



# ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AUGUST '15 CALENDAR OF NETWORKING EVENTS

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This document is a listing of networking events scheduled throughout the greater St. Louis region, including Missouri (St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and Jefferson County) and Illinois (St. Clair County, Madison County, and Monroe County).

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*The following is a list of networking events in August 2015 that may be utilized by businesses, career center staff and partners, community organizations, and job seekers interested in participating in an On-the-Job Training (OJT) program in the greater St. Louis region. Many of the events are free to attend (plus the cost of your meal and beverages) unless indicated otherwise. The information provided in this calendar is as accurate as possible as of the date of this calendar. It is possible that changes in the scheduled events may occur prior to the date of the scheduled event. Therefore, it is advisable to verify the date, time, and location of the event prior to attending.*

## JOB FAIRS, RECRUITMENT EVENTS, AND OPEN HOUSES

### August 1, 2015

**YWCA St. Louis Head Start Career Fair** (Head Start support, teachers, and aides)  
YWCA St. Louis Head Start Center Office (1911 Beltway Drive, St. Louis, MO 63114)  
9am – Noon  
For more information go to [www.ywcastlouis.org](http://www.ywcastlouis.org)

### August 3, 2015

**Advantage Sales and Marketing Job Fair** (event specialists)  
Brown Mackie College, Campus Common Area (2 Soccer Park Road, Fenton, MO 63026)  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
For more information contact Tina Feghali at 714/581-4732 or apply online at [www.jobs.asmnet.com](http://www.jobs.asmnet.com)

### August 4, 2015

**Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 Information Session**  
SLATE American Job Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)  
10am – 11am  
Registration with SLATE American Job Center is required prior to attending the event  
For more information or to register contact [constructionintake@stlworks.com](mailto:constructionintake@stlworks.com)  
**Daddy Ray's Commercial Bakery Job Fair** (FT mixers, packagers, and maintenance)  
Chamber of Commerce Building (850 E. Cherry St., Ste. A, Troy, MO 63379)  
9am – 10am

### August 4 and 18, 2015

**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)  
Wood River WorkNet Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL 62095)  
10am – Noon  
**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at [www.extrahelpinc.com](http://www.extrahelpinc.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walk-ins.**

### August 4, 2015 (weekly)

**Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark Recruitment Event** (multiple PT/FT hospitality openings)  
1 South Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102  
10am – 11am and 2pm - 3pm  
For more information go to [www.stlouisballpark.hilton.com](http://www.stlouisballpark.hilton.com) or call 314/421-1776

### August 5, 2015

**Aldi St. Louis Area Stores Job Fair** (FT/PT Store Associates, Shift Manager, Manager Trainee)  
2344 McKelvey Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043  
7am – 1pm  
Prior to the event apply online at <http://aldistorejobs.com/docs/aldi-employment-application.pdf>  
**St. Louis Diversity Career Fair**  
Spazio Westport (12031 Lackland Rd., St Louis, MO 63146)  
11am – 3pm  
For more information call 314/252-0306  
**Keystone Staffing Recruitment Event**  
Belleville IDES (4519 W. Main St., Belleville IL 62223)  
10am – 11am  
For more information call 618/277-8908

August 5, 2015**Wingate St. Charles Job Fair** (housekeepers and laundry attendants)

Wingate St Charles (32 Research Park Circle, Weldon Spring, MO 63304)

10am – 2pm

For more information go to <http://www.chamberorganizer.com/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=189043>August 5, 2015 (weekly)**Express Employment Professionals Recruitment Events**

Belleville IDES (4519 W. Main St., Belleville IL 62223)

10am – Noon

For more information call 618/277-8908

**Staff Management Interviewing Sessions** (warehouse and production associate positions)

Staff Management is scheduling interviews for these positions at

American Job Center – St. Louis County (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)

8am – Noon (every Wednesday)

Prior to being scheduled for an interview applicant MUST:

Apply online at <http://apply.smjobs.com> and use job code s34 or s33

Click start to begin the application stage (DO NOT TAKE SKILLS TEST)

After completing the application stage click RETURN TO JOB APPLICATION HISTORY to schedule an interview on one of the dates listed.

August 6, 2015**LIUNA Construction Craft Laborers' Journeyman Training & Apprenticeship Information Session**SLATE American Job Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

10am – 11am

Registration with SLATE American Job Center is required prior to attending the event

For more information or to register contact [constructionintake@stlworks.com](mailto:constructionintake@stlworks.com)August 6 and 20, 2015**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

Holiday Inn Express (3396 Green Mount Crossing, Shiloh, IL 62269)

3pm – 5pm

**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at [www.extrahelpinc.com](http://www.extrahelpinc.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walkins.**August 7, 2015**Union Pacific Railroad Career Information Session**

Information about non-traditional jobs for females at the railroad. Will also discuss how to apply for current positions, and how to get automated job notifications for future job postings.

Urban League (8960 Jennings Station Road, Jennings, MO 63136)

2pm – 4pm

For more information or to register call 314388-9840 or 314/506-5306

August 8, 2015**City of Ferguson Career Day**

Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave., Ferguson, MO)

10am – 2pm

**Phoenix Transportation Services Job Fair** (Class A CDL Drivers)

Phoenix Transportation Services (O'Fallon, MO)

9am – 2pm

For more information contact Linda Saylor or Todd Stone at 800/860-0889 or go to [www.phoenix-transportation.net](http://www.phoenix-transportation.net)August 11, 2015**St. Louis Career Fair**

Doubletree Westport Hotel (1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146)

11am – 2pm

For more information go to [www.nationalcareerfaairs.com](http://www.nationalcareerfaairs.com)**Green's Heating and Cooling Recruitment Event** (HVAC Technicians)

Belleville IDES (4519 W. Main St., Belleville IL 62223)

10am – Noon

For more information call 618/277-8908

August 12, 2015**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

American Job Center of St. Charles (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376)

10:30am - Noon

**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at [www.extrahelpinc.com](http://www.extrahelpinc.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walkins.**

August 17 and 18, 2015**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

American Job Center – Florissant (4040 Seven Hills, MO 63033)

8/17 2pm – 4pm

8/18 1pm - 3:30pm Welders

**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at [www.extrahelpinc.com](http://www.extrahelpinc.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walk-ins.**

August 19, 2015**St. Louis Career Fair**

St. Louis Airport Marriott (10700 Pear Tree Lane, St. Louis, MO 63134)

11am – 3pm

For more information go to [www.targetedjobfairs.com](http://www.targetedjobfairs.com)**Pinnacle Entertainment Career Fair** (positions at Ameristar Casino resort Spa & River City Casino and Hotel)

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel St. Louis Westport (1973 Craigshire Road, St. Louis, MO 63146)

10am – 6pm

For more information go to [www.pnkinc.com/careers/](http://www.pnkinc.com/careers/)August 20, 2015**St. Louis Job Fair**

Doubletree Westport Hotel (1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146)

9am – 12:30pm

For more information go to [www.hirelive.com](http://www.hirelive.com)**Veterans Job Fair**Four Seasons Hotel (999 North 2<sup>nd</sup> St., St. Louis, MO 63102)

8:30am – 11am

For more information go to [www.ala-gateway.org/jobfair/](http://www.ala-gateway.org/jobfair/)August 26, 2015**St. Louis Job Fair**

Embassy Suites St. Louis – Airport (11237 Lone Eagle Drive, Bridgeton, MO 63044)

10am – 1pm

For more information go to [www.catalystcareergroup.com](http://www.catalystcareergroup.com) or contact Julie Logan at [Julie.logan@huschblackwell.com](mailto:Julie.logan@huschblackwell.com)August 30, 2015**Bethesda Meadow Recruitment Event** (Certified Nurse Assistants, Certified Med Techs, LPN's, RN's, Housekeepers)

322 Old State Road, Ellisville, MO 63021

1pm - 3pm

For more information or to apply online prior to the event go to [www.bethesdahealth.org/jobs/](http://www.bethesdahealth.org/jobs/)**JOB SEARCH SUPPORT GROUPS**August 3, 2015 (weekly)**BBJ General Membership Meetings (West County area)**

St. Mark Presbyterian Church (601 E. Claymont, Ballwin, MO 63011)

9am – 11am (meets weekly on Monday)

Cost to attend: \$40 initial annual membership fee; alumni (after one year) is \$20

For more information go to [www.bbj.org](http://www.bbj.org) or call 636/928-0828August 4, 2015 (weekly)**Beyond Networking –STL Job Search Support Group (West County area)**

Salem United Methodist Church (1200 S. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO)

9am – 11:30am (meets weekly on Tuesday)

8/4 Networking for Introverts, Frank Danzo

8/11 Working with Recruiters and LinkedIN, Kathy Bernard

8/18 30-60-90 Day Follow-up, Mike Hoeffy

8/25 Overcoming Obstacles and New Ways of Coping While Achieving Peace in Turmoil, Tony Ruesing

No cost to attend

For more information go to [www.beyondnetworking-stl.org](http://www.beyondnetworking-stl.org) or contact Jon Hild at 314/541-2966 or [jhild1208@yahoo.com](mailto:jhild1208@yahoo.com)

August 4, 2015 (weekly)

**St. Charles Missouri Career Center Job Search Group (JSG)**

212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376

9:30am – 11am

For more information or to register call 636/255-6060

August 5, 2015

**CEN at Immaculate Conception Church of Dardenne Job Search Support Group Meeting**

Immaculate Conception Church of Dardenne (7701 Hwy. N, Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368)

7pm – 8:30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month)

For more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org) or contact Jeanne at [jredtman@centurytel.net](mailto:jredtman@centurytel.net)

August 6, 2015

**CEN at Incarnate Word Job Search Support Group (West County area)**

Incarnate Word Catholic Church (13416 Olive Rd., Chesterfield, MO east of Hwy. 141 and Olive)

7:30pm–9pm (meets 1st Thursday of every month)

For more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org)

**Morning Star Church Job Connection Group (O'Fallon, MO area)**

Morning Star Church (1600 Feise Rd., O'Fallon, MO 63368)

7pm - 8:30pm (meets on the 1st Thursday of every month)

For more information contact Kathy Frick at 636-561-5680 or [kathy.frick@mscwired.org](mailto:kathy.frick@mscwired.org)

August 6 and 20, 2015

**New Hope Employment Ministry Meetings**

New Hope Presbyterian Church (1580 Kisker Road, St. Charles, MO)

7pm – 9pm (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month)

No cost to attend

For more information contact [kirk.burrus@att.net](mailto:kirk.burrus@att.net)

August 10, 2015

**CEN at St. Joseph Job Search Support Group (Cottleville area)**

St. Joseph Catholic Church – Cottleville, MO

7pm – 8:30pm (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month)

For more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org)

August 10 and 24, 2015

**CEN at Ascension Parish Job Search Support Group (Chesterfield area)**

Ascension Parish (Chesterfield, MO), basement of little church

7pm – 9pm (typically meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month)

To make a reservation or for more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org)

## **JOB SEARCH WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, WEBINARS, AND CLASSES**

### **SLATE American Job Center Job Search Workshops**

SLATE Missouri Career Centers offers several free job search workshops throughout the month at 1520 Market Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr., St. Louis, MO 63103

For more information on these workshops go to [www.stlworks.com](http://www.stlworks.com) or call 314/589-8000

### **American Job Center - St. Louis County Job Search Workshops**

American Job Center - St. Louis County offers several free job search workshops throughout the month at two locations:

North Oaks (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)

Seven Hills (4040 Seven Hills Drive, Suite 166, Florissant, MO 63033)

For more information on these locations and workshops go to [www.jobs.mo.gov/jobseeker/find-a-career-center/](http://www.jobs.mo.gov/jobseeker/find-a-career-center/)

registered job seeker customers of Missouri Career Center. To register for the course meet with a staff member at Missouri Career Center.

### **American Job Center of St. Charles County Job Search Workshops**

St. Charles County Missouri Career Center (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO)

Hosts free job search workshops throughout the month on several topics

For more information on these workshops call 636/278-1360 or go to <http://work.sccmo.org/workforce>

### **Building Union Diversity (BUD) – Currently recruiting for the next class of 20 eligible applicants**

SLATE (St. Louis agency on Training and Employment) in partnership with the St. Louis Construction Trades Council is launching an innovative program designed to increase diversity within the construction trades.

