



# Update

A monthly communication for officials in Mahoning and Columbiana Counties

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## DOL Grants Enter Evaluation Phase

Area 17 has been participating in two Department of Labor Workforce Innovation Fund grants for three years and now those grants are entering their final year when evaluations are being done. New work continues on the grant projects during this period. The staff involved with the \$6 million grant to expand the Business Resource Network into 13 additional Ohio counties continues to conduct company interviews, present proposals and follow up with companies interviewed earlier. The \$6 million manufacturing career pathways grant's training sessions must begin by Oct. 31 and finish by April 30, 2016. Coaches are continuing to reach out and inform students, parents and the public of opportunities for successful, rewarding careers in manufacturing. Skills testing will be funded through April of next year.

## OhioMeansJobs Center Traffic

JULY	2015	2014	Change
<b>Columbiana</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>13.2%</b>
<b>Mahoning</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>-15.3%</b>
<b>Oakhill</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
<b>Online Registration</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>-42.4%</b>

## Initial Unemployment Claims\*

Week Ending	Mahoning	Columbiana
<b>8/1/2015</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>8/8/2015</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>8/15/2015</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>8/22/2015</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>72</b>

\* Ohio Labor Market Information

## Local, State, US Unemployment Rate\*

	Jobless	July 2015	July 2014
<b>Columbiana</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
<b>Mahoning</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
<b>Youngstown</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>289,000</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>8,805,000</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

\* Not Seasonally Adjusted

## Anderson Joins BRN

Danielle Anderson has filled the position of Business Resource Network Account Executive covering both Mahoning and Columbiana Counties. Danielle, a contract employee, will be located in OhioMeansJobs Mahoning County.

