

Programs that help adults in the Columbus area find employment

If you have questions, please contact the program directly.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

To apply for unemployment compensation call: **1-877-644-6562** or go to www.unemployment.ohio.gov. Call center hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Have the following documentation and information available: social security number; driver's license or state I.D.; and name, address and telephone numbers of all employers you have worked for within the last 18 months. If you are not a U.S. citizen or national, you will need your alien registration number and expiration date.

LOOKING FOR A JOB

OhioMeansJobs Columbus-Franklin County

Description: Workforce development and training center (one-stop) that offers free employment services for self-directed job searches. Free training and education based on eligibility determination/verification. Services are open to diverse populations, working and unemployed. Services include walk-in access to a career resource room, job fairs and job postings for those who are registered, paid apprenticeship programs, and high school equivalency (GED) study materials. Eligibility for training funds, career counseling and supportive services requires an appointment. Job search information is also available on their website.

Location: 1111 E. Broad St., Columbus
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Phone: (614) 559-5052
Website: www.omjfc.org

Columbus Urban League - Career Connection Services

Description: Career counseling and job placement assistance for adults 18 years or older with a focus on those returning to the community post-incarceration; obtaining a CDL license, skilled construction and trade training programs for returning citizens, basic computer literacy and advanced Microsoft Office Suite training offered through our OSU Extension Learning Center, My Brother's Closet to prepare program members for interviews with professional attire, and summer youth employment programming targeting high school aged youth.

Location: 788 Mt. Vernon Ave., Columbus
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., call for information
Services by appointment only.
Phone: (614) 257-6300
Website: www.cul.org

Columbus Metropolitan Library – Life Skills

Description: Get job help at all Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) Branches. CML has FREE job help at all 21 branches with trained staff to help you create or improve resumes & cover letters, find a job, complete applications, prepare for interviews & technology training. Visit columbuslibrary.org for more information.

Location: At all 23 CML locations
Hours: Vary based on location, by appointment.
Phone: (614) 470-4328 / (614) 645-2275
Website: www.columbuslibrary.org

Alvis House Community Reentry Center

Description: A bus-line accessible center, located in Columbus, provides workforce development services, care coordination, case management, skills training, GED classes, and other services. The Reentry Center assist individuals with past justice involvement with obtaining employment with no fee for the services. Limited care coordination services also available. Contact us at workforcedevelopment@alvis180.org.

Location: 1991 Bryden Rd., Columbus

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Please come with current picture ID (or Offender Release Card) and Social Security Card. Felony offense must be verified for program.

Phone: 614-252-0660

Website: www.alvis180.org

Columbus Works, Inc.

Description: Columbus Works serves both Job seekers & Employers Partners. The Columbus Works approach includes a unique holistic approach to removing barriers to successful and sustained employment. Columbus Works offers participants job readiness training and a complete support system. This includes Employment Coach, Life Coach, Financial literacy, Chaplain Services, Legal Assistance, interview clothing and transportation. Also offers partnerships with area employers for preferred hiring.

Location: At various member sites

Hours: Vary by location.

Phone: (614) 585-8346

Website: <http://www.columbusworks.org/>

Southeast Vocational Services

Description: is a program of Southeast Healthcare. It provides multiple options to those wishing to explore their employment goals. Southeast views employment as a vital piece of the overall recovery process, and we work with our participants to prepare and help them meet their employment needs. assist people with mental, emotional, and other challenges to regain a productive life through for job readiness, job search assistance, job coaching & career development, benefits counseling, evidence-based employment services, computer lab and classes.

Location: 3770 N. High St., Columbus

Hours: Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Phone: (614) 294-7117

Website: <https://southeasthc.org/services/vocational-services/>

Dress for Success Columbus

Description: Dress for Success Columbus empowers women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. All programs, including Interview and Employment Suiting, Career Center, and Professional Women's Group Employment Retention are free of charge for every woman we assist. Any woman is eligible for service. **A referral from a partner agency is required.** Call if you need the name of a partner agency for referral.

Location: 1204 N. High St., Columbus

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Phone: (614-928-9226), (614-291-5420)

Website: www.dfscmh.org

Creating Central Ohio Futures

Description: **Creating Central Ohio Futures** is a workforce development non-profit that puts people on a clear pathway to the Middle Class through our various programs. From warehouse work to desk work to the building trades, we have a career path for everyone. Through our top-notch soft skills and workforce readiness training, we prepare participants to be the best employees they can possibly be.

Location: 555 E. Rich Street

Hours: Call for hours.

Phone: 380-220-1012

Website: www.ccohf.org

Godman Guild—Economic Empowerment

Description: Godman Guild Association is a leader in supporting individuals to achieve their fullest potential and to realize their goals. The Guild's workplace training and education services, offered in partnership with the

Ohio Department of Education ASPIRE, provide opportunities to onramp into careers by bridging you with industry employers. The Customer Service training designed to help prepare participants for entry-level sales and service associate positions The Godman Guild also provides free GED and ESOL classes to help community members reach their education goals.