Building Union Diversity (BUD), will provide pre-apprenticeship skills training for minorities, women and the long-term unemployed residents of the St. Louis region interested in pursuing one of many available careers in construction. BUD will consist of comprehensive and intensive eight-week pre-apprenticeship skills training course, taught by nationally certified and industry approved specialists in state-of-the-art facilities. Participants will learn skills required for entering apprenticeship with participating BUD Construction trades. Eligible participants can be provided with work-related equipment, transportation to training sites, and a training stipend (upon completion of the program).

To be eligible participants must be 18 years of age or older and able to pass a drug test.

To enroll, interested individuals must come to SLATE, 1520 Market St., 3rd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103, Monday–Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to complete an application and assessment.

### Urban Strategies Inc.

Urban Strategies, Inc. is a national nonprofit with extensive experience in implementing place-based human capital development strategies in public housing communities that are undergoing comprehensive physical revitalization. Urban Strategies works to help communities build safe neighborhoods, enhanced schools, and a range of comprehensive human service supports. Our work is focused in urban core residential communities and is designed to build social and economic mobility for low-income families living in mixed-income communities.

For more information on programs and workshops go to <http://urbanstrategiesinc.org/>

### Urban League Save Our Sons Career Readiness Training Program

This is a 4-week program held at St. Louis County American Job Center (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121) providing career and job readiness training, job coaching, career inventory and assessment, linkages to occupational training, employment opportunities, and more!

For more information or to register go to <https://www.ulstl.com/save-our-sons/>

### Father's Support Center (FSC) of St. Louis

Father's Support Center is an established, nonprofit organization committed to creating positive outcomes for children and families by helping fathers become responsible parents. Father's Support Center has a proven track record in St. Louis and delivers positive outcomes for fathers, their children and our community. FSC offers evening classes designed to empower men to become involved fathers and responsible family members in the areas of :

- Responsible Fatherhood
- Employment
- Relationship Building
- Education
- Parenting Skills/Child Support
- Communication Skills

For more information go to <http://www.fatherssupportcenter.org/>

### Career Advancement for International Professionals (CAIP)

This four-week program offered through the International Institute of St. Louis helps international candidates take control of their job search and reach the next level in their career. Features training on resume writing, interviews & professional communication, job-search tactics & social media, recertification & credentialing, and practical application & role-playing.

For more information or to enroll in this for-fee program contact Kelly Moore at 314/773-9090 x163 or [moorek@iistl.org](mailto:moorek@iistl.org)

### Career Pathways Bridge Initiative

The goal of the program is to find employment for 3,000 unemployed and under-employed young adults in the North St. Louis City and County and connect thousands of area residents with training programs. In addition, this grant-funded program will engage 1,000 participants annually in skills training and 2,400 participants annually in work-readiness training. The program will be funded through a US DOL grant and led by a number of core community organizations, including the St. Louis County Division of Workforce Development, SLATE, MET Center-St. Louis, Family and Workforce Centers of America (FWCA) and the Governor's Office of Community Engagement.

### Boeing Pre-Employment Training Program – FREE Tuition if accepted into the program!

This five week training program takes place at the Center for Workforce innovation at St. Louis Community College's Florissant Valley Campus.

Skills and qualifications needed to be considered:

- Must pass WorkKeys Assessment Tests (applied math, locating information, and reading for information)
- Must be mechanically inclined

To apply, email resume to [wcdassemblymechanics@stlcc.edu](mailto:wcdassemblymechanics@stlcc.edu) or fax to 314/513-4604. For more information and schedule call 314/539-5921

Upon program completion, participants are eligible to interview for positions with Boeing.

### Ameren Pre-Apprentice Lineman Training Program

If you are interested in an exciting career as an Ameren Apprentice Lineman in the St. Louis area, a program is beginning soon to teach you how to climb a utility pole and to help you prepare for the selection process at Ameren. This 5-week pre-employment program will be held at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. The program will include instruction in climbing a wooden utility pole and the opportunity for participants to improve employment skills to become successful apprentice lineman candidates. Participants will want to have good work boots with a heel. At the end of the five week program, successful participants will apply to Ameren and take the company's CAST test.

Participants passing the test will be considered by Ameren for the Apprentice Lineman position. For more information, call 314/549-5988

### St. Louis Community College Professional Development Programs

SLCC - Continuing Education offers a wide variety of developmental programs to build job skills for the role you have or foster the career you hope to develop. Programs extend to all segments of the workforce.

- Develop your work skills with Professional *Essentials* courses
- Start or build a business with our Business *Essentials* courses
- Find new employment with our Career *Essentials* courses.

For more information go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Continuing-Education/> or call 314/984-7777

### St. Louis Community College Accelerated Job Training

The Workforce Solutions Group has developed industry-specific training in partnership with the college's campuses and local employers to help adults retrain for in-demand occupations in shorter duration formats. Program offerings are based on demand and the availability of funding or industry partner participation. Call the accelerated job hotline at 314-539-5310 for more information.

Anyone interested either of these training programs should contact Rene Dulle at [rdulle4@stlcc.edu](mailto:rdulle4@stlcc.edu) or 314/539-5296.

Additional information for these trainings and all accelerated job trainings can be found at:

<http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/Accelerated-Job-Training/Index.html>

### MoManufacturingWINS – TUITION FREE TRAINING FOR ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES! (thru 9/30/15)

MoManufacturingWINS will focus on preparing workers to earn nationally recognized credentials endorsed by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM). Participating schools have chosen credentials leading to employment in advanced manufacturing and related careers in production, industrial maintenance, welding, machining and transportation and logistics. St. Louis Community College will award industry recognized certifications endorsed by the National Association of Manufacturers such as the National Career Readiness Certificate, The National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) and the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC).

To learn more and complete an online application visit [www.stlcc.edu/MMW/](http://www.stlcc.edu/MMW/) or call 314/513-4612.

## MoSTEMWINS

St. Louis Community College is participating in a statewide grant program – MoSTEMWINS – which allows qualified individuals to enter a no-fee **MoSTEMWINS Portal** program to discover your interests and select a **STEM Career Pathway**. Even if science and math were not your best subjects in high school, you may find that your life experiences have led you toward a STEM career. But maybe you need help in brushing up your skills.

### MoSTEMWINS Portal

The no-fee **MoSTEMWINS Portal** program includes career coaching, digital literacy, a STEM Readiness course and a self-paced Adult Learning Academy.

**Learning Community Supportive Services** A supportive group of students attending classes together  
Career pathway coach, including financial aid navigation  
Apprenticeship/Internship opportunities  
Job-seeking assistance

**Adult Learning Academy** Brush up on literacy and math skills with curriculum connected to job skills  
Accelerated college and career readiness  
STEM Career Pathways

Successful completion of the MoSTEMWINS Portal program qualifies you to enter one of three, fee-based and short-termed STEM programs, for which financial assistance is available:

[Patient Care Technician](#)  
[Life Science Laboratory Assistant](#)  
[IT Help Desk/End-User Support](#)

To learn more go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MoSTEMWINS/index.html>

## Mississippi River Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (MRTDL) Class A CDL Truck Driver Training

### Classes held at St. Louis Community College – Forest Park campus

The truck driving program is a five-week program which prepares the graduate to enter the commercial driving industry as a over-the-road truck driver.

Students will rotate through a combination of classroom, driving simulator time, and several hours of road driving. The course covers such areas as safety, DOT rules and regulations, proper shifting techniques, pre-trip inspections, map reading, log books, handling of paperwork, cargo handling, highway driving, night driving, and metro driving.

Must be at least 21 years old and must have a good driving record and pass a DOT drug screening and physical.

For more information go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MRTDL/Index.html> or contact Bahi Talundzic at 314-644-9786

## Mississippi River Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (MRTDL) Aviation Job Training

### Classes held at St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley campus

These high-value training programs are grant-funded and are offered for a limited period of time at no cost to qualified students.

Avionics (Aviation Electronics) An accelerated 8-week practical, hands-on, non-credit course.

Aviation Maintenance Technology Prepare for Federal Aviation Administration Airframe and Powerplant certifications

For more information go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MRTDL/Index.html> or contact Bahi Talundzic at 314-644-9786

## Mississippi River Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (MRTDL) Warehouse and Distribution Specialist Training

### Classes held at St. Louis Community College – Forest Park campus

This six-week program prepares you to launch your career in Logistics as a Logistics, Warehouse & Distribution Specialist. This high-value training program is grant-funded and offered for a limited period of time at no cost to qualified students. Prepare for front-line material handling and distribution positions across the supply chain — factory, warehousing, distribution, and transportation. Study with recognized industry experts and discover opportunities where your foundational knowledge, work ethic and commitment to excellence may lead to career advancement in this growing field.

For more information go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MRTDL/Index.html> or contact Bahi Talundzic at 314-644-9786

## St. Patrick Center

At St. Patrick Center, we're one of Missouri's largest providers of housing, employment and health opportunities for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. We take an action-based approach to service and offer nationally recognized programs that assist more than 8,000 people each year.

Employment programs include:

- BEGIN New Venture Center
- Project Hero
- Homeless Employment Center (HEC)
- Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program
- McMurphy's Café

For more information go to [www.stpatrickcenter.org](http://www.stpatrickcenter.org)

## Project Xcel

This professional training program designed specifically for young people aging out of foster care to introduce them to meaningful careers with opportunities for advancement. Career-seekers will learn essential universal skills that build on a strong foundation in service excellence, including interpersonal and business communications, critical thinking, diversity, and much more. It also prepares career-seekers to earn employment recognized certificates. Trained community career coaches follow participants in the first 6-12 months of employment to ensure they are on track.

Project Xcel Career-seeker Qualifications: between the ages of 17-21 (who is aging or has aged out of foster care and not on a post-secondary education or career path), has a HS diploma or GED, drug-free, and lives in St. Louis City or County areas.

To learn more about how to get your future started, call 314/746-0872

## MET Center offers FREE career training & supportive services to qualified candidates in following areas:

**Business Office Applications Training (BOAT)**

**Bioscience Technology Program**

**Carpentry/Building Maintenance**

**Precision Machining Technology CNC Program**

**HVAC Service Technician**

**Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Program**

**Diesel Technology (DT)**

**Industrial Certification Program**

Open enrollment/orientation is offered every Tuesday 9am – Noon and Wednesday 1pm – 4pm

For more information call 314/746-0750 or go to [www.metcenterstl.com](http://www.metcenterstl.com)

## St. Louis County Library offers FREE Computer Classes and Job Search Workshops

Free computer classes are offered at many branches throughout the St. Louis County Library system. Participants are required to register up to 28 days in advance for a class prior to attending. To register contact your local St. Louis County Library branch. For more information about upcoming computer classes call 314/994-3300 or go to [www.slcl.org/events/](http://www.slcl.org/events/).

## St. Louis City Library offers FREE Computer Classes and Job Search Workshops

### St. Louis City Library offers FREE Computer Classes and Job Search Workshops

Free computer classes are offered at many branches throughout the St. Louis Public Library system. Look for the Internet Job search course, which allows attendees open computer time to have their digital employment needs met with the assistance of library staff. Participants may register beginning the fourth Wednesday of each month prior to attending. To register, contact your St. Louis Public Library branch. Quarterly schedules for classes are available at all branches. For more information about upcoming computer classes call 314/539-0302 or go to [www.slpl.org/events/calendar.asp](http://www.slpl.org/events/calendar.asp)

## Urban League of Metro St. Louis, Inc. offers FREE Financial Education Training

8960 Jennings Station Road, St. Louis, MO 63136

Three session series of classes are offered every other week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as follows:

Monday	1 - 4 pm	Budgeting
Wednesday	1 - 4pm	Making Your Money Work for You
Friday	1 - 4pm	Financial Recovery

For more information or to register contact Randen Click at 314/506-5337

## Electro Savings Credit Union Financial Seminars

Electro Savings Credit Union offers several free one-hour Financial Seminars of topics such as Building a Basic Budget, Identity Theft, Building a Strong Credit History, and Checking Account Management. To learn more contact Pat Pettey at 314/434-6470 x1406 or [ppetey@escu.org](mailto:ppetey@escu.org)

## Prosperity Connection (formerly St. Louis Community Credit Union Foundation) Financial Literacy Workshops

FREE financial literacy workshops offered through CU Excel Center (95 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121). To get more information about the workshops or to register go to <https://www.stlouiscommunity.com/community/our-cause/cu-excel-center>

### August 5 and 19, 2015

#### SLATE OJT Program Overview

SLATE American Job Center (1520 Market St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103)

10am – 11am (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays)

For more information or to register contact Cheryl at 314 657-3541

### August 5 - 6, 2015 (weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays)

#### Weekly Job Search Workshops/Presentations

Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis (8960 Jennings Station Road, St. Louis, MO 63136)

10am – Noon (weekly workshops held on Wednesdays and Thursdays)

No cost to attend

8/5	Online/Manual Applications
8/6	Marketing Yourself
8/12	Resume Writing/Coaching
8/13	Interviewing Skills
8/14	MOCK INTERVIEWS
8/19	Online/Manual Applications
8/20	Marketing Yourself
8/26	Resume Writing/Coaching
8/27	Interviewing Skills
8/28	MOCK INTERVIEWS

For more information contact Hollis Whiting at 314/388-9840

### August 5, 2015 (weekly)

#### LaunchCode Coder Girl 2.0

CoderGirl is a free, all-women's coding group open to women of any age, background, or skill level. Join us! Bring your laptop and learn to code.

