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Fairfield County Workforce Center Hosting Career Expo for High School Juniors and Seniors

The Fairfield 33 Alliance's Career Readiness Program is hosting a Career Expo on Thursday, April 7, 2022. This Expo is open to high school juniors and seniors that are interested in pursuing a local career. It will be held from 9 a.m. until noon at the Fairfield County Workforce Center, 4465 Coonpath Rd. NW, Carroll, OH 43112.

Students and businesses that are interested in participating can sign up at fairfield33.com.

Students will have an opportunity to learn about jobs they can get right out of high school from more than 40 local businesses representing skilled trades, manufacturing, logistics, sales and service, and healthcare. Employers are not necessarily looking for individuals that have already acquired job specific skills. Many employers will train employees to gain skills in these careers if the students have a history of good attendance and have shown a strong work ethic.

"I've been working with many students throughout the county this year to help them prepare to enter the workforce," said Karie Stone, Fairfield County Career Navigator. "This Expo gives them an opportunity to learn what local businesses have to offer and see if they would be a good fit. I think businesses will be very happy with this year's graduating seniors."

The Career Expo is the culmination of Fairfield County's Career Readiness Program. Career Navigators work with graduating seniors to help them achieve a Career Readiness Endorsement and an Ohio Means Jobs Seal. These credentials show they're ready to enter the workforce. The Navigators assist students with resume writing, interview preparation, and career exploration.

"Seeing these students grow throughout the year has been amazing, said Mary Rawlins, Career Navigator for Pickerington Local Schools. "This program is making a big impact and now the training they can receive at the Workforce Center makes it even better. Businesses are struggling to find workers and this Expo gives them a great chance to connect with the students."

High School juniors are also encouraged to attend as there will be summer job opportunities and a chance to learn about local careers that they may wish to pursue in the next year.

For more information, contact Jennifer Sturgeon at Jennifer.Sturgeon@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov or call her at 740-652-7177.

The Career Readiness Program connects students to local businesses and helps them earn an endorsement that shows they are work ready. The program is a collaboration between the area employers, local school districts, and the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance. Its goal is to help fill the gap of in-demand jobs throughout Fairfield County.

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