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Medina County Career Center Adult Education joins Ohio Technical Centers' "Fast Track" Campaign

Statewide effort aims to grow awareness of adult programs that close the gap between workplace demands and talent pool competencies.

(Medina, Ohio) Ohio's adult and continuing education programs, operating at 51 locations throughout the state, are now collectively known as the Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs). To build awareness of the new brand and, most importantly, the upskilling opportunities available to adults statewide, the Medina County Career Center Adult Education Department is joining the "Fast Track" Campaign effort. The Ohio Technical Centers, with the new slogan, "Your Fast Track to Success," are the state's educational providers offering adult learners the training and credentials for the most in-demand jobs and a direct path to employability.

"The Ohio Technical Centers and their programming are catalysts providing immediacy and impact for adults of all ages throughout the state. This is especially critical as Ohio's economy has more opportunities than ever for a skilled workforce to meet the growing demand all over Ohio," said Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor Randy Gardner.

"It seems like every day I value even more that our state's 51 Ohio Technical Centers serve as pathways for adults to quality employment. In addition, many programs are free or low-cost options equipping them with the skills they need to enter a career or to further their postsecondary education," Gardner said.

The "Fast Track" Campaign will raise awareness of the various programs available throughout the state, including at the Medina County Career Center. These include workforce training programs that award industry credentials, licenses, or certifications and provide a direct pathway to employment. Ohio Technical Centers also offer free services through Ohio's ASPIRE program, which focuses on individuals who need assistance acquiring the skills to succeed in postsecondary education, training and employment. In addition, Ohio's Adult Diploma Program, available through the Ohio Technical Centers, provides free job training for adults aged 20 and above to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and industry

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credentials. “The Medina County Career Center Adult Education Department is excited to join this campaign. We offer short-term classes for computer skills, welding, electrical as well as full-time programs to jumpstart your career in the medical, public safety, and industrial fields” says Janice Kollar, Director of Adult Education at the Career Center.

Ohio Technical Centers also partner with local employers to ensure they get what they need from their local workforce. Through strong partnerships with local business and industry, Ohio Technical Centers continue to meet the workforce demands of the moment by responding rapidly through customized training programs and other services.

All Ohio Technical Centers programs are approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education, national accrediting agencies, and specific third-party credentials. In 2021, the Ohio Department of Higher Education reported that 71% of those enrolled in a technical program received a credential, certificate, state license or passed a technical assessment upon completion, and 90% of those completing a technical program found employment.

ABOUT OHIO TECHNICAL CENTERS

Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs), a division of the Ohio Association of Career-Technical Superintendents, are an association of 51 independently operated career technical centers offering educational programs to adults specific to local needs, improving the job skills and professional competencies of Ohio’s workforce. To learn more about the Ohio Technical Centers and find a local OTC, visit ohiotechnicalcenters.com.