CIC@4240 (4240 Duncan Ave., St. Louis, MO 63

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to RSVP go to [https://www.launchcode.org/coder\\_girl](https://www.launchcode.org/coder_girl)

### August 6, 2015

#### Missouri Networking Event

The Old Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield

11:30am – 1:30pm

Networking is free but the lunch will cost \$8 - \$15 per lunch

For more information or to register contact Joel at [joel@otwms.com](mailto:joel@otwms.com)

### August 6 and 20, 2015

#### Entrepreneurial Workshop: Legal Clinic

The St. Louis Small Business and Technology Development Center has partnered with Legal Resources of Eastern Missouri to offer a Legal Clinic that provides one-on-one 30 minute sessions with a business attorney at no cost.

SLATE Missouri Career Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

2pm – 4pm

Cost: Free but an appointment is necessary

For more information or to schedule an appointment go to [www.missouribusiness.net](http://www.missouribusiness.net) or call 314/657-3547

August 10 - 13, 2015**Homeless Employment Program (HEP)**

This bi-weekly, 4-day Job Readiness Training classes focus on basic skills in obtaining and retaining full time, permanent employment. We serve both veterans and civilians.

St. Patrick Center (800 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101)

For more information or to register go to [www.stpatrickcenter.org](http://www.stpatrickcenter.org) or call 314/802-0700

August 11 - 13, 2015**CAASTL Job Readiness Workshops**

2709 Woodson Rd., Overland, MO 63114

- Successful job search strategies
- Acing online applications
- Resume preparation
- Interviewing skills and coaching

Noon – 5pm (during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each month)

For more information or to register contact James Ingram at 314/446-4431 or go to [www.caastlc.org](http://www.caastlc.org)

August 12, 2015**Professional Job Search Workshop Series: Online Applications – A Weapon of Mass Rejection**

In this training, you'll learn how to create online applications correctly AND successfully. Find out how to get resumes past the automated applicant tracking systems using simple tricks such as adding keywords, changing formatting, and reading the directions! Hear from an expert about the common mistakes people make when applying to online job applications, and learn what you can do to ensure your candidates get seen and get more interviews!

American Job Center – St. Louis County (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)

9am – 3pm (with a half hour break for lunch)

Participants must be computer literate to attend this workshop.

For more information or to register contact SLATE at 314/381- 6700

August 12 and 13, 2015**2-Day Career Workshop**

LDS Employment resource Services (12843 Penridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044)

The Career Workshop is designed to help you develop the skills you need to achieve your career objectives. You will evaluate your talents, interests, and values. Set goals and develop a plan to achieve them. Identify and develop the resources you need to reach your goals. Learn how to make powerful impressions while networking, during interviews, and in written materials such as resumes and applications. It is a fun and interactive workshop. You will leave knowing how to do better with your presentations, resumes, job search, and interviews.

9am – 4:00pm (usually starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, but call first as schedule may change)

Advance registration is required.

To register call 314/344-0050

August 18, 2015**Social Media Seminar Series: 10 tools to Simplify and Expand Your Use of Social Media Presented by Barry Coziahr, Response! Target Marketing**

SLATE American Job Center (1520 Market St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103)

9am – 11am

For more information or to register contact Joel Reinert at [jreinert@stlworks.com](mailto:jreinert@stlworks.com) or go to [www.socialmediastl.com](http://www.socialmediastl.com)

August 24, 2015**WORK-IT!!! Job Search Workshop Series**

Are you REALLY serious about finding work? If you've been coming to an American Job Center to sharpen your job search skills and need help with getting results from your job search then you are eligible to attend WORK IT!!!

WORK IT!!! Is a "finishing" session where we will assist you with job search computer procedures and meet with our business team to take what you have and together WORK IT!!! into a possible employment opportunity!

SLATE American Job Center (1520 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103)

Starts promptly at 9am and continues until 2pm

For more information or to register contact Jeanne Miller at 314/657-3558 or [jmiller@stlworks.com](mailto:jmiller@stlworks.com)

August 24 - 27, 2015**Homeless Employment Program (HEP)**

This bi-weekly, 4-day Job Readiness Training classes focus on basic skills in obtaining and retaining full time, permanent employment. We serve both veterans and civilians.

St. Patrick Center (800 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101)

For more information or to register go to [www.stpatrickcenter.org](http://www.stpatrickcenter.org) or call 314/802-0700

August 25 - 27, 2015**CAASTL Job Readiness Workshops**

2709 Woodson Rd., Overland, MO 63114

- Successful job search strategies
- Acing online applications
- Resume preparation
- Interviewing skills and coaching

Noon – 5pm (during the 4<sup>th</sup> week of each month)

For more information or to register contact James Ingram at 314/446-4431 or go to [www.caastlc.org](http://www.caastlc.org)

## VETERANS SUPPORT RESOURCES AND EVENTS

This is a list of support resources and events available to our military veterans and their spouses/families

### **Veterans Employment Center (VEC)**

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>

The Veterans Employment Center™ (VEC) is the Federal government's single authoritative internet source for connecting transitioning Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families to meaningful career opportunities. The VEC™ is the first government-wide product that brings together a reputable cadre of public and private employers with real job opportunities, and provides transitioning Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families with the tools to translate their military skills into plain language and build a profile that can be shared – in real time – with employers who have made a public commitment to hire Veterans.

### **Veterans ReEmployment**

<http://www.careeronestop.org/ReEmployment/Veterans/Default.aspx>

Veterans ReEmployment is a one-stop site for employment, training and financial help for veterans after a layoff.

### **American Job Centers**

[www.jobs.mo.gov](http://www.jobs.mo.gov)

Dedicated Veterans Outreach staff are stationed at most of the American Job Centers located throughout the state. *Local Veterans Employment Representatives* provide assistance in job placement and accessing needed services and *Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialists* provide case management and develop career and job training opportunities for veterans, with special emphasis on veterans with service-connected disabilities.

### **Disabled Veteran Outreach Center**

<http://www.ides.illinois.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Employment workshops are offered to our veterans on the third Thursday of each month for 10am – 11:30am at the East Alton location (612 West St. Louis St., East Alton, IL 62024). Workshops are five subjects presented on a rotating schedule: Starting the Job Search, Job Search Techniques, Writing Effective Resumes, Interviewing with Confidence, and Success on the Job

### **US Dept. of Veterans Affairs**

<http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/>

Provides patient care and other veterans' benefits.

### **Vet Centers**

<http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

Vet Centers provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who served in any combat zone. Services are also available for their family members for military related issues.

### **Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve**

[www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil)

ESGR facilitates and promotes a cooperative culture of employer support for National Guard and Reserve service by developing and advocating mutually beneficial initiatives. Paramount to ESGR's mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and Reservists in the civilian workforce.

### **Show Me Heroes/Show Me Heroes OJT Program**

[www.showmeheroes.mo.gov](http://www.showmeheroes.mo.gov)

In January 2010, Governor Nixon launched the 'Show-Me Heroes' initiative to help Missouri's Veterans and members of the National Guard & Reserve reconnect with meaningful careers, and to showcase Missouri employers who have pledged to do so. The SMH On-the-Job Training Program offers financial to help your business save training costs while preparing new hires for your vital jobs.

### **Hiring Our Heroes**

[www.hiringourheroes.org](http://www.hiringourheroes.org)

Hiring Our Heroes was launched in March 2011 as a nationwide initiative to help veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment.

### **The Mission Continues**

[www.missioncontinues.org](http://www.missioncontinues.org)

The Mission Continues awards community service fellowships to post-9/11 veterans, empowering them to transform their own lives by serving others and directly impacting their communities. Each Fellow works to achieve a post-fellowship goal of full time employment and/or pursuit of higher education, while maintaining a permanent role of public service.

### **Return with Purpose**

[www.returnwithpurpose.org](http://www.returnwithpurpose.org)

Return With Purpose assists those Veterans returning to civilian life by providing a facilitated change workshop, Return With Purpose! to successfully transition back to work, family and the community.

### **St. Patrick Center Veteran Support Services**

[www.stpatrickcenter.org](http://www.stpatrickcenter.org)

St. Patrick Center provides services to veterans to get help with housing, employment and health. Agency programs include Independent Living Skills and Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, Job Experience Training, Project HERO, and Veterans Go! Green, Supportive services for Veteran Families.

### **Webster U. Returning Military Services**

[www.webster.edu](http://www.webster.edu)

The **SERVICE** program is designed to help returning veterans adjust and succeed during their college experience. For any returning veterans who would like more information about utilizing the program or classroom accommodations, contact Shelley Stevens at 314-246-8284 or shelleystevens@webster.edu.

### **UMSL Veterans Affairs Office**

<http://www.umsl.edu/veterans/>

The Veteran Affairs Office serves as liaison to government offices to provide information on educational benefits, privileges, and responsibilities relating to Veteran Administration benefits. A certifying official is available to answer questions and process official paperwork.

### **St. Louis U. Military Outreach**

[www.slu.edu/military-student-resources-home/veterans-benefits-and-resources](http://www.slu.edu/military-student-resources-home/veterans-benefits-and-resources)

Saint Louis University is proud to help veterans succeed in their educational goals.

### **St. Louis Community College Veterans Services**

[www.stlcc.edu/veterans](http://www.stlcc.edu/veterans)

St. Louis Community College Veterans Affairs is here to facilitate a more seamless transition from boots to bookbag. We are devoted to assisting our veterans in applying for benefits, registering for courses and facilitating successful program completion.

### **St. Charles Community College Veteran Services**

[www.stchas.edu/veterans](http://www.stchas.edu/veterans)

If you or your family members are eligible for VA education benefits, the VA School Certifying Official will certify your enrollment at SCC and provide financial and academic counseling. SCC's military "one-stop-shop" is a place you can come for comprehensive services from admission to graduation.

### **Veterans for Peace**

[www.veteransforpeace.org](http://www.veteransforpeace.org)

Veterans for Peace is a global organization of Military Veterans and allies whose collective efforts are to build a culture of peace.

### **Dept. of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS)**

VETS serves America's veterans and separating service members by preparing them for meaningful careers, providing employment resources and expertise, and protecting their employment rights.

### **The American Legion**

[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization

**Veterans Court Technology Clinic Inc.**<http://www.vetcourtcomputerclinic.org/>

The Veterans Court Technology Clinic is a nonprofit volunteer-driven organization located on the second floor of the Employment Connection 2838 Market Street, St. Louis, MO). The clinic provides four phases of classes, which are based on various levels of developing computer skills for employment, ranging from basic document building to actual employment connections. The VCTC also provides a safe environment for those needing space to heal.

