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Career Readiness Program to Offer Career Expo to Area High School Students and Local Businesses

The Fairfield 33 Alliance's Career Readiness Program will host a Career Expo from 9:30 am to noon on March 21, 2024, at the Fairfield County Workforce Center, 4465 Coonpath Rd. NW, Carroll, OH 43112. The Expo will be open to 11th and 12th-grade students interested in pursuing a local career.

Students will have a chance to connect with local businesses and explore the career opportunities offered throughout Fairfield County. Businesses representing skilled trades, manufacturing, logistics, sales and service, and healthcare will be in attendance. Students do not need to have formal training or certifications in these fields. Many employers are willing to train employees in the careers represented.

The Career Readiness Program, in partnership with local businesses and school districts, helps students earn an endorsement that proves they are ready to embark on a career. The goal of the program is to help students enter the workforce while helping businesses fill the gap on in-demand jobs locally.

"Many high school students don't realize the career opportunities available to them directly after graduation," said Karie Stone, Fairfield County Career Navigator. "Graduates from our programs are finding jobs with good wages that provide career growth. We prepare these students with the essential skills needed for these careers. The Expo is a great way for these young adults and employers to network with one another. We hope that students walk away with the best prospects for a future career and employers have amazing candidates for employment."

"As the Career Readiness Program continues to gain recognition around the state, it is becoming more apparent than ever that creating the opportunity for students to interact with local businesses while still completing their education provides them with a vision for their futures," said Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development Director. "This is an amazing opportunity for students to meet with more than 60 local employers to learn about jobs and companies they aren't familiar with. It's also a great way for employers to find their future employees and future leaders."

Businesses that are interested in the event can contact Bayley Fields at bayley.fields@fairfieldcountyohio.gov. Priority will be given to Career Readiness business partners and businesses offering full-time positions with good starting pay and an identified career path. Students can learn more at Fairfield33.com/Career-Readiness.

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