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Regional Talent Network launches high-tech help for Northeast Ohio job seekers and employers

The Regional Talent Network today launched WhereToFindHelp.org, a new Internet directory of Northeast Ohio organizations that is designed to help:

- Citizens find jobs, training and other supportive services to be more competitive in today's job market; and
- Employers find employees, get them trained and help them thrive.

The WhereToFindHelp.org website is designed to answer the question: "Where is the one place I can go to find all the help that is available?" While the site doesn't yet fulfill the goal of being a complete directory, it is designed as a "wiki" (a website that allows users to add and update content on the site using their own browser.) This technology enables the organizations of Northeast Ohio that stand ready to help people or employers to easily add to the site how they can help and how those who need their services can contact them.

WhereToFindHelp.org is sponsored by the Regional Talent Network (RTN), a collaboration among the State of Ohio, the Fund for Our Economic Future, and the metropolitan chambers of commerce of Northeast Ohio – Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Greater Akron Chamber, Greater Cleveland Partnership, Stark Development Board, and Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber. The RTN's purpose is to improve the region's ability to prepare residents for jobs and to fill high-demand positions. More information about RTN can be found on the [About](#) link on the site.

Early reviews of the site have been very favorable. Dave Kaminski, director of business development & strategic projects for the Canton Regional Chamber, one of the founders of RTN, said,

“In Northeast Ohio, there are probably more than a thousand people and organizations who are trying to help individuals find and keep jobs and build skills, or help employers find people and get them trained. No one knows who all of them are. **Until now, there has been no way for all of them to make their programs and services readily available to the people and businesses they exist to serve. Today’s release of WhereToFindHelp.org is a step towards a solution to that problem.**”

Baiju Shah, president & CEO of BioEnterprise, a nonprofit business development organization that grows biomedical companies in the region, and a member of the Governor’s Workforce Policy Advisory Board, agrees with Mr. Kaminski. He states that

“**WhereToFindHelp.org holds the promise of being a wonderful asset for the citizens and employers of Northeast Ohio. As it grows, it will become the place where every resource that is available to help individuals get jobs and employers find talent will be listed.** This includes the myriad of state, federal, and local, public, not-for-profit, and private, community, statewide, and international programs of relevance.”

With this test launch, the Regional Talent Network is inviting organizations that serve employers, job seekers, and people seeking to upgrade skills and enhance their employability, to add information about their services and resources to WhereToFindHelp.org.

Dave Shute, RTN’s project director, emphasized that today’s release is a test, and that the online directory is a work-in-progress.

“**The success of WhereToFindHelp.org will depend in part on the willingness of the service providers of Northeast Ohio to create it and help keep it current.** This online tool that service providers can edit and update themselves is the perfect way to showcase and make accessible the complex talent development system of Northeast Ohio to the people and employers who need its help.”

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