Location: Godman Guild Association
303 E. 6th Ave., Columbus

Hours: Call for dates and hours.

Phone: (614) 294-5476

Website: www.godmanguild.org

New Directions Career Center — E3

Description: E³ (Educate, Empower, Elevate) is designed for women who are ready to increase their financial independence by furthering their education or professional training. E³ is a supportive and kind learning community, a cohort of diverse women ready to thrive in their personal and professional goals. You MUST complete the admission application and enrollment process to participate in the 10-week preparation program.

Location: New Directions Career Center, 2760 Airport Drive Suite 125 (B)

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Phone: (614) 849-0028

Website: www.newdirectionscc.org/programs-services/e-3

Goodwill Columbus

Description: Goodwill Columbus provides job skills, training & employment opportunities to individuals with diverse backgrounds. From 1-on-1 coaching to career certifications to digital literacy, our free job training programs are open to all. These services are offered to the public at no-cost at various Goodwill Columbus job training centers and are focused on preparing individuals for in-demand jobs in the information technology, healthcare, hospitality, and logistics industries. Goodwill also offers Creative Employment Solutions (CES), which bridges the gap between day programs and workforce development, providing specialized job services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Location: 671 South High Street, Suite 800

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Phone: 614-294-5181

Website: www.goodwillcolumbus.org/job-training/jobseekers

IMPACT Community Action- Empowerment Services

Description: IMPACT has a variety of workforce development courses and programs through their Job Training & Certification including Build Up Construction Trades, Empowered Program, Re-Entry Work Readiness Program & Momentum, a three-week workforce development & training program.

Location: 711 Southwood Ave., Columbus

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. **All employment services by appointment only.**

Phone: (614) 252-2799

Website: www.impactca.org

Jewish Family Services

Description: Jewish Family Services helps people find good jobs and companies find the right talent; supports older adults and caregivers in navigating the challenges of aging; provides critical services for refugees entering the U.S.; connects people to community resources; empowers family self-sufficiency through financial counseling; and engages volunteers in giving back. We welcome individuals of all faiths, races, ages, economic circumstances, sexual orientations and gender identities.

Location: 1070 College Ave., Columbus

Hours: Call for an appointment.

Phone: (614) 237-9675

Website: www.jfscolumbus.org

National Center for Urban Solutions

Description: NCUS is a diversified social enterprise with an interdisciplinary approach to solving the needs of urban and underrepresented communities in workforce, health, and education. NCUS provides core and intensive workforce development services to individuals in need of skill development or a skill upgrade in order to reach socioeconomic self-sufficiency. They provide certified job training, workplace readiness and career coaching that prepares individuals to secure and retain employment with a focus on lifelong personal and professional development. Training includes case management, mock interviews, financial literacy, computer literacy, partnerships with employers, and post-employment support. Must meet eligibility requirements.

Location: 899 E. Broad St. Columbus

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call for an appointment. Walk-ins also welcome.

Phone: (614) 857-1811, 614.545.9890

Website: www.ncusolutions.com, www.NCUSTEC.ORG

Columbus Literacy Council

Description: The CLC provides a variety of employment services including GED and ESOL courses, career coaching, internships, targeted job search support, technology & financial literacy, courses in entrepreneurship and etiquette. Trained staff offer these services depending on interest and funding throughout the year. To request more information and sign up for programming, complete the interest form on their website or give them a call at the number listed below.

Location: Multiple sites throughout central Ohio

Hours: Vary based on location.

Phone: 614-224-0501 / 614-282-7661

Website: <https://www.clcworks.org/explore-with-us>

Lower Lights Ministries

Description: Lower Lights Adult Mentoring empowers adults to address barriers and achieve personal goals. The highly relational program connects individuals to practical services within a supportive environment.

Location: Multiple sites throughout central Ohio. This program includes employment assistance (job search support, resume assistance, interview skills), financial literacy training, educational support.

Hours: Vary based on location.

Phone: (614) 228-3855

Website: <https://www.lowerlights.org/lower-lights-adult-mentoring>

PROGRAMS FOR OLDER WORKERS

AARP Foundation SCSEP

Description: A Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) offering a work training program to low-income, unemployed jobseekers who are 55 and older. AARP Foundation SCSEP matches eligible older jobseekers with local nonprofits and public agencies in paid training assignments.

Locations: 1393 E. Broad St., Suite 105, Columbus

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Phones: (614) 258-7295

Website: www.aarpworksearch.org/pages/default.aspx

VANTAGE Workforce Training Solutions

Description: VANTAGE Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) has connected older adults to employment by offering job training and placement to low-income adults age 55 and older. You can visit their website to apply or call the numbers listed below.

