
Employment For Seniors 25th Annual Senior Career Expo – August 29, 2019 Senior Career Expo prepares mature job seekers

COLUMBUS – The Annual Senior Career Expo, sponsored by Employment For Seniors, showcases local recruiters joining together with skilled, experienced, mature job seekers, in Central Ohio. The Expo is designed to provide applicants (age 50 and older) with the information and resources needed to hone job search skills and discover new employment opportunities. This free event will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at Fawcett Center (2400 Olentangy River Road on The Ohio State University campus). Recruiters will be available from 9am until 1pm, with career workshops running from 8:30 am until 1 pm. Participants do not need to register for the event and parking is free.

“We are celebrating 25 years of successful hiring at this year’s Expo! This event provides an incredible opportunity for job seekers to jump-start their employment search, meeting dozens of employers, taking advantage of immediate face-to-face interviewing”, states Dr. Carol Ventresca, executive director of Employment For Seniors. “Employers registered for the Expo are searching for mature, experienced individuals who are ready to work and bring value ‘day one.’ For older workers, opportunities can be difficult to find as the job search process has dramatically changed to meet today’s economy. The Career Expo not only provides participants with the opportunity to meet and talk with employers, but also other programs and services to strengthen their job search process, whether they are unemployed or underemployed.”

“Participants will also find additional services at the Expo. The **OhioMeansJobs Mobile will be returning**. EFS has also arranged for our photographer to provide a **FREE** professional photograph of our smiling job seekers needing a “headshot” for their LinkedIn or other social media profile picture. Our job seekers can interview and network with recruiters, get their resume reviewed, obtain a new professional picture, and discover job search tips, all in one location!”, Ventresca added.

The Expo includes an array of career workshops to enhance the knowledge and expertise of participants in their job search. This year’s “Employer Panel” will address the issue, “Be The Candidate An Employer Needs!” focusing on the skills and experiences needed in today’s businesses. The workshops will also address resume development, acing phone interviews, identifying transferable skills, utilizing LinkedIn, networking, and the common mistakes made in a job search, among other topics.

Employment For Seniors, a non-profit organization, has been assisting job seekers 50 years of age and older in Central Ohio for over 47 years. Career Expo sponsors include the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, Franklin County Office on Aging, Nationwide Insurance, BMI Federal Credit Union, and Columbus State Community College.

Employers who wish to participate in the Career Expo should contact EFS immediately, as space is limited. Complete details on the Career Expo, including the list of employers and the workshop schedule, will be available on www.employseniors.org. Questions on the Expo, or to register as an EFS client, contact the office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at 614-863-1219 to schedule an appointment.

WHAT: Employment For Seniors Annual Career Expo

WHERE: Fawcett Center, The Ohio State University, 2400 Olentangy River Road

WHEN: Thursday, August 29, 2019

Workshops are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Recruiters are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Resume reviews from 9 a.m. to 1 p. m.

WHY: Ohioans, age 50 and older, represent the fastest growing segment of the state's population. Mature job seekers remain in the workforce much longer, or reenter the workforce, due to changes in financial status, healthcare costs, and the decision to remain engaged in a professional situation.

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