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Hub Happenings

Celebrating the National Apprenticeship Act

Step into a legacy of excellence and opportunity as we commemorate the 86th anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act! Registered Apprenticeship programs (RAPs) have a profound impact on individual careers and the broader workforce landscape. Join us in celebrating this milestone that has paved the way for skills development, innovation, and success. [Read more here!](#)



As we reflect on the rich history and look forward to the limitless potential ahead, let's champion the spirit of learning, growth, and collaboration that defines the heart of registered apprenticeships.

What's New at the Hub

New Partners



Bowling Green Metalforming (BGM), a Magna International company located in Bowling Green, KY, primarily focuses on producing stamped metal components and assemblies for the automotive industry, like body paneling and structural parts to other automotive components that require precise metal forming processes. The Hub is happy to support BGM's RAP to advance their capabilities and the automotive

manufacturing industry as a whole.

Mubea

Mubea is an international, family-owned producer of lightweight products, specializing in developing solutions in automotive manufacturing. It is a top automotive supplier for chassis, car body, and powertrain technologies. With their commitment to hiring and training workers early in their careers, the Hub makes a perfect partner in supporting their electrical, maintenance technician and machinist RAPs.



Ironworkers Local 44 JATC, based in Cincinnati, OH, is comprised of professionals who are committed to using their training and skills to produce the highest quality work. With the Hub's support, Local 44 will be able to take their work a step further and develop Cincinnati's workforce and future ironworkers.



Coconino Community College, based in Flagstaff, AZ, offers a variety of academic and vocational programs, including associate degrees, certificates, and transfer programs. CCC offers programs designed to prepare students for careers in prominent Flagstaff industries. The Hub will support CCC in expanding its programming by incorporating RAPs in its offerings.



Jordan Peer Recovery has partnered with the Hub to expand its Peer Recovery Professional Core Curriculum and Certification Training. Led by Dr. Masica Jordan, the expanded course offering will aid individuals by providing them with the skills to mentor and support anyone entering or sustaining long-term recovery from addiction to alcohol or other drugs.

Welcome to the Hub!

Partner News

BALLUFF

Congratulations to Hub sponsor Balluff for getting its "Training and Development Specialist" RAP approved in Kentucky!

Balluff joins more than 350 Kentucky RAP sponsors. Its future RAs will join a network of over 4,000 apprentices participating in similar programs.

Where We've Been

Georgia Piedmont Technical College's



Supply Chain Apprenticeship Accelerator

When: August 17, 2023

Where: Clarkston, GA

Hub Technical Assistance Lead Janet Bray, Subject Matter Expert (SME) Wanda Monthey, Project Manager James Price, and SME Melissa Zervos co-hosted the August Supply Chain Apprenticeship Accelerator with GPTC at the DeKalb Conference Center. The Hub team discussed the value of RAPs and intermediary supports available to RAPs.

They also shared best practices and explained the RAP registration process. The accelerator was attended by government representatives, employers, community organizations, educational institutions, and workforce development stakeholders.

39th Annual Kentucky SHRM Conference

When: Lexington, KY

Where: August 29-31, 2023

Dina Igoe, the Hub's Business Development and Marketing Specialist, and Michelle DeJohn, Deputy Commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Workforce Development, co-hosted a well-attended breakout session called "Moving Your Business Forward Through Registered Apprenticeships."



The discussion centered around the many benefits of RAPs to employers, educators, and career seekers and included panelists from three of the Hub's RAP sponsors: **IEC of the Bluegrass**, **Carmeuse**, and **Davis H. Elliot Company, Inc.**

Upcoming Events

Where We'll Be



National HBCU Week Conference

When: September 24-28, 2023

Where: Arlington, VA

Dina Igoe, the Hub's Business Development and Marketing Specialist, will attend the

nation's premier convening of college and university executive leadership, faculty, students, and supporters. This year's theme is "Raising the Bar: Forging Excellence through Innovation & Leadership," and the conference will connect federal and private resources to the HBCU community. Dina will represent the Hub as a national resource for expanding HBCU offerings to include RAPs or support existing ones.



**STATE APPRENTICESHIP
LEADERSHIP MEETING**
WASHINGTON, DC • SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2023

State Apprenticeship Leadership Meeting

When: September 27-28, 2023

Where: Washington, D.C.

Hub Project Manager James Price will attend the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Office of Apprenticeship's meeting to represent the Hub at a national leadership conference to discuss and shape the future of the U.S. apprenticeship system.



Diversity | Equity | Inclusion | Accessibility

Reimagining Demographic Data Collection: Driving Diversity & Improving the Bottom Line

When: October 2023

Where: Virtual (Zoom)

The Hub's Subject Matter Experts, Cori Di Biase and Dr. Kim Harris will host a two-part Hub webinar addressing the fundamentals of gathering demographic data and using that data to strategically enhance your new customer outreach and engagement for various backgrounds. Part one will focus on what it takes to gather good data. The second session will explore incorporating that data into your program or agency's strategic planning and outreach.



Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio Apprenticeship Event

When: October 2023

Where: Cincinnati, Ohio

James Price, Project Manager, and Cathy Metcalf, Senior Advisor will join the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio in hosting an event to assist in upskilling Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities and provide information on how the Hub can assist in the diversification of the talent pipeline through Apprenticeships.

Industry, Community, and Apprenticeship Highlights



Celebrating Workforce Development Month

Workforce Development Month was created in 2005 by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) to raise awareness about the importance of our industry to a growing national economy.

Originally celebrated in May, NAWDP moved the designation to September in 2012. The U.S. Senate passed a resolution naming September 2023 Workforce Development Month. Read the full resolution [here](#).

The Hub is excited to spend September advocating for RAPs as a powerful tool for supply chain stability and advancement, factoring into economic growth for individuals, families, and the U.S.

Hub Benefits & Resources

The Hub helps [employers](#), [education institutions](#), [workforce development boards](#), [career seekers](#), and [military service members](#) — all at no cost:

- ▶ Offer [incentive funding](#) and technical assistance to RAP sponsors and employers
- ▶ Provide support for national and state registration of RAPs
- ▶ Conduct education and outreach to key stakeholders about benefits of RAPs in supply chain automation
- ▶ Connect interested employers with education and training providers, and workforce organizations
- ▶ Support education institutions offering applied learning aligned to in-demand careers and pathways to a college degree and/or certification
- ▶ Assist in outreach and marketing efforts to promote RAPs with a focus on equity and diversity
- ▶ Identify state and federal funding opportunities

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