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The 2026 HOPE CONFERENCE:
Opportunity Knocks...Hope Answers

The City of Youngstown and the Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV) will once again host the Annual HOPE CONFERENCE. It is the largest resource event in the City of Youngstown each year.

Hundreds of citizens attend the conference and find assistance, resources, and services from over one hundred city departments and county agencies, including BMV, legal aid, clothing, education, sober living, healthcare, utilities, senior living, children's services, job training, housing, employment, and so much more!

Services and resources for re-entry and justice-impacted individuals, seniors, veterans, adults, and youth are available, to help better their circumstances, and offer opportunities and HOPE! This is the primary purpose of the conference...Everyone is welcome!!

The 2026 HOPE CONFERENCE
Thursday, May 14, 2026 -- 9 am to 5 pm
The Covelli Centre - 229 E. Front St. -Youngstown, Ohio 44503

The Media is invited to join us on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Covelli Centre Community Room 229 E. Front St., which will be our final Agency Partner's Planning Meeting and Press Conference about The Hope Conference event. The Media is asked to arrive by 9:30 a.m. to conduct any interviews.

For more information, please call the CIRV office at 330-742-8778.