

APPRENTICESHIP NEWS



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Around ODJFS



The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is the State Apprenticeship Agency for Ohio, as recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor. That means we oversee ApprenticeOhio, the brand for Ohio's apprenticeship programs and activities.

ODJFS also supervises a lot of other great programs and services. These include unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, adult protective services, and child support services.

Here's a quick roundup of some of the work happening at our agency over the last few months:

- I continued visiting community action agencies (CAAs) throughout Ohio. Starting next July, ODJFS will begin overseeing Ohio's Community Services Block Grant. This grant provides funding for local CAAs, which – like our existing local agencies – offer resources and services to help low-income families achieve self-sufficiency.
- During the federal government shutdown, we distributed [partial](#) and then [complete](#) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to eligible Ohioans.
- We [provided](#) \$7 million to various Ohio food banks during the shutdown. We also provided nearly \$4 million in emergency relief benefits to more than 63,000 Ohioans who were at or below 50% of the federal poverty level.
- We posted reminders on our social media accounts for individuals to take special care with unexpected email and text messages alleging to be from trusted organizations.

These are just a few examples. For more information, check out our website, jfs.ohio.gov, or follow us on social media.

Matt Damschroder, Director



Thoughts from the ApprenticeOhio Program Administrator

As we step into a new year full of opportunity, I'm inspired to carry forward the energy and ideas sparked at the 2025 North America States and Territory Apprenticeship Director (NASTAD) Conference, which I attended in October. It was relevant, timely, and refreshing to connect with others who share similar responsibilities and a passion for improving Registered Apprenticeship. We spoke the same language, tackled familiar challenges, and brainstormed practical solutions together.

The conference was packed with discussions on how states can strengthen and align apprenticeship systems nationwide. Sessions highlighted the importance of clear definitions, collaboration, and communication—three simple but powerful goals to guide us into the new year. There was also strong momentum toward creating national qualification frameworks and education crosswalks that recognize the rigor of apprenticeship training.

States shared innovative ideas we can all learn from. They showcased pre-apprenticeship models that clearly connect students to full apprenticeships while establishing innovative resources to help sponsors get started and stay engaged. The underlying message throughout the week was clear: Apprenticeship thrives when we all work together—employers, educators, and state partners alike.

As we look ahead, let's make a collective resolution to continue building bridges, clarifying our "why," and championing apprenticeship opportunities that open doors for Ohioans across every industry.

Sincerely,

Holly Endicott
ApprenticeOhio Program Administrator

ApprenticeOhio on the Road!



ApprenticeOhio Employment Support Administrator Latoya Sneed and Program Administrator Holly Endicott attending the NASTAD conference in October



(Left to right) ApprenticeOhio Program Administrator Holly Endicott shared ideas for making apprenticeships better with her counterparts from Kentucky (LeeSa Page) and Virginia (Angela Kelly-Wiecek).

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Licking County Electrical Program Expands into Former Sears Building

The Newark Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) is expanding into the former Sears building at Indian Mound Mall in Heath to accommodate a dramatic increase in enrollment. The new facility will allow the program to train up to 2,000 electricians annually, with expanded lab space and updated equipment tailored to the needs of large-scale tech infrastructure projects.

This move comes in response to an unprecedented demand for skilled electricians, fueled by a surge in data center construction and Intel's Ohio One Chip project.

Enrollment in the JATC's four-year program has grown rapidly, from just 35 apprentices in 2017 to 800 in late 2025. The current training center in Heath, originally designed for storage and welding, has exceeded its capacity.

The new space will support hands-on training in systems used by major tech companies, including Intel, Facebook, Google, Amazon, and Microsoft. Apprentices will work with real-world setups that mirror the complex electrical infrastructure found in data centers



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RAPIDS Resource Corner

If you need to reactivate an existing apprentice in RAPIDS, use the “re-instate” button. This will keep the original information and records intact. Be sure to add credit (if any) just like any other registration. The re-instatement date will become the new indenture date.

Do **not** use the “restore” button unless the Ohio State Apprenticeship Council office directs you to.

Please reach out to your Apprenticeship Service Provider if you need assistance

ApprenticeOhio... By the Numbers

July - September 2025

Sponsor information	
Active sponsors	491
New sponsors	11
New occupations	15
Apprentice information	
Total apprentices	26,901
Women	1,909
People of color	3,867
Veterans	1,335
New apprentices	3,652
Graduations	805

Over

1,300

Veteran apprentices enrolled

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Over

1,800

Female apprentices enrolled

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Ohio State Apprenticeship Council Meetings

January 8, 2026

March 5, 2026

May 7, 2026

July 2, 2026

September 3, 2026

November 5, 2026

All 2026 meetings will be held at 10 a.m. at OhioMeansJobs Columbus-Franklin County, 1111 E. Broad St., 2nd floor, Columbus, Ohio 43205.

Welcome, New Registered Apprenticeship Sponsors!

- Autokiniton
- Bane-Welker
- Buckeye Educational Systems
- Cooper Standard
- Ebony J Media
- Great Oaks CDC
- Lineman Academy LLC
- Matalco USA LLC
- Principle Business Enterprises, Inc.
- Reconstructing Life
- South Central Ohio Workforce

QR Corner

Use the QR codes below to quickly and easily find information about Ohio's unemployment system and the state's apprenticeship system.



Unemployment How-To-Videos

These videos were made to help make navigating Ohio's unemployment system a little easier. Topics include unemployment benefits basics, logging into your account, creating an OHID, viewing correspondence, responding to notices, and filing appeals.



LET'S RAP Ohio!

(Learn, Educate, Train, and Share Registered Apprenticeship Programs)

This interactive portal provides apprenticeship trainings and resources for local workforce areas and others. It is housed in Microsoft Teams and Stream. To access it, you need an OHID and the email address associated with your OHID account.