**The Veterans Landing**[www.theveteranslanding.com](http://www.theveteranslanding.com)

The Veterans Landing is the beginning of a movement created by the St. Louis Community for our nations heroes. The Veterans Landing is a culmination of veteran efforts to live our mission, which is continuing to serving our great country, metro area and each other. Initially the renovation will consist of turning the Cass Bank into a communications hub for the estimated 250,000 Veterans, Active Duty Military, Reserve and National Guard that pass through the St. Louis area each year. The key elements of the Veterans Landing are:

- Rally point for all veterans in St. Louis area
- Center for all resources that are Veteran related
- Hub for Veteran remembrance and history
- Working businesses that employ local veterans
- Veteran Affairs Outreach Center
- Volunteer Headquarters for St.L Service Platoons
- Museum and Interpretive Center for St. Louis Military History
- Spartan Pledge Headquarters for war-fighters
- Food Bank for veterans and families

**Scott AFB Airman & Family Readiness Center**[www.scottafrfc.com](http://www.scottafrfc.com)

The Airman & Family Readiness Center is a Commander's tool to assist in development and execution of services, activities, and processes which enhance individual, family, and community readiness, quality of life, and motivation to service.

**St. Louis Veteran's Business Network (STLVBN)** [www.stlvbn.com](http://www.stlvbn.com)

The St. Louis Veteran's Business Network was formed as a grassroots effort to help Veterans in business with a larger voice to assist each other and put our great companies/small businesses/ entrepreneurs on a stage that will broadcast our collective message o the General Public who would like to do business with a Veteran. Membership is open to Veterans. Veterans Families and anyone/company that supports Veterans. The following are a few of the benefits for joining:

- 4 monthly networking events on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday
- Special events as we develop more opportunities
- Business directory online
- Social media presence for your business
- Business mentoring
- Business opportunities
- Veteran apparel store
- Veteran buying power
- Veteran Issue support and inside VA information

**Veterans Recruiting**[www.veteranrecruiting.com](http://www.veteranrecruiting.com)

This is a free service for military personnel and veterans who will be transitions in the near future, or have already left the service. You will have real team access to industry leading employers who have a deep commitment to hiring veterans and military spouses. You can participate in our online career fairs from anywhere in the world with an internet connection.

**Veterans Curation Program (VCP)**[www.veteranscurationprogram.org](http://www.veteranscurationprogram.org)

The Veterans Curation Program (VCP) is an innovative partnership between cultural resources management contractors and a federal agency to process federally owned or administered archaeological collections while employing and training recently separated veterans. This site presents information about the VCP and the work being performed by its labs and provides potential applicants with links to contractor websites and application forms.

**Veterans Business Resource Center**[www.vetbiz.com](http://www.vetbiz.com)

Our mission is to assist veterans and former service members that want to launch, grow, or sell their businesses. We provide counseling, mentoring, resources, and education for those seeking the next level of achievement.

**Boots to Business Entrepreneurship Training Program** [www.boots2business.org](http://www.boots2business.org)

Boots to Business—the entrepreneurship track of the Department of Defense's Transition Assistance Program (TAP)—has provided entrepreneurship and business planning training to members of America's armed forces who are transitioning to civilian life, giving them the tools to start their own successful companies. The training program provides military service members and their spouses the opportunity to explore business ownership and self-employment, helps them evaluate the feasibility of their business concepts and connects the aspiring business owners to SBA's network of resource partners. Boots to Business is available at no charge on military installations worldwide to Service members and military spouses transitioning or retiring from service

August 4, 2015**Coffee/Reveille Networking Event**

American Legion Post 213 (217 Shumate Ave., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

7:30am – 9:30am (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month)

For more information go to [www.stlvbn.com](http://www.stlvbn.com) or contact Mike at 314/363-3715

August 5, 2015**Education Fair for Veterans**

Scott Airforce Base, Scott Education Center at the Scott Club

10am – 1pm

For more information go to <http://www.scott.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123417967>

August 10, 2015**Chow Hall Lunch Networking**

American Legion Post 397 (934 Rue de La Banque, Creve Coeur, MO 63141)

11am – 1pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month)

For more information go to [www.stlvbn.com](http://www.stlvbn.com) or contact Mike at 314/363-3715

August 12, 2015**HOPE Summit for the Veteran Community**

Harris-Stowe State University (3026 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)

8:30am – 5pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register contact Beverly Arps and [Beverly.arps@va.gov](mailto:Beverly.arps@va.gov) o call 314/652-4100 x55460

August 12, 2015**West St. Louis County Working Warriors Networking Meeting**

This opportunity is open to all veterans who have served/are serving and to all businesses who serve our veterans in the St. Louis Region.

Lucky's Market (15830 Fountain Plaza Drive, Ellisville, MO 63017)

8:30am – 9:30am

For more information go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)

August 13, 2015**Boots to Business: Reboot - One-Day Entrepreneurial Program**

The US SBA St. Louis District Office and the Veterans Business Resource Center (VBRC) will present a one-day entrepreneurial education program to veterans and their spouses.

Lindenwood, University (209 S. Kingshighway St., Harmon Hall, St. Charles, Missouri 63301)

This program is available free of charge to veterans and their spouses; however space is limited and registration is required by no later than 8/6/15. Lunch will be provided.

8am – 4pm

For more information contact Angie Wells at [angela.wells@sba.gov](mailto:angela.wells@sba.gov) or 314-539-6613 or go to

<http://acceleratestlouis.org/events/boots-to-business-reboot/>

August 17 - 21, 2015**Homeless Veterans Job Readiness Training Program (HVRP)**

In this intensive employment program, veterans receive the support services they need, including referral for substance-abuse and mental health issues.

For veterans to be eligible for this program, they must have served in the US Armed Forces and be willing and able to work at least 20 hours per week.

St. Patrick Center (800 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101)

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.stpatrickcenter.org](http://www.stpatrickcenter.org) or call 314/802-0700

August 19, 2015**Early Liberty Call Networking Event**

American Legion Post 208 (225 Old Sulphur Spring Rd., Manchester, MO 63021)

3pm – 6pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

For more information go to [www.stlvbn.com](http://www.stlvbn.com) or contact Mike at 314/363-3715

August 20, 2015**Veterans Job Search Club/Workshop**

American Job Center (612 West St. Louis Ave., East Alton, IL 62024)

10am – 11:30am

For more information or to register contact Lee Russell at [William.russell@illinois.gov](mailto:William.russell@illinois.gov) or 618/259-9500 x360

August 21, 2015**Vet Net**

Salvation Army (10740 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132)

9am – 10am

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)

August 26, 2015**After Hours Networking Event for Vets**

American Legion Post 101 (2721 Collier Ave., Brentwood, MO 63144)

5pm – 7pm (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)

For more information go to [www.stlvbn.com](http://www.stlvbn.com) or contact Mike at 314/363-3715

## DISABILITY COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCES AND EVENTS

This is a list of support resources and events available to our disability community and companies seeking to employ members of the disability community.

### RESOURCE AND AGENCY DIRECTORIES

#### **Directory of Resources for Missourians with Disabilities** <http://transitioncoalition.org/transition/moca/2006resourcedirectory.pdf>

Published by the Governor's Council on Disability. The directory lists programs and services of state and local offices, private agencies and other organizations serving people with disabilities.

#### **State of Missouri Disability Portal**

<http://disability.mo.gov/>

This site contains a wealth of information and links to key agencies that can provide assistance and direction. Information on the Governor's Council can also be accessed from this website.

#### **National Organization on Disability (NOD)**

[www.nod.org](http://www.nod.org)

NOD is a private, non-profit organization that promotes the full participation and contributions of America's 56 million people with disabilities in all aspects of life. Today, NOD focuses on increasing employment opportunities for the 79 percent of working-age Americans with disabilities who are not employed.

Founded in 1982, NOD is one of the oldest cross-disability organizations in the country, and remains one of the few organizations committed to representing all Americans with disabilities, regardless of their particular condition or circumstances.

#### **DOL - Office Disability Employment Policy**

<http://www.dol.gov/odep/newsletter/>

ODEP's mission is to develop and influence policies and practices that increase the number and quality of employment opportunities for people with disabilities. To fulfill this mission, ODEP promotes the adoption and implementation of ODEP policy strategies and effective practices — meaning those that ODEP has developed and/or validated — that will impact the employment of people with disabilities. ODEP's approach is to drive systems and practice changes by disseminating ODEP policy strategies and effective practices, sharing information, and providing technical assistance to government agencies, service providers and non-governmental entities, as well as public and private employers.

### FUNDING SOURCES

#### **Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation** <http://dese.mo.gov/adult-learning-rehabilitation-services/vocational-rehabilitation>

Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (MDVR) operates under the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE). The Division is made up of three core programs: Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), Disability Determination Services (DDS), and Independent Living (IL). If you want to work but have a disability that keeps you from finding or keeping a job, Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) may be able to help you. VR specializes in employment and training services that can assist you in becoming employed. A VR counselor will determine your eligibility for services. VR offers a wide range of services that are individualized for your needs. You and your counselor decide which services will help you become employed.

#### **Department of Mental Health – Employment First**

<http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/progs/employment.html>

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is committed to enhancing community employment options for persons with developmental disabilities. The guiding principle of Employment First is that all individuals who want to work can work and contribute to their community when given opportunity, training, and supports that build upon their unique talents, skills and abilities. Everyone of working age, and those supporting them, should consider employment as the first option prior to any other service options. As fully participating members of their community, individuals with developmental disabilities will be afforded the opportunity to earn a living wage and engage in work that makes sense to them. Career exploration and planning will be supported when assisting individuals in making informed choices in designing their unique pathway to increased independence, integration, inclusion, productivity, self-determination.

#### **Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB)**

<http://dss.mo.gov/fsd/rsb/>

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) provides services to people with varying degrees of visual impairment, ranging from those who cannot read regular print to those who are totally blind. Those services are designed to create opportunities for eligible blind and visually impaired persons so that they can attain training and resources to prepare for and successfully engage in employment.

#### **Productive Living Board for St. Louis County Vocational Services**

<http://www.plboard.com/>

The Productive Living Board for St. Louis County Citizens with Developmental Disabilities contracts with over 40 different agencies that will provide services to approximately 4,500 individuals with developmental disabilities in St. Louis County. Vocational services offered (a) focus on a person with a developmental disability obtaining and maintaining meaningful employment and (b) promote the acquisition of vocational skills, formation of relationships in the employment environment and the use of transportation systems, progressing towards independent living.

### DIRECT EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (SERVICE PROVIDERS)

#### **MERS/Goodwill Industries Mission in Action**

<http://mersgoodwill.org/mission-in-action/programs-services/services-offered>

Provides vocational evaluation; skills training; community placement; work adjustment training; supported employment. The primary focus and success of MERS/Goodwill's employment and rehabilitation programs is in our ability to prepare people for the world of work. To be successful on a job involves having sufficient self-esteem and self-confidence, meeting the challenges of one's personal life and being able to deal with the complexities of interpersonal relationships with co-workers and supervisors, as well as being able to perform the actual work tasks. MERS/Goodwill provides the opportunity to work toward the goals needed to achieve the maximum level of productivity in one's personal life and employment.

#### **BJC Behavioral Health**

<http://www.bjcbehavioralhealth.org/>

BJC Behavioral Health provides and coordinates an array of mental health services for citizens residing in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and other counties of Missouri. We serve as the point of entry for people eligible for services funded through the Missouri Department of Mental Health, and we also provide services under some health plans and grants. The mission of BJC Behavioral Health is to improve the mental health and well-being of the people and communities we serve who are impacted by mental illness. We deliver services that are primarily community-based and coordinate them with a variety of agencies and resources in the community.

#### **Easter Seals Midwest Employment Services**

<http://www.eastersealsmidwest.org/What-We-Do/Our-Programs/Employment-Services>

Easter Seals Midwest's Employment Services are designed to provide you or your loved one with the next steps after school, whether a teen is preparing for life after high school, a graduate is looking for work or an individual needs daily site-based skills instruction. Easter Seals Midwest has a variety of programs available and will help you find the one that is right for you and your family. Easter Seals Midwest matches qualified applicants with meaningful employment with the following types of employers: sports/entertainment venues, grocers, factories/labs, faith-based and other nonprofit organizations, government entities, restaurants and retail businesses. The anticipated outcomes for people in Employment Services are: to work at a job of their choice that matches their skills and interests, to develop working and social relationships with their coworkers, to develop natural supports at work, to make changes or upgrades to their employment when they desire to do so, and to enhance and educate the community through their positive contributions.

