

class of 2020!!!

Congratulations Youth Program Seniors!

To say that their Senior year was eventful would be the understatement of the decade. Amid school closings, online learning, global health concerns, and virtual graduation ceremonies, these 12th grade students demonstrated strength, grit, and perseverance to become a part of the graduating Class of 2020. The Workforce & Business Development Youth Employment Program would like to celebrate the wonderful achievements of the following participants.

Kenny Cydrus is a graduate of Waverly High School and the Welding Program at the Pike County Career & Technology Center. In addition to working part time year-round through the Work Experience Program, Kenny also played football for the Waverly Tigers for over 8 years. Recently, Kenny received a full-time job offer from Waverly City Schools and is currently in the process of purchasing his own home. Kenny is a very responsible young man and has demonstrated a strong work ethic throughout his participation in the Youth Program.

Joseph "Mathew" Dietrich is a graduate of Eastern High School. In addition to his class studies, Mathew worked part time with Glockner Oil through the Youth Employment Program. Shortly before graduation, he accepted a full time position with Waverly Rural King. Mathew plans to begin an Automotive Mechanics Training program in the fall.

Cort Marshall Jr. is a graduate of Western High School and the Business Management program at the Pike County Career & Technology Center. Throughout his senior year, Cort remained an excellent student consistently making the Honor Roll. Following graduation, Cort relocated to Virginia where he quickly received a job offer. He accepted a position with Dig-n-It Construction and states that he loves his job duties and enjoys his new location.

Seth Mullins is a graduate of Waverly High School and the Welding Program at Pike County Career & Technology Center. Recently, Seth relocated to West Virginia to accept a Laborer position with a licensed construction company.



Anastasia Smith is a graduate of Waverly High School and is currently employed with Velero. Anastasia plans to enroll at Shawnee University in the fall with a goal of entering into a Pre-Med program.

Logan Tackett is a graduate of Western High School and the Electronic Technology Program at Pike County Career and Technology Center. In addition to his class work, Logan maintained part-time employment with Corner Market throughout his senior year. Upon graduation, Logan accepted a full-time position with Corner Market and is currently in the process of choosing his college career path.

Erika Gray graduated as Salutatorian of Western High School and is a member of the National Honor Society. In addition to her high school studies, Erika completed 33 credit hours through the College Credit Plus Program. She is a recipient of the Ohio University Excellence Full Tuition Scholarship, Hydro-Clean Give Back Scholarship, Tristan Miller Music Scholarship, Atomic Credit Union Scholarship, and the JB Garnet Wilson Scholarship. Erika will be attending Ohio University in the fall majoring in Social Work.

It has been a pleasure watching these students not only succeed, but thrive during this uncertain time. On behalf of the Youth Employment Program, we would like to congratulate these participants and look forward to offering support and guidance as they embark on their new journeys.

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W&B's TRANSITIONS PROGRAM IS FEATURED IN BEST PRACTICES WEBINAR

Workforce & Business Development staff member, Brandi Hawthorne-Smith, was chosen as a panelist on a state-wide webinar featuring Pike County CAC's Transitions Program on May 7, 2020. This webinar focused on Innovative Strategies for implementing the state-wide Opioid Grant Programs. Pike County was featured as an extremely innovative program, and it spotlighted the program's approach as **Best Practices**. It featured the Transition Staff's outside-of-the-box thinking, as well their strategy with individuals and families in recovery. The Program's networking relationships really show that recovery can be a team effort county-wide, and it's making a big difference.



Also featured in the webinar were components of the GRIT Program focusing on career assessment and SmartBus Technology which is currently being implemented in our 4-county area; GRIT will also benefit the Program participants. The state also pointed out our progress with transportation barriers--both current and for the future, as well as the Business Resource Network's role in connecting the program with employers and businesses interested in second-chance employment. Over 500 attendees were invited to attend this workshop throughout the state.

As the Transitions Program started 2020, it had one operating work experience site with Insite located in Lucasville. By May 2020, the Program is operating three more work experience sites (Pike County Court, Pike County Court of Common Pleas, Pike CAC, and Insite). There are signed agreements to launch two more worksites by June 1st of this year (Kirchhoff Automotive and The Recovery Council). This program is allowing clients (post trauma or substance abuse), the ability to gain skill sets in the workforce while still focusing on their overall health. To date, the Transitions Program has assisted 26 individuals and has provided over \$66,000 in supportive services such as reinstatement fees, rent, utilities, driver's license/permit costs, car insurance, remedial driving classes, work and school uniforms, car repairs, mileage/gas cards, and in some cases, court fees, and fines. We have paid tuition for seven (7) participants.

Congratulations to the Workforce & Business Development Program's Development Transition's Team, as well as the OMJ Team, and the Business Team and keep up the good work!

Client feedback on the program:

"I like helping people and I like how the program is designed to help others"

Andrea S., Completing her work experience for her OU Practicum at Pike CAC

"I liked the people I got to work with. I got to learn something new like cutting down trees. I liked the environment where everyone would support each other, was concerned about how you were doing, and would always ask how everything was going."

Eric W., Former Work Experience Technician at Insite from December 2019 to April 2020.
Now gainfully employed with Reliable Roofing.

