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Commissioner John Plecnik Gets First Hand View of Ohio Means Jobs Lake County

On April 18, 2022 Commissioner Plecnik toured the Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) Lake County Career Center as well as the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS). OhioMeansJobs Lake County is a group of public, private and non-profit agencies and partner organizations that have joined forces to create a coordinated system to



to provide workforce services to employers and job seekers. Staff members are eager to determine and immediately address the needs of every customer entering the Career Center.

"I am grateful to JFS Director Suzanne Casar and Workforce Development Director Cory Vojak for their continued commitment to providing the necessary programs and tools to ensure quality and sustainable employment opportunities for our job seekers and employers," noted Commissioner John Plecnik.

"Our OhioMeansJobs Lake County team has already helped over 200 individuals find employment since July of 2021. Our Career Center can assist anyone looking for customized job search assistance, training programs, and supportive services designed to address employment barriers. We appreciate Commissioner Plecnik visiting the Career Center and we share his passion for workforce development," said Job and Family Services Director Suzanne Casar.

The OMJ Lake County Career Center is also an important resource for employers looking to fill vacant positions within their organization. According to Cory Vojak, Director of Workforce Development for the

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County, " from posting jobs, searching resumes, taking advantage of federal, state, and local employment programs, employers can find tools to assist them in attracting, hiring, retaining, and advancing their workforce. As a recent example, the OMJ Center recently collaborated with the Lake County Department of Utilities on an event to promote career opportunities within LCDU that was attended by approximately 100 job seekers."

Commissioner Plecnik also received a tour of the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) Building. The programs at JFS assist individuals and families with a variety of needs to restore, maintain or improve their capabilities for self-support and family life. Commission Plecnik met with Division Administrators to discuss Public Assistance Programs, Children & Adult Protective Services, Public Employment & Training Services and Child Support Enforcement Programs.

"I extend my sincere appreciation to Director Casar and her entire staff for the critical services they provide to Lake County families who often have nowhere else to turn. You cannot overstate the importance of the work that occurs in our JFS Department," said Commissioner John Plecnik.

"We were grateful for the opportunity to meet with one of our elected officials and highlight the important work we do each day at JFS. Commissioner Plecnik was engaged in our discussions and showed a vested interest in the work we do to make Lake County a better place," said Director Casar.

The OMJ Center is housed within the Job and Family Services building and is located at 177 Main St. in Painesville. Both facilities are open daily between 8 AM and 4:30 PM Monday – Friday.

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