#### **Paraquad**

<http://www.paraquad.org/>

Paraquad is a private 501(c)(3), not-for-profit with a mission to empower people with disabilities to increase their independence through choice and opportunity.

### St. Patrick's Center – Worknet

[www.worknetnow.com](http://www.worknetnow.com)

Worknet is an employment network of the Social Security Administration. Worknet specializes in placing highly qualified workers in both contingent and direct hire opportunities in private industry. Worknet specialists in matching both professional the qualifications of the client and personality with the organization's culture to find the ideal fit. As an employment network, we assist those that receive SSI and/or SSDI with the supports and services needed to get and keep a job. Our goal is to help clients prepare for, choose, and keep the job they want.

### Boone Center (BCI) Community Employment Program <http://boonecenter.com/employment/opportunities-for-adults-with-disabilities/community/>

The BCI Community Employment program is tailored specifically to the needs of each of our individual clients. The innovative and unique approach that BCI takes to supporting individuals through competitive employment encourages both success and an appropriate degree of independence. The participants in BCI's Community Employment Program are offered varying levels of support, forming a continuum of employment guidance for individuals with disabilities:

- Career Assessment
- Job Development
- OJT
- Follow Along Services

### Center for Head Injury

<http://www.headinjuryctr-stl.org/employment.html>

The Center's Employment Services creates employment opportunities and supports after obtaining the job through a variety of tailor-made employment services. Programs and services provided include:

- Job Development
- Employment Support Services / Job Club
- Job Coaching / Job Site Support Specialist
- Followup / Retention

### UCP (United Cerebral Palsy) Heartland Employment Resources <http://www.ucpheartland.org/services/st-louis-adult-services/employment-resources>

The Employment Resources Department is designed to provide employment assistance (obtaining and maintaining competitive employment) within the community to individuals with severe physical and/or multiple disabilities or to those who have traditionally had difficulty in gaining or retaining employment due to other factors. Employment Services utilizes a variety of assessment, placement, and retention services.

### St. Louis ARC Employment Services

[https://www.slarc.org/site/446/employment\\_services.aspx](https://www.slarc.org/site/446/employment_services.aspx)

The St. Louis Arc is a non-profit, United Way agency that provides support and services to more than 3,500 adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families, throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area. The St. Louis Arc's Employment Services supports adults in seeking part- and full-time paid employment, provides initial and ongoing job coaching and retention services and works with employees and their supervisors to ensure successful job placements.

### Next Step for Life Employment Services

<http://www.nextstepforlife.org/es.html>

Employment Services assists adults with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining meaningful employment. Individuals with developmental, as well as physical and other disabilities can be eligible for services. Eligibility and referrals are determined through the Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or Rehabilitation Services for the Blind. Programs offered by Employment Services provide work assessments, job skills training, job placement and job retention. Through these programs people are placed in competitive employment in the community, where work provides them with more than a paycheck. Responsibility, self-esteem, social skills and a feeling of giving back are just a few of the rewards. Employment Services also employs individuals and teaches valuable work skills through contracted work with partnering businesses in the community.

### Preferred Family Healthcare (formerly known as Alternative Opportunities) <http://aoinc.org/category/employment-services/>

Preferred provides employment assessment, employment placement assistance, employment skill training, job coaching; job counseling, job development, job information, job matching, job modifications, job placement, supported employment, and transition programs

### Community Living Inc. (CLI) Employment Services

<http://www.cliservices.org/Services/EmploymentServices.aspx>

Community Living works to enrich the lives of people with disabilities so they can achieve their highest potential. We do this by providing children and adults with services and programs that allow them to live, learn and work in our community. In turn, they make our community inclusive, diverse and a better place to live.

### Places for People

<http://www.placesforpeople.org/who-we-serve/employment-support>

Places for People provides Individual Placement and Support (IPS) to help people with severe mental illness get and maintain competitive jobs. Research demonstrates that IPS, an evidence-based practice, is the most effective way to assist and support competitive employment in the community for people with severe mental illnesses.

### Independence Center

<https://www.independencecenter.org/about/>

Independence Center is committed to providing a comprehensive system of high quality programs and services that assists adults in the St. Louis metropolitan area with serious and persistent mental illnesses to live and work in the community, independently and with dignity. To accomplish its mission, the Center promotes rehabilitation and employment, provides educational, social and housing opportunities and offers training in its approach to community based care.

## BUSINESS TECHNICAL SUPPORT & ACCOMODATIONS

### DOL Office of Disability Employment Policy and Technical Assistance Resources <http://www.dol.gov/odep/resources/>

ODEP promotes the adoption and implementation of ODEP policy strategies and effective practices — meaning those that ODEP has developed and/or validated — that will impact the employment of people with disabilities. To develop and influence disability employment-related policies and practices, ODEP sponsors the following policy and technical assistance resources.

**Partnership on Employment & Accessible Technology (PEAT)** — Partnership which promotes the employment, retention, and career advancement of people with disabilities through the development, adoption, and promotion of accessible technology.

**Job Accommodation Network (JAN)** — Leading source of free, expert and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues.

**National Employer Technical Assistance Center** — Collaborative that researches, influences and develops inclusive employer practices and policies and, through the Employer Assistance and Resource Network (EARN), helps employers hire and retain workers with disabilities.

**National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth)** — Partnership to promote success for youth with disabilities entering the world of work.

### RelayMissouri

<http://www.relaymissouri.com/>

Relay Missouri is a service that provides full telephone accessibility to people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and speech disabled.

### Starkloff Disability Institute/The Next Big Step

<http://starkloff.org/s/the-next-big-step/>

The Starkloff Disability Institute offers speakers & other events to help promote employment for those with disabilities. They also host a workshop series for those with disabilities to help them in their quest for finding satisfying employment. The Next Big Step partners with "Role Model Companies" and "Partner Organizations" to help the Role Model Companies find disabled job candidates through Partner Organizations whom they can hire, retain, and promote.

**Deaf Way Interpreting Services**<http://deafway.net/>

Deaf Way Interpreting Services provides the St. Louis area with sign language interpreting needs.

**National Collaboration on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth)**<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/>

The NCWD/Youth website houses numerous youth-focused resources, developed in collaboration with ODEP, including the Guideposts for Success and extensive information related to Career Development, Professional Development, and Youth Development and Leadership.

**The Employment Collaborative**<http://www.ucphartland.org/services/st-louis-adult-services/employment-collaborative>

The Employment Collaborative works with local companies, school-based employers, and employment provider agencies to build relationships that lead to employment for people with developmental disabilities. We provide a wide variety of services for our employers and partner agencies including training, job creation and identification, candidate screening, and long term support to ensure employer satisfaction.

**Job Accommodation Network (JAN)**<http://askjan.org/>

Provides advice and ideas for making reasonable accommodations for employees or job applicants who are disabled.

**EARN (Employer Assistance Resource Network)**<http://www.askearn.org/>

EARN is a resource for employers to encourage the hiring, retaining and advancing qualified individuals with disabilities which includes sharing of the "best" employer-focused disability practices and policies.

**Partnership on Employer Accessible Technology (PEAT)**<http://www.peatworks.org/>

The Partnership on Employment & Accessible Technology (PEAT) is a multi-faceted initiative promoting the employment, retention, and career advancement of people with disabilities through the development, adoption, and promotion of accessible technology.

**St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources**<https://www.stddd.org/>

Provides and coordinates services for St. Louis City residents who have developmental disabilities.

**Employment Incentives**<http://www.employmentincentives.com/index.htm>

A website that promotes and shares information about the economic incentives available to businesses that hire and retain employees with disabilities. This site has information on Federal and state programs and initiatives designed to promote the hiring of qualified candidates with disabilities.

**St. Louis Community College Access Office Disability Support Services**[www.stlcc.edu/access](http://www.stlcc.edu/access)

The Access office at each campus offers support services to students with disabilities and faculty and staff who work with these students. The mission of the Access office is to collaborate with faculty, staff, students and the community to encourage a college environment in which individuals are viewed on the basis of ability, not disability. This is done by:

- Certifying and coordinating appropriate accommodations to promote access for persons with disabilities.
- Providing students with disabilities advising and counseling services that consider disability-related issues.
- Minimizing physical and attitudinal barriers.
- Building relationships and resources within the college and its community.

Ultimately, we envision a college community which values the contributions of all members regardless of disability and provides the opportunity for them to realize their greatest potential.

**Empower Missouri**<http://www.empowermotraining.org/>

Offers on-line training modules. This curriculum contains two modules. Each interactive module provides helpful information about employing people with disabilities.

1. Diversity in Employment & Disability Awareness
2. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) & Reasonable Accommodations

**EMPLOYER-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS**

The following employer-based programs are available to assist individuals with disabilities receive job-related training

**Project SEARCH St. Louis**<http://projectsearchstl.weebly.com/>

Project SEARCH is an internationally recognized school-to-work transition program for 18-20 year old young adults with developmental disabilities. The desired outcome for all students is full-time competitive employment. Offered through Easter Seals Midwest, individuals must go through their local school district to access this program (currently available in St. Charles through BJC – St. Peters and Embassy Suites and in St. Louis City through the VA Health Center). They learn job skills that are systematic, but routine, and are in their areas of interest. In addition to job training, all students receive job development services, job coaching, and follow-along and retention services when they become competitively employed.

**Pathway to Employment**[www.empacgroupinc.com](http://www.empacgroupinc.com)

The program is a partnership between Mercy Hospital, Empac Group & Franklin Co. School Districts (in Franklin County), SSD & St. Louis ARC (in St. Louis County), Jefferson County School Districts & Next Step for Life), and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The goal of Pathway to Employment is for each student intern to find a job after graduation. It could be the job he has been doing at Mercy, if there is an opening, or it could be a similar job at another company. Pathway to Employment is similar to a national program called Project SEARCH, a business-led, one year school-to-work program that takes place entirely at the workplace for youth with significant disabilities.

Businesses interested in learning more about being part of the program should contact Himmelberg at 314/703-4525 or

[chimmelberg@empacgroupinc.com](mailto:chimmelberg@empacgroupinc.com).

**RITA (Regional Industry Training & Employment Academy)**[www.ucphartland.org](http://www.ucphartland.org)

The Regional Industry Training & Employment Academy (RITA) is a new project of UCP Heartland's Employment Resources department to provide job support to individuals with disabilities. The primary focus of the position is to support individuals engaged in a training program at local partner Hotel locations, in the Metropolitan St. Louis City and County area. For more information contact Joe Dennehy, Project Manager - Talent Connect at [dennehyj@ucphartland.org](mailto:dennehyj@ucphartland.org)

**Talent Connect**[www.talentconnectstl.org](http://www.talentconnectstl.org)

Talent Connect is a new project of Center for Head Injury Services to provide job support to individuals with disabilities. The primary focus of the position is to support individuals engaged in a training program at local partner manufacturing (production & distribution) in the Metropolitan St. Louis City and County area.

## PROFESSIONAL/INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

### Eastern Missouri Chapter of Missouri Rehabilitation Association

<http://www.mo-rehab.org/emchapter.html>

The mission of the Missouri Rehabilitation Association shall be carried out by activities such as:

- Provide, through conference on a state level, a forum for the discussion of all the problems relating to total rehabilitation for persons with disabilities.
- Encourage an interdisciplinary approach to problems of rehabilitation through maximum use of knowledge and skills of all professions.
- Increase public understanding of the social and economic gain to individuals and to the State through providing opportunities for all persons with disabilities in Missouri to become self-sufficient, self-supporting and contributing members of society.

### APSE-MO (Missouri Association of People Supporting Employment First)

<http://www.apsemo.org/>

APSE-MO is the Missouri State Chapter of APSE The Network on Employment, a national organization committed to improving and expanding integrated employment opportunities, services, and outcomes for people experiencing disabilities.

### Down Syndrome Association

<http://dsagsl.org/>

Just recently started efforts on helping people with disabilities to become employed. They have held some workshops designed to help people with Down Syndrome to better prepare for job seeking. They have also held some workshops to help parents support their children in their job seeking efforts.

