



OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2025 Ohio Chamber Workforce Summit

Thursday, August 7 - Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Green Meadows Drive, Lewis Center, OH

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration & Networking
9:30 AM - 9:35 AM	Welcome, Sponsor Recognition, & Keynote Speaker Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rick Carfagna, <i>Ohio Chamber of Commerce</i>
9:35 AM - 10:15 AM	Opening Keynote Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lt. Governor Jim Tressel, <i>State of Ohio</i>
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	Panel 1 - Addressing Ohio's Workforce Gaps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coretta Pettway, <i>Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>• Jake Vasilj, <i>COSI</i>• Keith Horner, <i>Apollo Career Center</i>• Moderator: Justin Barnes, <i>Ohio Chamber of Commerce</i>
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Panel 2 – Talent Retention & Attraction in Ohio <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adam Sokolski, <i>EDF power solutions</i>• Lisa Von Lehmden, <i>Ohio Council for Home Care & Hospice</i>• Tom Walsh, <i>The Ohio State University</i>• Moderator: Crystal Jones, <i>Ohio Association of Community Colleges</i>
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Networking Break
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Special Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sal Khan, <i>Khan Academy</i>
12:45 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch Break
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	Panel 3 – Workforce Readiness & Upskilling Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Megan Champagne, <i>Lorain County Joint Vocational School</i>• Stephanie Stitt, <i>CareSource</i>• Kirby Overton, <i>University of Findlay</i>• Moderator: Donny Rutledge, Jr., <i>IBEW</i>
2:15 PM – 3:00 PM	Panel 4 – Overcoming Workforce Barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prince Garuba, <i>Ohio Association of Goodwill Industries</i>• Vanessa Butler, <i>Groundwork Ohio</i>• Manika Williams, <i>Ohio National Guard</i>• Moderator: Rick Carfagna, <i>Ohio Chamber of Commerce</i>
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Closing Remarks & Call to Action
3:15 PM – 5:00PM	Networking Reception