

## Ohio Career Pathway Network Meeting

You are invited to the inaugural Ohio Career Pathway Network meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Columbus State Community College (Columbus State Conference Center). **Registration begins at 8 a.m.**

The Ohio Department of Education and Columbus State are joining together to sponsor this event. The goal is to build a network of innovative educators and industry representatives who want to learn how to implement [Career Pathways](#). The pathways provide students an overview of various career opportunities in Ohio, as well as guidance about customized education and training after graduation.

The day will focus on facilitating the exchange of best practices from Ohio districts that are leaders in pioneering Career Pathways.

During the networking event, participants will learn more about:

1. Creation of in-demand career pathways in your district;
2. Districts that currently are offering career pathways;
3. Collaborations that take the career pathway model to scale;
4. Methods to foster industry and education relationships;
5. The resurgence and implementation of work-based learning programs in your district; and
6. Quick wins by establishing senior-only credential programs.

Please register in STARS through [this link](#). In the Event Name Search, enter *Career Pathway*.

The meeting, including lunch and parking, is free, but limited to the first **150 registrants**. Registration will remain open until Tuesday, Oct. 11, or once capacity is reached.

\*Registrants will receive parking instructions and menu choices on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

[Here](#) are directions to the Columbus State Conference Center.



John R. Kasich, Governor
Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Ohio Career Pathway Network Meeting Agenda
Building a Career Pathway System in Your District
Columbus State Conference Room, Columbus State Community College
October 12, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Welcome and Overview ..... Steve Gratz
9:45 a.m. Breakout Session I

- 1. Marion City Schools ..... Room 409
Capitalizing on business and industry partnerships to improve education. Marion City Schools is striving to provide young people with the knowledge, skills, and experiences that will enable them to lead productive and fulfilling lives. The district is working to provide business and industry partners with an expanded role in education and they are striving to develop multiple pathways to reach success and make career preparation matter to families and students. This session will share specific strategies to foster input in the strategic process to redesign the 7-12 experience. Present by Gary Barber and Stephen Fujii, Marion City Schools.
2. Marysville City Schools ..... Room 407
Marysville Early College High School is a bold approach, based on the principle that academic rigor, combined with the opportunity to save time and money, is a powerful motivator for students to work hard and meet serious intellectual challenges. MECHS uses a STEM approach to teaching, ensuring students are exposed to challenging, student centered, inquiry based educational experiences. Through a collaborative partnership with parents, community members, students, and industry/business leaders, pathways that worked for our community were developed. Students are exposed to pathways their freshman year, then personalize their pathway succession based on goals and readiness. In depth pathway exploration is continual through "Stem Talks", "Paws in Learning", Job Shadowing, and Internships. This session will focus on the development of the Early College High School model and specific strategies to cultivate meaningful pathways in your school. Presented by Kathy McKinniss, Beth Nicole, and Allison Koch, Marysville City Schools.
3. Work-Based Learning Toolkit ..... Room 404A
Join this interactive session on utilizing the new Ohio Work-Based Learning Toolkit. Together, we will navigate the path of beginning business partnerships with your school to implement meaningful Work-Based Learning. These tools and resources have been created to provide families, school districts, and businesses ways to engage students in career preparation through job experience. We will conclude our session by exploring best practices of current work-based learning programs. Presented by Cassandra Palsgrove.

4. **Senior Only Credential Program**..... Room 404B  
 Last year the Ohio Department of Education introduced a new program designed to increase the number of high school seniors graduating with an in-demand industry credential – the Senior Only Credential Program. This is the first year of operation and the program has seen some early success. This session will focus on how one career-technical planning district implemented the program and take you through the process of designing and implementing the program within your district. Presented by Jamie Nash, Pickaway Ross CTC.
5. **Creating Necessary Intellectual Capital** ..... Ballroom  
 Ohio is an under-producer of intellectual capital and it is impacting the state's economic vitality. Without aggressive strategies in place for growing more workforce talent the state will be unable to compete in a globalized economy. This session will focus on some of the specific interventions that communities need to have in place if they are going to grow the intellectual assets necessary for workforce competitiveness. Presented by Dr. Tom Lasley, Learn to Earn.

11:00 a.m. Breakout Session II

1. **Marion City Schools** ..... Room 409
2. **Marysville City Schools** ..... Room 407
3. **Work-Based Learning Toolkit** ..... Room 404A
4. **Senior Only Credential Program**..... Room 404B
5. **Perry Local School District** ..... Ballroom  
 This session will focus on how Perry Schools is personalizing the educational journey of their students by utilizing career pathways, creating digital portfolios, and incorporating authentic learning in the process. School leaders will show how they plan to incorporate life competencies (21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills) and how the need exists for the life competencies to identified, defined and embedded throughout the curriculum. School leaders will also share the development of a digital badging/credentialing system that creates a platform for students to monitor their life competency strengths and areas of improvement. Presented by Amy Harker, Perry Local School District.

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Breakout Session III

1. **Shelby County Workforce Partnership** ..... Room 409  
**Growing Your Own**  
 With the aging workforce and so many degree holders in financial debt, a group of local businessmen decided to tackle the problem of career advising with a partnership with the local schools. The Shelby County Workforce Partnership was created out of a need to find the next generation workforce. Learn how this group of businessmen collaborated with local educators to create new curriculum, classrooms, and opportunities for students to have a better understanding of local career options. The Workforce Partnership has created multiple classrooms across the county, as well as a mobile classroom that travels from district to district

educating students on the possibilities related to career opportunities straight out of high school, with a two-year or four year degree, apprenticeship programs, and focused training programs. The Workforce Partnership is collaborating with local school districts to Grow Their Own Workforce! Presented by Heather O'Donnell, Shelby County Workforce Partnership.

2. **Lakota High School** ..... Room 407  
**Developing Business Partnerships for Student Internships**

Over the past four years, the Lakota Local Schools has developed new career pathways as well as partnered with businesses to implement its high school internship program at both high schools. This session will present an overview of the career pathways and the Lakota Internship Program, along with a brief video highlighting students, teachers, and business partners. Student internship programs are in the areas of biomedical and healthcare, engineering and design, business (operations, finance, sales), clinical therapy (OT, PT, Speech), and local government. More than 220 students have completed an internship over four years. Attendees will receive a “how to” guide on creating partnerships for student internships. Presented by Dr. Lon Stettler, Executive Director, Program Development and Strategic Partnerships and Suzanna Davis, Principal, Lakota East High School.

3. **Work-Based Learning Toolkit** ..... Room 404A

4. **Senior Only Credential Program**..... Room 404B

5. **Central Ohio College and Career Readiness Initiative**..... Ballroom

If you have heard the saying it’s hard to change a school’s culture, think about what happens if you try to replicate that change to an entire region! The work of i3 – College and Career Readiness- is building on the Central Ohio Compact’s regional strategy for college completion and career success. In this presentation, participants will learn about middle school through work pathways developed by Columbus State Community College in partnership with seven school districts in Central Ohio. This session will focus on the specific strategies and interventions needed to aid students in accessing college course work and matriculating to degree completion or credential attainment. At the center of the discussion is the importance of removing barriers so all students have access and can complete a postsecondary credential, working towards the overall Compact goal of 60 percent by 2025. Presented by Steve Dackin, Columbus State Community College.

2:15 p.m. Closing Session ..... Ballroom