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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION [HigherEd.Ohio.gov/Aspire]

Provide leadership, technical assistance and oversight to local Aspire programs that supports their integration into Ohio's public colleges and universities, in order to better serve all students, including those transitioning to postsecondary education.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK [www.OhioAspire.org]

The mission of the Ohio Aspire Professional Development Network (PDN) is:

To assist local Aspire programs in developing the skills and knowledge of staff in order to increase the successful transition of students to postsecondary education/training and employment.

The Ohio Aspire professional development (PD) performance objectives include:

- Facilitating a culture of sustained learning
- Providing evidence-based, high-quality, effective professional development
- Responding to emerging state Aspire professional development priorities

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- Design and Development of Statewide Professional Development Services
- Facilitation, Consulting, and PD Delivery
- Central Library
- www.OhioAspire.org Content and Learning Management System
- College and Career Readiness Standards
- Research and Evaluation
- Special Projects



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Ashland	Mansfield City Schools
Ashtabula	Ashtabula County Technical Center
Athens	Athens County JFS Ohio University
Auglaize	Apollo Career Center
Belmont	Jefferson County ESC
Brown	Southern State Community College
Butler	Butler ESC
Carrol	Jefferson County ESC
Champaign	Clark State College Upper Valley Career Center
Clark	Clark State College Springfield City School District
Clermont	Great Oaks Career Center Southern State Community College
Clinton	Southern State Community College
Columbiana	Jefferson County ESC Mahoning County Career Technical Center
Coshocton	Career & Technology Education Centers
Crawford	Mansfield City Schools
Cuyahoga	Cuyahoga Community College Cuyahoga County Public Library Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Association Polaris Career Center Seeds of Literacy

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Darke	Upper Valley Career Center
Defiance	Four County Career Center
Delaware	Delaware Area Career Center
Erie	Penta Career Center Sandusky City Schools
Fairfield	Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technology Schools Ohio University
Fayette	Southern State Community College
Franklin	Academy for Urban Scholars Columbus City Schools Columbus State Community College CLC Delaware Area Career Center Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technology Schools Educational Solutions Co Godman Guild
Fulton	Four County Career Center
Gallia	Gallia-Jackson-Vinton
Geauga	Auburn JVSD
Greene	Clark State College Miami Valley Career Technology Center
Guernsey	Mid-East Career and Technology Center
Hamilton	Cincinnati City Schools Great Oaks Career Campuses University of Cincinnati
Hancock	Owens Community College Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers
Hardin	Lima City Schools

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Henry	Four County Career Center
Highland	Southern State Community College
Hocking	Ohio University
Holmes	Buckeye Career Center Wayne County JVSD
Jackson	Pike County Career Technology Center
Knox	Knox County Technical Center
Lake	Auburn JVSD Cuyahoga Community College
Lawrence	Lawrence County JVS (Collins Career Technical Center
Licking	C-TEC
Logan	Clark State College
Lorain	Lorain County Community College
Lucas	Owens Community College Penta Career Center
Madison	Delaware Area Career Center
Mahoning	Jefferson County ESC Mahoning County Career Technical Center
Marion	Marion Technical College
Medina	Polaris Career Center Project: LEARN of Medina County
Meigs	Gallia-Jackson-Vinton JVSD
Mercer	Apollo Career Center
Miami	Miami Valley Career Technical Center
Monroe	Mid-East Career and Technology Centers

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Muskingum	Mid-East Career and Technology Centers
Noble	Mid-East Career and Technology Centers
Ottawa	Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers
Paulding	Apollo
Perry	Mid-East Career and Technology Centers
Pickaway	Pickaway-Ross JVSD
Pike	Pike County Career Technology Centers
Portage	Maplewood Career Center
Preble	Miami Valley Career Technology Center
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Richland	Mansfield City School
Ross	Pickaway-Ross JVSD
Sandusky	Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Center
Scioto	South Central Ohio ESC
Seneca	Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Center
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Summit	Project Learn of Summit County
Trumbull	Trumbull Career & Technical Center
Tuscarawas	Buckeye Career Center

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