**"We must become the change we want to see in the world."
—Mahatma Gandhi**

Youth Program Spotlight

Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program

Helping the emerging workforce prepare for and find meaningful employment.



Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services.

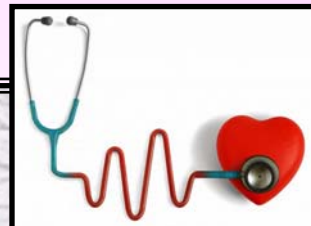
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Madyson was 19 years old when she voluntarily enrolled in the Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program (CCMEP) on January 23, 2019. She was employed with Adena Regional Medical Center as a Nurse Assistant but eagerly wanted to further her education to pursue a career as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Through her enrollment in the CCMEP and Adult Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program, Madyson received the necessary financial assistance to attend the Scioto County Vocational School LPN program. While maintaining a GPA of 3.7, Madyson successfully completed the Licensed Practical Nursing program on February 13, 2020 and skillfully passed her Board Examination on March 4, 2020. While completing the LPN program, she and her fiancé married in January, 2020. Quickly after passing her Board Exam, Madyson secured full-time employment with Southern Ohio Medical Center as an LPN and is utilizing her skills in the COVID-19 Call Center. Everyone in Workforce & Business Development would like to congratulate Madyson on her current and future successes.



GRAND OPENING!!

TASTY DAYS OF OLD
RETRO CANDY, TOY, & GIFT SHOP

July 2, 2020

10:00 AM

235 Broadway Street
Jackson, Ohio



10 Tips for Saving Money!

- 1.) Establish a budget. The best way to jumpstart savings is to realize your spending habits.
- 2.) Don't just save money, save for the future.
- 3.) Save automatically.
- 4.) Plan your meals in advance when grocery shopping.
- 5.) Save your windfalls and tax returns.
- 6.) Save your coins—literally.
- 7.) When wanting to make a purchase, give your self 24 hours to think about it.
- 8.) Cancel unnecessary credit cards.
- 9.) Designate one day a week as a "no spend day"
- 10.) Pack your lunch

FREE TAX PREPARATION; DROP OFF PROGRAM STILL OPERATING: TAX DEADLINE IS JULY 15, 2020!

The Drop Off Program for the free VITA Tax Assistance is still being conducted at the Piketon location at 941 Market Street in Piketon. If you still need tax preparation services, you may drop off a completed Intake Form and your tax information at the OMJ Career Center entrance in the designated Mail Slot to the left of the entrance or you may use the walk-up window between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tax Envelopes and Intake forms are available in the mailbox outside for use in keeping all your paperwork and tax items together. If using mail slot, please print your name on the outside of the envelope and provide a working contact number prior to placing the envelope in the slot.



It is IMPORTANT that you provide a good working contact number for the tax staff to reach you. Once your envelope is received, the rest will be conducted via telephone.

Please note that a link to the Intake Form will be provided online on our web page noted www.workforcebusinessdevelopment.org, then click on the Tax Program Tab. They can also be found on Facebook. If you need assistance with the Intake Form or have other questions regarding your taxes, please contact us at 740-289-2371.

We can assist with not only 2019 taxes, but also prior years' taxes. 2017 and 2018 can be filed electronically and 2016 and prior can be paper filed.

We appreciate your patience during this difficult time. There may also be unexpected delays due to the increase in phone traffic as well. Rest assured, we will do our best to assist you as much as possible.

The Tax Program has been a vital part of withstanding this Pandemic. We continued to process tax returns which ensured that clients received their refunds, as well as their stimulus checks when they needed it most.

Customer Testimonial:

"I would like to say thank you very much for the tax preparers at the Senior Center in Waverly, Ohio. They have been very nice to us. They are very good at what they do. We have been doing our taxes here for years. I greatly appreciate the kindness and knowledge of what they do. Thank you again. I will recommend your service to all who need it."— Tisha Cotere!

OhioMeansJobs Pike County offering Online Training:

OhioMeansJobs Pike County will soon be offering online workshops designed to help individuals with a variety of topics. Some include Financial Literacy, Computer Basics, Job Searching, using OhioMeansJobs.com, Workplace Etiquette, and many more. Stay tuned for more information!

OMJ Pike County Takes Record Number of Calls:

We have made big adjustments to keep our staff and customers safe during this pandemic while also still offering as many services as we can. Just to share some statistics of the great work being done in this community, here is a list of the number of phone assistance calls that have been completed:

Since March 23, 2020, The OMJ Center staff has received:

- 833 Tax Calls, including tax questions, stimulus check information, tax reviews for client pick up, and drop off instructions.
- 275 Calls about unemployment including PUA.
- 84 Calls about other OMJ services provided including training programs, job applications, resumes, and supportive services.

Keep up the good work!

OMJ Partners

Aspire
<http://www.pikectc.org/able.aspx>

VANTAGE Aging
<http://www.vantageaging.org>

Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
<http://jfs.ohio.gov>

ODJFS Veteran Representative
<http://jfs.ohio.gov/veterans/index.stm>

Workforce & Business Development
Workforcebusinessdevelopment.org

Pike County Department of Job & Family Services
www.pikecojfs.org

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
<http://www.ood.ohio.gov/>

Valley View Health Centers
<http://valleyviewhealth.org/>