## EMPLOYMENT FIRST INITIATIVES/DISABILITY DIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

### Missouri Development Disabilities Council (MDDC)

<http://moddcouncil.org/>

The Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council is a federally-funded, 23-member, consumer-driven council appointed by the Governor. Its mandate is to assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration in all aspects of community life.

### National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities (NASDDDS)

<http://www.nasddds.org/>

The National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) represents the nation's agencies in 50 states and the District of Columbia providing services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. NASDDDS promotes visionary leadership, systems innovation, and the development of national policies that support home and community-based services for individuals with disabilities and their families. The association's goal is to promote and assist state agencies in developing effective, efficient service delivery systems that furnish high-quality supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### LEAD Center

<http://www.leadcenter.org/>

The LEAD Center is a collaborative of disability, workforce and economic empowerment organizations dedicated to a single mission: advancing sustainable individual and systems level change to improve competitive, integrated employment and economic self-sufficiency for all people across the spectrum of disability. The LEAD Center offers webinars on topics that are timely for people working in the workforce and/or disability systems, and for people with disabilities and their support networks. These webinars are opportunities to interface with thought leaders and subject matter experts about important issues affecting the disability community.

This year's webinar series focuses on both the newly passed Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and opportunities through new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rules to promote integrated competitive employment for people with disabilities. These webinars will deliver valuable information for workforce development professionals, policy makers, employers and people with disabilities. [Recordings of all LEAD Center webinars are archived](#) here, along with presentation materials and a transcript of the webinar content.

### State Employment Leadership Network (SELN)

<http://www.selnmembers.org/>

The State Employment Leadership Network (SELN) is a partnership of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) and the Institute of Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts Boston (ICI). The SELN provides technical assistance and guidance to state I/DD agencies to develop more effective employment systems and partnerships. The network is a place where states can connect, collaborate, problem solve and share resources that address the pressing employment-related issues that states face.

### Missouri Governor's Council on Disability

<http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/>

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) promotes full participation and inclusion of the nearly 1 million Missourians with disabilities in all aspects of community life by educating citizens, businesses, schools, universities and others of their rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Conduct educational seminars and on-site training as well as publish a legislative newsletter, a resource directory and informational brochures on topics relating to people with disabilities. Provide information about compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and assistive technology to maximize the productivity of people with disabilities. The Council offers assistance to other state agencies for compliance with all laws regarding persons with disabilities. It maintains communication with disability advocates and service providers to disseminate information and receive feedback on problems affecting people with disabilities in order to recommend policy improvements. The Council aims to promote positive images and protect persons with disabilities through equal access to services and employment opportunities. The Council publishes the Directory of Resources for Missourians with Disabilities. The directory lists programs and services of state and local offices, private agencies and other organizations serving people with disabilities.

### Now Enrolling the Next Big Step Class for Fall 2015 (now – 8/25/15)

Starkloff disability Institute is now accepting applications for the Class of 2015. The 12-week job-readiness program assists people with disabilities, who are enrolled in or who have graduated college or technical institute, in becoming more competitive job-seekers.

SDI offers this class free of charge to participants with classes beginning August 25<sup>th</sup>.

For more information or to register contact Tina Vinson at 314/588-7090 or [tvinson@starkloff.org](mailto:tvinson@starkloff.org)

### August 11, 2015

**Business Seminar: Accommodation for Success – Everything You Need to Know about Hiring Persons with Disabilities**

St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, Student Center – Café Area (5600 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

12:30pm – 4:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to RSVP go to <https://eventbrite.com/event/17432364672/> or contact [jsahaida@stlworks.com](mailto:jsahaida@stlworks.com)

August 18, 2015

### **PEAT Talk Monthly Webinar**

A virtual speaker series that showcases organizations and individuals who's work is advancing accessible technology in the workplace.

Topic: GettingHired

1pm – 2pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month)

For more information or to register go to [www.peatworks.org](http://www.peatworks.org)

## **IMMIGRANT & INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCES AND EVENTS**

This is a list of support resources and events available to our foreign-born and international community AND companies seeking to employ members of this community.

### **International Institute**

[www.iistl.org](http://www.iistl.org)

The international institute provides linguistically and culturally customized training and technical assistance to refugee and immigrant entrepreneurs. They help with business plan development, business management, and access to financing and compliance with business licensing and regulations.

### **MERS/Goodwill**

[www.mersgoodwill.org](http://www.mersgoodwill.org)

MERS/Goodwill is a non-profit agency that provides for the vocational needs of individuals who have barriers to employment through disability or economic disadvantage. Services include English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

### **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

[www.hccstl.com](http://www.hccstl.com)

The Hispanic Chamber attempts to strengthen Hispanic enterprise and small and minority business integration to promote a sustainable socioeconomic development and a better quality of life in the St. Louis region. The Hispanic Chamber serves as facilitator in strengthening Hispanic enterprise, it anticipates new challenges and opportunities, encourages innovation, and promotes the development of the Hispanic entrepreneurial sector.

### **Hispanic Leadership Institute**

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis Foundation has established the Hispanic Leadership Institute as a select program for 15-20 individuals consisting of nine, day-long seminars or experiences held monthly. Class IV commenced in October 2014 and graduates in June 2015. The HLI will train professionals on for-profit and non-profit leadership skills and network development. Program fee of \$1,000. For more information or to apply go to [www.hccstl.com](http://www.hccstl.com) or contact Karlos Ramirez and [kramirez@hccstl.com](mailto:kramirez@hccstl.com) or 314/644-4432

### **Bosnian Chamber of Commerce** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bosnian-Chamber-of-Commerce-STL/413692435441700>

To promote and maintain a prosperous business environment for the Bosnian community of St. Louis; to develop and provide an attractive atmosphere for the Bosnian business community, and other businesses that help and assist the Bosnian community; and to encourage a fraternal spirit for our membership.

### **Asian American Chamber of Commerce**

<http://aacstl.org/>

The Asian American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) of St. Louis is an organization that serves Asian American businesses in the Greater St. Louis region and includes all Asian American ethnicities

### **St. Louis Mosaic Project**

[www.stlmosaicproject.org](http://www.stlmosaicproject.org)

The St. Louis Mosaic Project, which began in 2013, is an initiative of the World Trade Center Saint Louis to promote regional prosperity through immigration and innovation. One of the goals of the initiative is to ensure that St. Louis is the fastest growing U.S. metropolitan areas for immigration by 2020. As such, the project's principles include the recognition that "significantly growing out population of foreign-born residents is an economic imperative" and "special initiatives are needed to welcome and to integrate newcomer immigrants." To meet its goals, the St. Louis Mosaic Project pursues government outreach to engage local, regional, and federal government leaders to reduce hiring barriers. The group also pursues business outreach such as engaging business leaders to developing hiring solutions for skilled foreign talent.

### **Professional Connector Program**

<http://www.stlmosaicproject.org/pro-connectors.html>

The Professional Connector Program gives foreign-born and native-born individuals (the Participant) the chance to meet with a well-connected and globally-minded professional (the Connector) over one coffee/tea session and receive job-seeking advice in the participant's respective industry. Following the initial meeting, the Professional Connector will introduce the Participant to three other Connectors for additional coffee/tea sessions.

### **Hispanic Arts Council of St. Louis**

[www.hispanicartscouncilstl.org](http://www.hispanicartscouncilstl.org)

The Hispanic Arts Council of St. Louis (HAC) mission is to promote the excellence of the Hispanic culture through arts and educational events. One of he aspects of our mission is scholarships to support first generations of Latino youth who are college-bound or attending college.

### **Immigrant Entrepreneurship Program**

[www.stlmosaicproject.org](http://www.stlmosaicproject.org)

Foreign-born individuals in the St. Louis region are 60 percent more likely than native born to start a business. This program connects the immigrant entrepreneurs to the resources to successfully launch a business.

### **Bi-Lingual International Assistance Services**

<http://www.bilingualstl.org>

Our mission is to ensure equal access to healthcare, mental health, and social services for all, regardless of national origin or language ability, through the advocacy, education, and direct multilingual services we provide.

### **Red Latina**

[www.redlatinastl.com](http://www.redlatinastl.com)

Local Hispanic community newspaper

### **St. Louis Bosnian**

[www.stlbosnians.com](http://www.stlbosnians.com)

Local Bosnian community newspaper

### **St. Louis Bosnians, Inc.**

[www.stlbosnians.org](http://www.stlbosnians.org)

The St. Louis Bosnians, Inc. is nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, with the purpose of Enhancing lives of Bosnian and other communities in St. Louis through educational, charitable, research, scientific and literary programs, presentations, and exhibits. Organization concentration of work is divided into four main sectors; Charity work, Advocacy, Cultural and Educational programs.

### **OCA St. Louis Chapter - Asian Pacific American Advocates**

<http://www.oca-stl.org/>

OCA is a national organization with 80 chapters throughout the United States dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States. To fulfill its mission, OCA promotes civic participation, education, and leadership; advances coalitions and community building; advocates for social justice, equal opportunity and fair treatment; and fosters cultural heritage.

August 12, 2015**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Workshop**

Topic: Diversity and Inclusion – Tapping Into Your Multicultural Workforce

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Technology Center (3611 S. Grand Blvd., Ste. 105, St. Louis, MO 63118)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to <http://www.hccstl.com/>

**Hispanic Leadership Group General Meeting**

Topic: Mental Illness – Hispanic Community

A much needed discussion that explores mental illness, the Hispanic community and the services provided to improve the quality of life of persons with severe and mental illnesses.

Ameren (1901 Chouteau Ave., St Louis, MO 63103)

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to [stlhlg@gmail.com](mailto:stlhlg@gmail.com)

August 20, 2015**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**

Ameren (1901 Chouteau Ave., St Louis, MO 63103)

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.hccstl.com/> or 314/664-4432

August 29 – 30, 2015**International Institute's Festival of Nations**

Tower Grove Park (St. Louis, MO)

10am – 6pm

Admission is free

For more information go to <http://www.festivalofnationsstl.org/index.html>

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NETWORKING EVENTS & SEMINARS

This is a list of informational and networking opportunities with some of the larger local cities and Chambers of Commerce in the St. Louis area. For a list of other Chambers in the St. Louis area go to [www.mochamber.com](http://www.mochamber.com)

August 4 and 18, 2015**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Business Lunch Networking Group Meeting**

Syberg's Restaurant (2430 Old Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

11:30am – 12:30pm (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays)

Cost: \$12

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)

August 5, 2015**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Divisions Networking Group Meeting**

Syberg's Restaurant (2430 Old Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

11:30am – 1pm (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month)

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)

August 6, 2015**Belleville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

FCB Banks (401 S. Illinois Street, Belleville, IL 62220)

5pm – 7pm

Cost: Members \$5 per person; nonmembers \$10

For more information go to [www.bellevillechamber.org](http://www.bellevillechamber.org)

**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting**

Team Central Gymnastic Academy (2675 Metro Blvd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

7:30am – 9am

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)

**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce First Thursday Networking Event**

Central Bank of St. Louis (1700 Clarkson Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: members free, guests \$15

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)

August 6, 2015 (weekly)**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Networking Happy Hour**

Lehmann's Landing (12314 Natural Bridge Rd., Bridgeton, MO 63044)

4:30pm – 6:30pm (Thursdays)

No cost

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)August 7, 2015**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce First Friday Coffee Networking Event**

My Music Room - Robin Lopate (451 S. Van Buren, Kirkwood, MO)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to [www.kirkwooddesperes.com](http://www.kirkwooddesperes.com)**West County Chamber of Commerce First Friday Networking Event**

Reliance Bank – Wildwood (2675 Westglen Farms Drive, Wildwood, MO)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)August 10 and 24, 2015**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Elite Leads Group Networking Event**

Webster University in Winghaven (2299 Technology Dr., Ste. 300, O'Fallon, MO 63368)

Noon – 1:15pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)August 11, 2015**West County Chamber of Commerce Social Buzz Club**

The Social Buzz Club will be designed to "spread the word" for Chamber businesses. Those that choose to dedicate their time to this endeavor will reap results that far outweigh their time investment. The key to success in The Social Buzz Club is to attend each gathering with the mindset that your sole purpose in participating is to promote the businesses of the other members, without a thought as to promoting your own business.

