

Employment Services for Homeless Individuals in Columbus

General Employment Services

Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation (COWIC): JOBLeaders

1111 East Broad Street, Suite 201, Columbus, Ohio 43205

(614) 559-5052

www.cowicjobleaders.org

Hours: Monday – Wednesday 9am-6pm, Thursday 9am-4pm and Friday 9am-12pm

COTA Bus Line: 010 East Broad St.

Action: Visit the customer service desk on the first floor at the office and register for JOBLeaders

Services: One-stop employment services - Access to computers, copier, fax machine and books to assist job search. Workshops available on interviewing skills, etc. Possibility of free funding for education for those who qualify. Client is paired one-on-one with an employment specialist to assist with job search. There are periodic hiring events for registered clients. JOBLeaders is partnered with other agencies to assist those with barriers to employment such as ex-offenders, persons with disabilities, etc. Equipment for hearing/vision impaired available if needed.

JOBLeaders is also located in a building with several other agencies that can assist other issues that need to be addressed (i.e. Franklin County can assist with transportation needs).

Restrictions/Requirements: Registration required.

Columbus Metropolitan Library: Job Help Center

All 21 Branches

www.columbuslibrary.org

Hours: Varies depending on branch location

Action: Visit the website and check the schedule of events page for upcoming Job Help Center trainings at the branch of your choice.

Services: "Job Help Centers are designated spaces in all 21 locations of the Columbus Metropolitan Library that are dedicated to helping the people of central Ohio find jobs. Customers can use our computers, Internet access and other online resources in their job search. Our helpful staff and volunteers are prepared to assist customers one-on-one with application processes or customers can attend classes to learn basic e-mail training, online job applications and job searching, resume help, basic computer training, and Internet searching. The service is completely free!" (From the CML website)

Restrictions/Requirements: A Columbus Metropolitan Library card.

Columbus Urban League

788 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43203

(614) 257-6300, ext. 106

www.cul.org

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm

COTA Bus Line: 06 Mt. Vernon Ave.

Action: Visit the office to begin training and job placement.

Services: Job placement is available for those who have been unemployed for less than three months. Those who have been unemployed for more than 3 months are to complete an intake form and if they qualify, are referred to the job readiness program. Resume writing, typing, Microsoft office, etc. training available as well.

Restrictions/Requirements: Some form of ID required. Must not be over 54 years of age.

Godman Guild Association: Job Success

303 E. 6th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201

(614) 294-5476

www.godmanguild.org

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:45am – 3:15pm, Learning Center: Mondays 9am – 12pm & Wednesdays 3pm – 5pm

COTA Bus Line: 04 Indianola Ave.

Action: Call or visit the office to register for a class.

Services: 4-week intensive job readiness training which includes assessments, general skills training, stress management, conflict resolution, time management, financial literacy, computer skills and resume & cover letter skills. Support provided during job search and after being hired. Networking with local employers and hiring events help you to get a job. For those with barriers, there is a learning center which contains a computer lab (\$5 membership fee required) as well as a free GED program (call ext. 132 for more information on the GED program).

Restrictions/Requirements: Sincere interest in obtaining and maintaining employment. Commitment to being on time for class everyday and actively participating. Income eligibility requirements apply.

Goodwill: Workforce Development

1331 Edgehill Road, Columbus, Ohio 43212

(614) 583-0365, (614) 583-0103 (Steve Albright)

www.goodwillcolumbus.org

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm

COTA Bus Line: 05 West Fifth Ave.

Action: If you have a documented disability, contact the Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC); if you are eligible for Welfare, contact the Franklin County Department of Job & Family Services; if you are 18-21 years old and an ex-offender or have a mild or borderline disability, visit the office. Most individuals are referred from RSC or Franklin County. Call Steve Albright for assistance.

Services: Provides a 4-week job readiness program which helps with obtaining clothing and interview skills, etc. Also provides a 10-week office skills training, temporary practice work, one-on-one assistance in finding a job, a career assessment test and a cook apprenticeship program for 18-21 year old ex-offenders. Custodial and thrift store jobs available for individuals with a high school education or higher. Coaching assistance during job available as well.

Restrictions/Requirements: 4-week time commitment required. For the cook apprenticeship program and those with mild or borderline disabilities: Social Security card, State ID or birth certificate and proof of being in the justice system/proof of disability required. For the disabled and welfare eligible: ID and Social Security card required at RSC and Franklin County Department of Job & Family Services prior to Workforce Development placement.

