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# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK [[www.OhioAspire.org](http://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](http://www.OhioAspire.org) Content and Learning Management System
- College and Career Readiness Standards
- Research and Evaluation
- Special Projects



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Ashtabula County Technical Center

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Carroll

Jefferson County ESC

Champaign

Upper Valley Career Center

Clark

Clark State Community College

Springfield City School District

Clermont

Southern State Community College

Clinton

Southern State Community College

Columbiana

Jefferson County ESC

Mahoning County Career Technical Center

Coshocton

Career & Technology Education Centers (C-TEC)

Crawford

Mansfield City Schools

Cuyahoga

Cuyahoga Community College  
Cuyahoga County Public Library  
Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Association  
Polaris Career Center  
Seeds of Literacy

Darke

Upper Valley Career Center

Defiance

Four County Career Center

Delaware

Delaware Area Career Center (DACC)

Erie

Sandusky City Schools

Fairfield

Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technology Schools  
Ohio University

Fayette

Southern State Community College

Franklin

Academy for Urban Scholars  
Columbus City School  
Columbus Literacy Council (CLC Works)  
Columbus State Community College  
Delaware Area Career Center (DACC)  
Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technology Schools  
Educational Solutions Co.  
Godman Guild

Fulton

Four County Career Center

Gallia

Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District

Geauga

Auburn Joint Vocational School District

Greene

Clark State Community College  
Miami Valley Career Technology Center

Guernsey

Mid-East Career and Technology Centers



Hamilton	Cincinnati City Schools Great Oaks Career Campuses University of Cincinnati
Hancock	Owens Community College Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers
Hardin	Lima City Schools
Harrison	Jefferson County ESC
Henry	Four County Career Center
Highland	Southern State Community College
Hocking	Ohio University
Holmes	Buckeye Career Center Wayne County Joint Vocational School District
Huron	Sandusky City Schools
Jackson	Pike County Career Technology Center
Jefferson	Jefferson County ESC
Knox	Knox County Technical Center
Lake	Auburn Joint Vocational School District Cuyahoga Community College
Lawrence	Lawrence County Joint Vocational School
Licking	Career & Technology Education Centers (C-TEC) Columbus Literacy Council (CLC Works)
Logan	Clark State Community College
Lorain	Lorain County Community College
Lucas	Owens Community College Penta Career Center
Madison	Delaware Area Career Center (DACC)

Mahoning	Jefferson County ESC Mahoning County Career Technical Center
Marion	Marion Technical College
Medina	Project: LEARN of Medina County
Meigs	Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District
Mercer	Apollo Career Center
Miami	Upper Valley Career Center
Monroe	Mid-East Career and Technology Centers
Montgomery	Miami Valley Career Technology Center
Morgan	Mid-East Career and Technology Centers
Morrow	Marion Technical College
Muskingum	Mid-East Career and Technology Centers Ohio University
Noble	Mid-East Career and Technology Centers
Ottawa	Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers
Paulding	Apollo Career Center
Perry	Mid-East Career and Technology Centers
Pickaway	Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School District
Pike	Pike County Career Technology Center
Portage	Maplewood Career Center
Preble	Miami Valley Career Technology Center
Putnam	Apollo Career Center
Richland	Mansfield City Schools
Ross	Ohio University Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School District
Sandusky	Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers

Scioto	Pike County Career Technology Center South Central Ohio ESC
Seneca	Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers
Shelby	Upper Valley Career Center
Stark	Aspire of Stark County
Summit	Project Learn of Summit County
Trumbull	Trumbull Career & Technical Center
Tuscarawas	Buckeye Career Center
Union	Delaware Area Career Center (DACC)
Van Wert	Apollo Career Center
Vinton	Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District
Warren	Warren County Career Center
Washington	Washington County Joint Vocational School
Wayne	Wayne County Joint Vocational School District
Williams	Four County Career Center Penta Career Center
Wood	Owens Community College Penta Career Center
Wyandot	Marion Technical College



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