West County Chamber Office (2645 Generations Drive, Wildwood, MO)

2pm – 3pm

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Old FMB Bank Building (68 Crossroads Pl., O'Fallon, MO 63368)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Greenbriar Hills Country Club (Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1:15pm

Cost: \$20 for Chamber members; \$25 for non-members

For more information or to register go to [www.kirkwooddesperes.com](http://www.kirkwooddesperes.com)**Belleville Chamber of Commerce Coffee Cup Connections Networking Event**

Belleville Chamber Boardroom (216 East A Street, Belleville, IL 62220)

8:15am – 9:15am

For more information go to [www.bellevillechamber.org](http://www.bellevillechamber.org)**Greater North County Chamber of Commerce Women in Networking (WIN) Luncheon**

Cannoli's Restaurant (462 N. Hwy 67, Florissant, MO 63031)

Noon - 1:30pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month)For more information go to [www.greaternorthcountychamber.com](http://www.greaternorthcountychamber.com)August 11 and 25, 2015**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Tuesday Morning Coffee & Networking Group Meeting**

Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport Hotel (4505 Woodson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63134)

7:30am – 8:30am (usually meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)August 12, 2015**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Hollywood Casino &amp; Hotel (777 Casino Center Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

11:30am – 1pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)

August 12, 2015**Joint Fenton Area & Eureka Chambers of Commerce Monthly Membership Meeting**

TASK (980 Horan Drive, Fenton, MO 63026)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$20, guests \$25

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.fentonmochamber.com](http://www.fentonmochamber.com) or call Jeannie Braun at 636-717-0200**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Happy Hour Networking Event**

Bar Louie (103 Chesterfield Valley Dr., Chesterfield, MO 63005)

5:30pm – 7:30pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)August 12 and 26, 2015**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Masters of Business Networking Event**

Webster University in Winghaven (2299 Technology Dr., Ste. 300, O'Fallon, MO 63368)

Noon – 1:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)August 13, 2015**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting**

Orlando Events &amp; Conference Center (2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$25, walkins \$30

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)**Affton Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Garden Villas South (13457 Tesson Ferry, St. Louis, MO 63128)

11:15am – 1pm

Cost: \$15 for members, \$20 for guests

For more information go to [www.afftonchamber.com](http://www.afftonchamber.com)August 14 and 28, 2015**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Leads 2 Success Networking Event**

Webster University in Winghaven (2299 Technology Dr., Ste. 300, O'Fallon, MO 63368)

Noon – 1:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)August 17, 2015**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Networking at the Rail Event**

The Brass Rail (4601 Hwy. K, O'Fallon, MO)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)August 18, 2015**Crestwood - Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Rich &amp; Charlie's Restaurant (9942 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63126)

11am – 1pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)For more information or to register go to [www.ourchamber.com](http://www.ourchamber.com)August 19, 2015**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

St. Louis Community College – Wildwood, 2645 Generations Drive, Wildwood, MO 63040)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$25, guests \$30

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)**Greater North County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Catering To You Banquet Center (12775 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO 63033)

11am - 1pm

Cost: \$20 per person

For more information go to [www.greaternorthcountychamber.com](http://www.greaternorthcountychamber.com)

August 20, 2015**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting**

LaQunita Inn &amp; Suites (13615 Riverport Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free for members, \$5 for guests

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)**West County Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Networking Event**

Location TBD

11:30am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Morning Schmooze Networking Event**

Jan's Travel &amp; Cruise (7326 Village Center Dr., O'Fallon, MO 63368)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)**Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon**

Westborough County Club (631 S. Berry Rd. , Webster Groves, MO 63119)

11:30am – 1:30pm

Cost: \$18 members, \$20 non-members

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.webstershrewsburychamber.com](http://www.webstershrewsburychamber.com)**South County Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon**

Andres Banquet Center

11:30am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to <http://soco-chamber.org/>**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Networking Event**

J. Gilbert's Wood-Fired Steaks &amp; Seafood (Kirkwood, MO)

6:30pm – 8:30pm

For more information or to register go to [www.kirkwooddesperes.com](http://www.kirkwooddesperes.com)August 25, 2015**Chamber Color Networking Event**

We are inviting all the chambers in the area to come together in one place for a Color Networking War. Wear your Chamber color and network with hundreds of other business professionals from a number of fields that you have yet to meet.

Chesterfield Amphitheater (631 Veteran's Place Dr., Chesterfield, MO 63017)

5:30pm – 9pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)**Greater North County Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Group Networking Meeting**

Hendel's (599 rue St. Denis, Florissant, MO 63031)

4:30pm – 6:30pm (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month)For more information go to [www.greaternorthcountychamber.com](http://www.greaternorthcountychamber.com)**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Old Hickory Golf Club (1 Dye Drive, St. Peters, MO 63304)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$17 in advance, \$22 at the door

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)August 26, 2015**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Dave &amp; Buster's (13857 Riverport Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)August 27, 2015**West County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Forest Hills Country Club (36 Forest Club Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$25 in advance, non-members \$30 in advance

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Friendship Village Chesterfield (15201 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO 63017)

5pm – 7pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)

August 28, 2015**West County Chamber of Commerce Coffee Talk Networking Event**

Lucky's Market (15830 Fountain Plaza Drive, Ellisville, MO 63017)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)**Jefferson County Growth Association General Membership Meeting**

Jefferson College (Hillsboro. MO 63070)

7am – 9am

For more information or to register go to <http://jcgamo.org/events> or contact [jcga@gmail.com](mailto:jcga@gmail.com) or call 314/210-0211**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Women in Networking (WIN) Meeting**

Syberg's Restaurant (2430 Old Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

11:30am – 1pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)August 31, 2015**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Marketing Monday Business Seminar**

Kirkwood Public Library (140 E. Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO)

Noon - 1pm

Cost: FREE for members, \$30 for non-members

For more information or to register go to [www.kirkwoodesperes.com](http://www.kirkwoodesperes.com)**BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING MEETINGS & EVENTS**August 3, 2015 (weekly)**Women's Power Networking: Coffee and Contacts Kirkwood Weekly Meeting**

Hacienda (9748 Manchester Rd, St. Louis, MO)

6pm – 8pm (meets weekly on Mondays)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/Coffee-and-Contacts-Kirkwood/>August 4, 2015**St. Louis Professional Women's Alliance: Power Up Your Productivity – Advance Your Career by Intention**

Frontenac Hilton (1335 South Lindbergh Boulevard, Frontenac, MO 63131)

7:30am – 10am

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.stlpwa.org](http://www.stlpwa.org)**Connect at Rams Park Networking Event**

Rams Park (One Rams Way, Earth City, MO 63045)

4:30pm – 7:30pm

Cost: \$10 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.stlregionalchamber.com/events/](http://www.stlregionalchamber.com/events/)**O'Fallon-Shiloh People in Business Networking Meeting**

Holiday Inn Express (Dierberg Plaza, Greenmount Rd., Shiloh, IL)

8:30am - 9:30am (meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$5 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)**St. Louis Networking Geniuses Monthly Meeting**

Duffy's Bar &amp; Restaurant (124 West Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1pm (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month)For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/St-Louis-Networking-Geniuses/>**St. Louis Python Group Meeting**

This group is for people interested in Python. Whether you're a seasoned dev or just someone curious about the language.

T-REX 3rd Floor Conference Room (911 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63101)

7pm – 9pm

For more information contact Brian Hicks at [brian@brianhicks.com](mailto:brian@brianhicks.com)**Tapestry Business Women's Monthly Networking Meeting**

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Sunset Hills Community Center (3915 S. Lindbergh Blvd., Sunset Hills, MO 63127)

6:30pm – 8:30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)

Cost: \$25 for guests; \$35 for late registration

For more information or to register go to [www.stlouistapestry.com](http://www.stlouistapestry.com)

August 4, 2015 (weekly)**Women's Power Networking: Coffee and Contacts St. Charles Weekly Meeting**

Rib City (3891 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, Saint Peters, MO)

6pm – 7:30pm (meets weekly on Tuesdays)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/Womens-Power-Networking-Coffee-and-Contacts-St-Charles/>

**BNI Chapter Meetings**

BNI Business Network International has 30 area chapters meeting every Tuesday. Visitors are welcome, refer to [www.bnistl.com](http://www.bnistl.com), contact the listed chapter president to confirm your visit.

For additional information contact Teresa Morris-Simon at 314/822-1030 or [Tmorissim@bnistl.com](mailto:Tmorissim@bnistl.com)

August 5, 2015**Highland People in Business Networking Meeting**

Holiday Inn Express (20 Central Blvd, Highland, IL)

8:30am – 9:30am (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$8 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

**State of St. Louis Workforce 2015 Presentation**

St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, The Mildred E. Bastian Theatre (5600 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

7:30am – 10am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/130171/>

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**Business Frontline of St. Louis Business Networking Group**

Chris' Pancake House (5980 Southwest Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139)

8am – 9am (Meet weekly on Wednesday)

No cost to attend. For more information go to <http://www.bflstl.com/>

August 6, 2015**Women 2.0 City Monthly Meetup**

A networking event to promote new networks among the entire technology ecosystem in innovative cities around the world. This event is open to those who work, start, and fund tech companies. Both women and men are invited to attend.

TechArtista (4818 Washington Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)

6:30pm – 8:30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month)

Cost: \$10 per person (\$15 at the door)

For more information or to register go to <http://women2.com/city-meetup/st-louis/>

**Wildwood Business Association Meeting**

Living Word Church (Wildwood, MO 63040)

7pm – 9pm

For more information go to <http://www.wildwoodba.org/>

**Networking on Steroids “St. Charles”**

Fratelli's Ristorante (St. Charles, MO)

12:15pm – 1:30pm

For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/Networking-on-Steroids/>

**Untapped Business Networking Event**

Budweiser Brewhouse, Ballpark Village, St. Louis, MO 63102

5pm – 8pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

For more information go to <http://www.stlballparkvillage.com/entertainment/event/3606>

August 6, 2015**Ferguson Commission at Venture Café Business Seminar: Creating a More Integrated St. Louis**

How do low-income housing policies affect the patterns of racial segregation in our region? How do we change to make St. Louis a more integrated and inclusive place?

Venture Café, Crutchfield Room (CIC @ 4240 Duncan Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

4pm – 5pm

Free to attend

For more information go to [www.vencafstl.org](http://www.vencafstl.org)

August 6 and 27, 2015**The Chameleon Club Networking Event**

Barnett of Washington (3207 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)

For more information or to register go to [barnettonwashington@gmail.com](mailto:barnettonwashington@gmail.com)

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**Christian Business Connectors Networking Meeting**

Chameleon's Catering

11:30am – 1pm (meets every Thursday)

Cost: \$12 per person

To RSVP contact Dennis Wagner at 314/481-7337 x102

For more information or to register contact Richard at [Richard@accoladekb.com](mailto:Richard@accoladekb.com) or 314/458-3397

August 7 and 21, 2015**FORE Business Lunch and Learn Networking Event**

The Highlands Golf and Tennis Center at Forest Park (5163 Clayton Drive, St. Louis, MO 63110)

11:30am – 2pm (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)

3pm – 5pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)

For more information go to [www.forebiz.com](http://www.forebiz.com)

August 7, 2015 (weekly)**Women's Power Networking Meeting: Coffee and Contacts Fenton Weekly Meeting**

The Hive @ 44 (1710 Fenpark Drive, Fenton, MO 63026)

10:30am – Noon (meets every Friday)

For more information go to [www.meetup.com/coffee-and-contacts-ballwin/](http://www.meetup.com/coffee-and-contacts-ballwin/)

August 10, 2015**American Business Women's Association – Renaissance Chapter Monthly Meeting**

St. Louis County - Natural Bridge Library (7606 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO)

6pm – 7:30pm (Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month)

To RSVP call 314/388-1457

August 11, 2015**Business Seminar: Accommodation for Success – Everything You Need to Know about Hiring Persons with Disabilities**

St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, Student Center – Café Area (5600 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

12:30pm – 4:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to RSVP go to <https://eventbrite.com/event/17432364672/> or contact [jsahaida@stlworks.com](mailto:jsahaida@stlworks.com)

August 12, 2015**St. Louis Publishers Association Annual Vendor Showcase**

A great opportunity for publishing professionals and writers to get to know each other