Location: 4300 E. Broad St. Suite A, Whitehall

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Phone: (614) 586-1975 or 866-487-1687 (toll free)

Website: <https://vantageaging.org/programs-and-services/workforce-solutions/>

PROGRAMS FOR IMMIGRANTS/REFUGEES

Community Refugee and Immigration Services

Description: CRIS offers a wide array of programs and services that aim to facilitate sustained self-sufficiency and successful integration for those we serve, including but not limited to English classes, employment training and placement, health and wellness groups, youth mentorship, family support, advocacy for victims of crime, and legal services. Each of our programs and services has unique eligibility requirements, outlined in their program descriptions. Services are free and offered for refugees, asylees and immigrants who are work-authorized in the United States.

Location: 4645 Executive Drive

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Preferable to call first to determine which services are appropriate and what documents to bring to the appointment.)

Phone: (614) 235-5747

Website: www.crisohio.org

Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services

Description: ETSS staff members speak over 50 languages to provide individuals and families with the services they need. We are engaging individuals and families from over 50 countries and cultures in programs ranging from after school and summer academic, cultural and socially competent programs to ESOL, job preparedness and placement, family and community navigator for health and mental wellness.

Location: 4300 E. Broad St Suite D, Columbus, Ohio 43213

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Phone: (614) 252-5362

Website: <https://ethiotss.org/adult-services>

Riverview International Center

Description: At the Riverview International Center, it is our desire to assist with the basic needs of New Americans in the Riverview Drive neighborhood. The services include community care, English classes, employment services, computer literacy, citizenship assistance, homework & reading help, legal clinic, community events & summer programming.

Location: Mailing address: 1520 Old Henderson Rd. Suite 100D, Columbus, OH 43220

Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. –8 p.m. Thurs. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Phone: (614) 427-3368

Website: <https://www.riverviewinternationalcenter.org/home>

PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS

Ohio Department of Job & Family Services

Description: **Intensive Career Services:** ODJFS in partnership with OhioMeansJobs provides veterans with career guidance, resume assistance and job coaching on overcoming employment obstacles. All services are free of charge. They provide an updated listing of veteran preferred employers, job postings and support in how to market military experience for the civilian workforce.

Location: 1111 E. Broad Street, Columbus

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Phone: (614) 559-5052

Website: www.jfs.ohio.gov/veterans/

Volunteers of America – Homeless Veterans Retention Program (HVRP)

Description: Our veterans programs provide vital support services throughout our communities to help individuals and families get back on their feet. Our programs offer a hand-up to help veterans address challenges with unemployment, substance use disorder, and homelessness so they can rebuild their lives and thrive.

Location: 1776 E. Broad St., Columbus

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Phone: (614) 253-6100
Website: <https://www.voahin.org/services/veterans/>

Veterans Administration – General Resources

Description: The Veterans Administration offers many programs and services that may help—including free health care and, in some cases, free limited dental care. The VA also help you connect with resources in your community, like homeless shelters or faith-based organizations. Explore support-and-services program tracks for Veterans and service members with service-connected disabilities, apply for vocational rehab benefits. Our tracks can help you learn new skills, find a new job, start a new business, get educational counseling, or return to your former job. The Personalized Career Planning and Guidance (PCPG) program offers free educational and career counseling, resume support, and help finding a training program or job. Register to do business with VA and get support for your Veteran-owned small business.

Location: 30 Spruce Street Columbus
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Phone: (614) 257-5200
Website: <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/>

ON-LINE JOB SEARCH

Dispatch.com/jobs

Description: This is on the *Columbus Dispatch* website. It offers job searches by location and job title, resume postings, job ads from the *Sunday Dispatch*, advice on finding employment and other features.
Website: www.dispatch.com/jobs

Ohiomeansjobs.com

Description: This website combines electronic job opportunities from all the major commercial job boards, national and Ohio Fortune 100 companies and State of Ohio jobs.
Website: www.ohiomeansjobs.com/omj

USAJobs.com

Description: This is a United States Office of Personnel Management website. USAJOBS is the federal government's official one-stop source for federal jobs and employment information.
Website: www.usajobs.gov/

State of Ohio Jobs

Description: State of Ohio's career opportunity page. Job seekers are encouraged to check weekly or more often as position openings are very time-sensitive.
Website: www.careers.ohio.gov

City of Columbus Jobs

Description: City of Columbus Civil Service Commission's employment center. Job seekers are encouraged to check weekly or more often as position openings are very time-sensitive.
Website: www.governmentjobs.com/careers/columbusoh

Franklin County Jobs

Description: Franklin County employment opportunities by agency.
Website: www.franklincountyohio.gov/information/employment

Indeed.com

Description: Search jobs based on key words and location.

Website: www.indeed.com

Honest Jobs

Description: Job database of employers willing to hire those with criminal backgrounds. Search jobs based on key words and location.

Website: <https://www.honestjobs.co/>