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OhioMeansJobs Summit and Medina Counties launches new website

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—On Monday, September 20, OhioMeansJobs (OMJ) Summit and Medina Counties launched a new, revitalized website, <u>https://www.summitmedinaomj.org/</u>, to better serve the needs of local businesses and job seekers. OMJ is a local, all-in-one workforce resource center and provides a full range of free services to employers and those looking for employment. In addition to OMJ Summit and Medina Counties, a new site for the Workforce Development Board and Council of Governments launched on Monday.

"Aside from receiving a much needed facelift, our new sites are cleaner, more organized, and more wholly interactive for the user," said Christine Marshall, Executive Director, Summit & Medina Workforce Area Council of Government. "These new sites will better serve the many job seekers looking to secure a good paying job or earn a credential, and help better connect employers with prospective candidates."

The OMJ Summit and Medina sites both host a new "Virtual Assistant" feature for job seekers. A user can check off circumstances that apply to them with the Virtual Assistant and be redirected to next steps and services offered that specifically benefit them. Additional information available to job seekers includes orientation and registration, workshops (both in-person and virtual), education and training opportunities, and information for specific populations like individuals with disabilities and veterans.

"Summit County job seekers and employers will benefit greatly from this new website. OMJ Summit is already a one-stop location for those looking for a job or a credential, and the features available on this website will make it even easier to connect them with businesses needing to fill open jobs," said Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro.

The sites also contain information available for employers, including OJT, other incentive programs and business services they can take advantage of, like recruiting and virtual job fairs. They also have sections dedicated to Youth and Young Adults, with information on the CCMEP BOSS program and GED or HSE programs, well as links to OhioMeansJobs.com tools for navigating a career pathway.

"Medina County is committed to fill the many open positions that resulted from the pandemic across our County," said Medina County Commissioner Colleen Swedyk. "Having access to an intuitive website which supports the services our local OhioMeansJobs center staff provides such as access to workshop and job fair information for job seekers and an ability to post positions and request recruitment services for employers, will increase the opportunity of matching candidates to their right job."

The Boards (Workforce Development Board and Council of Governments) site, located at <u>https://www.summitmedinaomj.org/entry/Board-Home.html</u> hosts agendas and minutes, resolutions, rosters, and all information regarding procurements for WIOA services. Local policy is also now located on the Boards site.

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