IMPACT Community Action

700 Bryden Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215

(614) 453-1712

www.impactca.org

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 4:30pm (By appointment only), Resume Workshop: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am - 3pm

COTA Bus Line: 011 Oak Bryden

Action: Call to make an appointment.

Services: Free employment services include assessments, employment plans and referrals to agencies.

Restrictions/Requirements: For low income individuals.

National Church Residences - Commons at Grant: Workforce Program

398 S. Grant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215

(614) 224-2988

www.ncr-home.org

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm

COTA Bus Line: 02 East Main St.

Action: Visit Commons at Grant and ask about the workforce program or call the number provided for more information.

Services: 12-day intensive STNA training to become a nurse's aid or home healthcare assistant. After completion of program and passing of the tests, individuals are placed in a job. Classes also available for computer skills, resume writing skills, interview skills and basic job readiness skills.

Restrictions/Requirements: Must be a United States citizen of at least 18 years old that is unemployed or underemployed and willing & able to work. Documentation required: State ID or Driver's License, Social Security card, birth certificate, physical exam (within the past year), 2-step TB test/results, background check printout, verification of income/assistance (if any), registration of selective services (males only).

Neighborhood House: Resource Center

1060 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43203

(614) 251-8262

www.columbusnhi.org

Hours: Computer Lab Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 6pm

COTA Bus Line: 06 Sullivant Ave.

Action: Visit the computer lab and sign-in.

Services: Free computer lab and various business and skills trainings. See website for upcoming class listings.

Restrictions/Requirements: Computer lab is free and open to the public.

The Salvation Army: Career Enhancement Center

966 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43204

(614) 253-6811, (614) 358-2612 (Denise)

www.salvationarmycolumbus.org

Hours: Training: Monday – Friday, 9am – 2pm

COTA Bus Line: 02 East Main St.

Action: Call Denise for an employment assessment.

Services: Provides basic training such as resume writing and using email. as well as job search assistance to help place individuals with a job. Bus passes provided if needed until the first paycheck is received. A six month follow-up is provided after job placement.

Restrictions/Requirements: Social Security card and State ID/Drivers License required.

Residential Employment Services

Central Community House

1150 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205

(614) 252-3157

www.cchouse.org

Hours: See the calendar on the website for computer lab and training times.

COTA Bus Line: 02 East Main St.

Action: Call the office to begin trainings.

Services: Trainings on computer basics, job readiness, job development & linkage, resume development and workplace socialization training. GED assistance and adult literacy skills training also available for those with barriers. Follow-up provided on a regular basis. Job fairs are held from time to time to assist with job search. Transportation assistance provided for first week of employment if needed.

Restrictions/Requirements: Residents of 43205 preferred but not required. Anyone seeking employment is eligible.

Community Housing Network

1680 Watermark Dr, Columbus, Ohio 43215

(614) 917-1016

www.chninc.org

Hours: Classes: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am-12pm, Career Computer Lab: Monday – Wednesday, 1pm-4pm

COTA Bus Line: 02 East Main St.

Services: 3-week job readiness program that includes 6 phases. Resident can begin training at any phase of the program. Access to Dress for Success woman's clothing after program is completed. Also offered: front desk training, 6-week computer training program, and a GED program. CHN also provides temporary jobs within the organization after completion of the job readiness program. Employed residents are checked on monthly to keep up with employment status. Bus passes provided for job readiness training, new job until first paycheck and general transportation available for other job related travel.

Restrictions/Requirements: Must be a resident of CHN supportive housing to use services.

Faith Mission: Resource Center

315 East Long Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

(614) 224-6617

www.faithmissionofohio.org

Hours: Monday – Tuesday, 8am – 8pm, Wednesday, 8am – 5:30pm, Thursday, 8am – 5pm, Friday, 8am – Noon

COTA Bus Line: 01 Cleveland Ave.

Services: The Resource Center contains computers, telephones, books, a copier, a fax machine and current newspapers to assist with a job search. General training such as resume writing is also offered. A telephone number is provided as well as assistance in getting a GED, if needed. Bus passes available to assist those with doctor's appointments and job & housing interviews.

Restrictions/Requirements: Must be a resident of a Faith Mission shelter and present a pass (given to them at the shelter).

YMCA

40 West Long Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

(614) 224-1142

www.ymcacolumbus.org

Hours: Resource Center: Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm

COTA Bus Line: 01 Cleveland Ave.

Services: A case manager is assigned to each resident which can help them find a job. There are also computers and a phone available in the resource room to use for job searches.

Restrictions/Requirements: Must be a resident of the YMCA shelter to use services.

