

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (The Recovery Act) was signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009, and is intended to preserve and create jobs, promote the nation's economic recovery, and to assist those most impacted by the recession. With the additional workforce funding provided in the Recovery Act, and the increased employment and training services such funding will support, the workforce system will play a vital role in America's economic recovery by assisting workers who are facing unprecedented challenges to retool their skills and re-establish themselves in viable career paths.

Drawing on the workforce system's expertise in developing our nation's workers, One-Stop Career Centers across the country will target services to meet the changing needs of workers and employers, helping the dislocated engineer to refine her resume, the construction worker to develop competencies in green construction technologies, and the nurse's aide to enroll in a registered apprenticeship program that will put her on the pathway to higher skilled and higher paying jobs that will lift her family from poverty to the middle class.

As states and local areas plan how their One-Stop systems will make immediate

use of the Recovery Act funds, the Employment & Training Administration (ETA) strongly encourages them to take an expansive view of how the funds can be integrated into transformation efforts to improve the effectiveness of the public workforce system. In this system, the needs of workers and employers are both important in developing thriving communities where all citizens succeed and businesses prosper.

Sector strategies that enable low-income, displaced and under-skilled adults and disconnected youth to acquire the knowledge and skills for success at work in key industries are an important service delivery innovation. Sector strategies for renewable energy, broadband and telecommunications, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and other high-demand industry sectors identified by local areas should become an integral part of comprehensive approaches to workforce development and regional growth.

This is an excerpt from the ETA, Training & Employment Guidance Letter No. 14-08. For more ARRA information or to view a complete version of this TEGL go to <http://jfs.ohio.gov/workforce/index.stm> and click on Economic Stimulus for WIA. TC

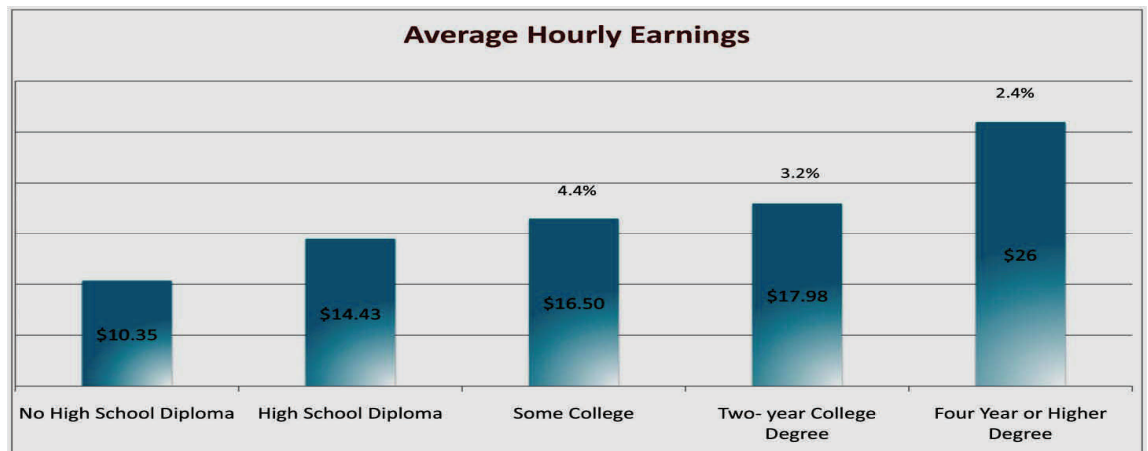
\$2.8 million in Federal stimulus dollars has been awarded to Lorain County Commissioners by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for education, training and paid work experience for youth, low-income adults and displaced workers. The One-Stop system is ramping up by adding services and offerings through various opportunities for eligible individuals that will enable them to improve their employability skills and increase their opportunities in the workforce.

Persistence

Persistence is what makes the impossible possible, the possible likely, and the likely definite.

Robert Half,
personnel
executive

Education Pays



Youth Scoop!

Summer Work Experience

The Workforce Development Agency (WDA) has been busy taking applications for the summer youth employment and training program made possible through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 stimulus funds.

The purpose of the initiative is to provide the opportunity for young people to gain meaningful work experience during the summer months. In addition, participants of the program will be attending classroom sessions once a week to study work maturity and life skills, including managing personal finances and what is being referred to as the "triple A's," attendance, attitude and appearance. "The whole idea behind it is we can encourage individuals to seek additional training and

maybe we can continue building their skill sets," says Vivian Alexander, WDA Director.

The program hopes to employ approximately 275 youth, ages 16 to 24 beginning in May and running through September 2009. Targeting lower income individuals, the program will pay \$7.50 per hour in jobs such as office work, landscaping and parks and recreation. WDA hopes to engage additional businesses interested in partnering with the program.

For more information about the summer employment and training program, please contact the WDA at 440-284-1808 or visit www.loraincounty.us/workforcedevelopment.

One-Stop Traffic Report

