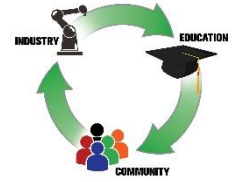


Logan County Collaborative



ABOUT

This group was originated in April of 2015, initially called the Logan County Workforce Task Force and later renamed to the Logan County Collaborative helped to bridge the gap between education and industry. Local business, industry, government and educators from in and around Logan County have joined forces to create the Logan County Collaborative (LCC). This group has made it their goal to tackle local issues and create opportunities. Logan County Chamber Executive Director, Paul Benedetti gathered local leaders such as Bellefontaine Mayor Ben Stahler, Sheriff Andy Smith, school superintendents from each of the schools in Logan County, representatives from local businesses such as Acusport, Belletech, Mary Rutan Hospital, Majestic Plastics, Honda Transmission and many more to create the LCC.

Mr. Benedetti noted, “The Chamber is a business advocacy organization whose economic development outreach has identified ‘workforce’ as the number one issue facing business and industry today. To respond to that challenge, the Logan County community came together to form the “Logan County Collaborative.” The LCC includes 3 committees to address local concerns. These committees are focused around, education, communities and businesses. Mr. Benedetti stated that, “Understanding that workforce issues involve more than professional skills training, the collaborative is addressing, housing, drug dependency, transportation and other human resource concerns. The hope is that we can provide a well-trained and prepared workforce to fill the needs of our area employers for years to come.”

Some of the groups’ current efforts have been to generate better opportunities, training and awareness of the jobs available to youth in Logan County. This has been done through creating such items as a Job Readiness Credentialing Program, a Workforce Expo, a career speaker series as well as Career and College Day events for county students. Businesses are opening their doors and sharing their expertise and employees to encourage teachers and students to come investigate and learn what opportunities are in our own backyards.

Indian Lake Schools Superintendent, and LCC Chairperson Pat O’Donnell shared that, “the goal of the Logan County Collaborative is not only to increase communication among all stakeholders, but also to ensure that students being educated in Logan County are aware of all of the excellent possibilities for them right here in Logan County. There are so many job opportunities locally that many people are not aware of. The Collaborative will help students and families be more aware of these possibilities.” The LCC is combining resources to create a better workforce for tomorrow. Mayor Ben Stahler stated that, “the LCC is a shining example of industry, education and local government coming together to meet the needs of our community. A lot has been accomplished in the committee's first year. We are making strides to understand the needs of our local employers while reshaping the message to our area students about the career opportunities that are available in their own community. “ Mark McIntyre, Senior Vice President, Belletech Corp. explained that he originally became involved in the LCC because he, “wanted to help our community grow, get better, provide a higher standard of living. The synergistic effect of having the education, business and governmental entities work together maximizes our community potential, making Logan County a Great Place to live and raise a family.”