnerships within the newly formed P16 Council.

For a full listing of the projects and accomplishments of the LCIC and WIB during their inaugural operational year, [click here](#).

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### **LCIC & WIB Members Learn More About P-16**

On June 27th LCIC & WIB Members, along with leaders in education, business and government, met to learn more about Lucas County's educational initiatives. The preliminary focus of this meeting was to discuss the implementation of a P-16 Council. "This is an exceptional opportunity for Lucas County to be ahead of the curve in aligning economic development, workforce development, and educational development," said LCIC CEO Shawn Ferguson. "We are fortunate that the leadership of our region recognizes and supports the P-16 Council."

The P-16 Council is designed to develop the educational "pipeline" in order to identify and eliminate the gaps between education and the workplace. "The P-16 Council will be a forum to start the conversations, struggle with the issues, find common ground," stated Linda Stacy, Director of Educational Development for the LCIC, who is charged with carrying out the implementation of the P-16 Council. "This is a group of local leaders that will work together to solve the problems of training and education that exist in our particular community."

"By bringing all parties to the table, we can look at what the data shows us about our workforce and determine what needs to be improved as we move forward into the new economy," said Ferguson. "The business community plays a huge role in this. We as economic and workforce developers have to be fully aware of the needs of employers. Not just for today, but for the next several years."

The keynote speaker for the event was Julie Schaid, Executive Director of Partnership for Continued Learning. Ms. Schaid presented an overview of the disconnect that exists between education and work, as well as plans of the current state administration to address these issues. In her address, Schaid expressed her excitement with Lucas County's efforts to build a P-16 Council.

The P-16 Council has been awarded a \$10,000 planning grant from the Ohio Department of Education to help implement the council.

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