YWCA: Family Center

900 Harvey Court, Columbus, Ohio 43219

(614) 253-3910

www.ywcacolumbus.org

Hours:

COTA Bus Line: 06 Mount Vernon Ave.

Services:

Restrictions/Requirements: Must be a resident of the YWCA Family Center to use services.

Ex-Offenders Employment Services

Alvis House

1991 Bryden Road, Columbus, Ohio 43205

(614) 252-8402

www.alvishouse.org

Hours:

COTA Bus Line: 02 E. Main St.

Action:

Services: Pre-Employment workshop includes job application/resume help, how to conduct selves during an interview, local job market, transportation system, improving telephone techniques & general interview skills. Employment representatives help define interests, develop leads and submit & follow progress of applications. Clients are encouraged to stay in touch with employment representatives following employment. Clothing vouchers, bonding information, opportunities for education and/or vocational training and information on community social services & health care agencies available.

Restrictions/Requirements:**Community Connection for Ohio Offenders**

993 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205

(614) 252-0660, ext. 5523

www.communityconnectionohio.org

Hours: Orientation: Thursdays at 10am – 1pm

COTA Bus Line: 02 E. Main St.

Action: Attend an open orientation every Thursday at 10am (be prepared for a 3 hour time commitment).

Services: Job readiness, employment counseling & training, networking skills, job search assistance and intensive case management. Case management continues until employment has been obtained and maintained.

Restrictions/Requirements: Some form of ID required.

Mental Illness & Disability Employment Services**Center of Vocational Alternatives (COVA)**

3770 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43214

(614) 294-7117

www.cova.org

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8am-5pm, Wednesday, 8am-8pm, Orientations: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 1:30pm, Wednesdays at 5:30pm & Fridays at 11am, Resource Room: Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm

COTA Bus Line: 02 East Main St.

Action: Visit an orientation session to begin.

Services: COVA offers career preparation, initiation and advancement programs for individuals with mental and physical disabilities. Services provided include: rehabilitation readiness, vocational assessment, career exploration, work adjustment (paid work experience prior to committing to the job or career) and benefits application assistance. COVA also has a resource center complete with computers, internet access, telephone, voicemail, job postings, books, the Columbus Dispatch, fax machine, printer, photo copier, scanner, DVDs/Videos and more. Bus passes are provided for transportation to rehabilitation readiness groups only.

Restrictions/Requirements: For individuals with mental illness, physical disability or both. Knowledge of Social Security number needed. Fee assistance provided through the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR).

United Cerebral Palsy: Careers Unlimited Employment Program

440 Industrial Mile Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228

(614) 279-0109

www.ucp.org

Hours: By appointment only.

COTA Bus Line: 06 Sullivant Ave.

Action: Call to make an appointment.

Services: Job readiness training provided for disabled individuals which includes resume development, job search assistance, dressing for success, career planning assessment,

introduction to computers and accessing transportation. Job placement, job development, job coaching and follow-along also available.

Restrictions/Requirements: For individuals with multiple disabilities. Must be 18 and older and willing & able to obtain transportation to & from work.

Veteran Employment Services

AMVETS: Career Center

1395 East Dublin-Granville Road, Suite 222, Columbus, Ohio 43229

(614) 431-6990

www.amvetscareercenter.org

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8am – 4:30pm

COTA Bus Line: 01 Cleveland Ave., 87 Cassady Ave.

Action: Call or visit the office to make an appointment.

Services: 1,500 free online courses available as well as resume writing and interview skills training.

Restrictions/Requirements: DD 2-14 required (or other veteran verification).

Ohio Department of Job & Family Services

1111 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205

(614) 559-6058

jfs.ohio.gov/veterans

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9am - 4pm & Friday, 9am – Noon

COTA Bus Line: 10 East Broad St.

Action: Visit Job Leaders office and ask for employment services

Services: Computers, books, assessment tests and schooling available to assist with job search.

A monthly workshop is available to help with resume writing and interview skills. 30, 60 and 90 day follow-ups provided after a job is obtained.

Restrictions/Requirements: Some form of veteran verification required.

Volunteers of America: Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program

567 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43222

(614) 351-1881

www.voago.org

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm

COTA Bus Line: 10 West Broad St.

Action: Call and speak to a case manager or visit the office

Services: Job readiness (resume writing, interview skills, hair-cut vouchers, interview clothing, etc.), resource center, case managers and job placement staff available. Possible job placement in thrift stores, if qualified. Follow-up for one year provided. Bus passes and other forms of transportation provided.

Restrictions/Requirements: Some form of veteran verification required. Must be currently or previously homeless and looking for a job.