The heights, Richmond Heights Community Center

6:30pm – 9pm

For more information go to <http://slpa.memberlodge.com/event-1867791/>

**Southwestern Illinois Business Expo**

Gateway Convention Center (Collinsville, IL 62234)

10am – 5pm

Free admission

For more information contact Richard Avdoian at [richard@richardavdoian.com](mailto:richard@richardavdoian.com)

**Highland People in Business Networking Meeting**

Baymont Inn & Suites (20 Central Blvd., Highland, IL)

8am – 9:30am (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$8 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

August 13, 2015**St. Louis Agile LINC User Group Networking Event**

Savvis Headquarters

6pm – 8pm (meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

For more information contact Jim at [jim.haftarczyk@savvis.com](mailto:jim.haftarczyk@savvis.com)

**Belleville People in Business Networking Meeting**

The Edge (701 S. Belt West, Belleville, IL)

Noon – 1pm (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

Cost: \$8 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

August 14, 2015**Business Seminar: Most Influential Business Women Awards – The Blueprint for Success**

Khorassan Ballroom, Chase Park Plaza (212 N. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)

11:30am – 1:45pm

Cost: \$80 per person

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/120721>August 18, 2015**U.S. Dept. of Treasury Roundtable Discussion: myRA (my Retirement Account) Program**

This presentation will bring together business group leaders in the St. Louis area for a presentation on the program and an informal discussion to explore outreach strategies to local employers

Federal Reserve Bank (One Federal Reserve Plaza, Broadway and Locust Streets, St. Louis, MO)

8:45am – 10:30am

Free

To RSVP by 8/14 contact [cburica@webershandwick.com](mailto:cburica@webershandwick.com) or call 312/988-2199**Collinsville People in Business Networking Meeting**

Oatman House (501 E. Main St., Collinsville, IL 62234)

8:30am – 9:30am (meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$7 for attendance

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Greenbriar Hills Country Club (12665 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

9am - 11:30am (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

Cost: \$25 for guests; \$35 for late registration

For more information or to register go to [www.stlouistapestry.com](http://www.stlouistapestry.com)August 19, 2015**National Association for Professional Women St. Louis Chapter Meeting**

Squires Restaurant in Lafayette Square (1415 South 18th St, St. Louis MO 63104)

6:30pm – 8pm

No charge to attend

For more information go to <http://www.napw.com/chapter/59/st-louis/>**Financial Executives Networking Group (FENG) Chapter Networking Event**

Buckingham Asset Management (8182 Maryland Ave., Ste. 500, St. Louis, MO 63105)

5:30pm – 7:30pm (members only)

For more information go to <http://thefengstl.org/>August 20, 2015**Network After Work St. Louis**612 North Event Space (612 North 2<sup>nd</sup> St., St. Louis, MO 63102)

6pm – 9pm

Cost: \$15 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://networkafterwork.com>**Granite City People in Business Networking Meeting**

Six Mile Library (2001 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL)

8am – 9am (meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month)

Cost: \$5 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)**St. Louis Bioscience Inclusion Initiative Network Meeting**

Venture Café (CIC @ 4240 Duncan Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

3pm – 4pm

For more information contact Natalie Clay at [nclay@biostl.org](mailto:nclay@biostl.org)August 26, 2015**Edwardsville People in Business Networking Meeting**

Edison's Entertainment Center (2477 South State Road 157, Edwardsville, IL)

11:45am – 1pm (meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$10 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

August 26, 2015**Business Seminar: Emerging Employment Issues from Continued Marijuana Legalization**

Armstrong Teasdale LLC (7700 Forsyth Blvd., Ste. 1800, Clayton, MO 63105)

7:45am – 9:15am

Cost: Free

To RSVP go to <http://rsvp.armstrongteasdale.com/RSVPpublic/RSVP.asp?EventID=KKCIL&LinkID=43019524888249405824>**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**August 6, 2015**Inventors Association of St. Louis (IASL) Monthly General Meeting**

CIC@4240 (4240 Duncan, St. Louis, MO 63108)

5pm - 8pm (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month)For more information go to [www.inventorsconnection.org](http://www.inventorsconnection.org)August 11, 2015**Community Service and Public Relations Council (CSPR) Monthly Meeting**

Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel (7730 Bonhomme Ave., Clayton, MO 63105)

11:30am – 1:15pm

Cost: Members \$30, Non-Members \$40

For more information or to register go to [www.csprc.org](http://www.csprc.org)**Computer Consultants of St. Louis Monthly Meeting**

St. Louis Bread Company (6630 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO 63130)

5:30pm - 8pm (Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of each month)For more information call 314/995-4652 or go to [www.ccsf.org](http://www.ccsf.org)August 12, 2015**Lewis and Clark SHRM Chapter Membership Meeting (NO MEETING IN AUGUST)**

Community Commons at Spencer Road Library (427 Spencer Road, St. Peters, MO 63376)

7:45am – 9:30am

Cost: Free to members, \$5 first time guests

To RSVP or for more information go to <http://lewisandclark.shrm.org/>**St. Louis Publishers Association Monthly Meeting**

Brentwood Community Center (2505 S. Brentwood Boulevard, Brentwood, MO 63144)

6:30pm - 9pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

Cost: No cost for members, \$10 for nonmembers

For more information call 314/256-1800 or go to [www.stlouispublishers.org](http://www.stlouispublishers.org)August 14, 2015**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Monthly Meeting**

Topic: Reducing the Pain of Change Management

St. Louis U, Center for Workforce &amp; Organizational Development (3545 Lindell Blvd - 2nd Floor, St Louis, MO)

7:15am – 8:30am

Cost: members \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door; non-members, \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door

For more information or to register go to [www.stlpmi.org](http://www.stlpmi.org)August 19, 2015**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Networking Event**

Jefferson Grill (127 W. Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO)

5:30pm – 7:30pm

For more information or to register go to [www.stlpmi.org](http://www.stlpmi.org)**National Human Resources Association Meeting (NEXT MEETING IN SEPT.)**For more information or to register go [www.humanresources.org](http://www.humanresources.org)**Human Resources Management Association (HRMA) (NEXT MEETING IN SEPT.)**To RSVP or for more information go [www.hrmastl.org](http://www.hrmastl.org)August 20, 2015**St. Louis Quality Assurance Association (STLQAA) Monthly Meeting (NEXT MEETING IN SEPT.)**For more information or to register go to <http://www.stlouisqaa.org/>**American Marketing Association Monthly Meeting (NO MEETING IN AUGUST)**For more information go to [www.ama-stl.org](http://www.ama-stl.org)

August 25, 2015

**St. Louis Coaches Monthly Meeting**

The Heights (8001 Dale Ave., Richmond Heights, MO 63117)

5:30pm – 7:30pm (usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$5 members, \$20 non-members

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.stlcoaches.org](http://www.stlcoaches.org)

**SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES AND EVENTS**

**Tech Co.'s Startup of the Year Online Competition Registration (now – August 4, 2015)**

Make some noise St. Louis because it's time to compete in Tech.Co's Startup of the Year Competition! Tech.Co has been traveling the globe, both virtually and physically, searching for the world's best startup, and the Tech.Co's Startup of the Year Competition & Tour's next stop is in St. Louis! Winners will get the chance to compete in Tech.Co's Startup of the Year Competition at Celebrate 2015.

For more information or to register go to <http://tech.co/event/st-louis-startup-online-competition>

**One in a Million Startup Competition Now Accepting Applications (now – August 7, 2015)**

The Ewing Kauffman Foundation has announced plans for a new startup competition based upon its 1 Million Cups program. The One in a Million competition will invite the thousands of entrepreneurs who have previously pitched their business startup ideas at local 1 Million Cups meetings to vie for the chance to be named "one in a Million" and win a \$10,000 first-place prize. The second- and third-place winners will also receive \$5000 and \$1000 respectively. The new competition is open to any of the more than 5,000 entrepreneurs that have presented a 1 Million Cups meetings prior to August 2, 2015. Startups must also be base in the US and be less than five years old with a scalable business model.

To learn more about the One in a Million competition go to <http://www.kauffman.org/microsites/one-in-a-million>

**Square One Program (SQ1) Training Program Applications Accepted for Fall 2015 Classes (now – August 14, 2015)**

SQ1 is a hands-on training program designed to assist entrepreneur in the creation and development of their bioscience or advanced technology business in the Bio, IT or Product/Manufacturing industries. Content is delivered by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) with the goal of helping entrepreneurs learn what is required to commercialize their product or service.

For more information or to apply go to [www.SQ1Program.com](http://www.SQ1Program.com)

**Missouri Technology Corporation Now Accepting Applications for Missouri IDEA Funds (now – August 31, 2015)**

The Missouri IDEA (Innovation, Development, Entrepreneurship, and Advancement) Fund is currently accepting applications for the following programs:

- High-Tech Industrial Expansion Program
- Venture Capital Co-Investment Program
- Seed Capital Co-Investment Program
- Missouri TechLaunch

For more information or to apply go to <http://www.missouritechnology.com/commercialization-programs>

August 3, 2015

**SCORE Business Workshop: Writing a Professional Business and Financial Plan**

e3 Wealth (10825 Watson Road, Suite 100, Sunset Hills, MO 63127)

5pm – 8pm

Cost: \$35 per person; \$45 at the door

For more information or to register go to <http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops>

August 3 – 7, 2014

**Global Coworking Week**

HIVE44 Business Coworking Center (1710 Fenpark Dr., Fenton, MO)

In celebration of Coworking Week, HIVE44 Coworking Business Center will be offering a free week at our coworking space 8/3 – 8/7 9am - 4pm.

You're invited to stop in this week to plug in, meet your collaborative partners or work on you company projects in The HIVE44 Coworking Business Center. Not a business owner? Looking for a job? NO worries! You're more than welcome too! Feel free to join us to work on your resume, access to printing/fax, fill out online applications, study or strengthen your skill sets.

8/4 Business Seminar	10am – 11:30am	"Social Media Tools: Making Social Simple"
8/5 Business Seminar	2pm – 3:30pm	"Small Business – Do You Know Where You Need to be Online?"
8/6 Business Seminar	10am -11:30am	"Are You Hiding Your Business Superpowers?"

For more information contact Cheryl Jaycox at 636/405-3130 or go to <http://thehive44.com/>

August 4 and 11, 2015

**STL Python Meet Up Group Monthly Meeting**

T-Rex Lammert Building (911 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63101)

7pm – 9pm

For more information and to RSVP <http://www.meetup.com/STL-Python/events/219717304/>

August 5, 2015 (weekly)**ITEN One Million Cups**

Every week, two entrepreneurs present their ventures and ask advice and assistance from the community. All are welcome to come see some of the newest ventures getting started around town, and join in the lively discussions and networking to follow.

KETC Nine Network (3655 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63108)

9am – 10am (every Wednesday morning)

No cost to attend

For more information go to <http://stlouis.sites.1millioncups.com/#ancSchedule>

**OPO Startup Wednesdays – Community, Founders, Mentors, and Funders**

OPO Startups (119 S. Main St., St. Charles, MO 63301)

8/5 Community 6:30pm – 9pm

8/12 Founders 7pm – 10pm

8/19 Mentors 6:30pm – 9pm

8/26 Funders 6:30pm – 9pm

Cost: Free

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6:30pm – 8:30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month)

Cost: \$10 per person (\$15 at the door)

For more information or to register go to <http://women2.com/city-meetup/st-louis/>

**Business Seminar: Creating Professional Documents for Your Home and Business Using MS Excel**

Missouri Small Business Technology Center (260 Brown Rd., Saint Peters, MO)

9am - Noon

Cost: \$30 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)

**St. Louis Product Management Group Monthly Meeting**

The Venture Café at CIC (4240 Duncan Road, St. Louis, MO 63107)

7pm – 7:45pm

For more information go to <http://www.stlpm.org/>

August 6, 2015 (weekly)**St. Louis Entrepreneurs Meetup**

Ami's of Rock Hill Inc. (9824 Manchester Road, Webster Groves, MO 63119)

11:30am – 1pm (every Thursday)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/stlouis-entrepreneurs/>

**Prosper Office Hours**

As Prosper Women Entrepreneurs continues to grow, we're hosting office hours for those who want to have a one-on-one conversation about their venture and learn more about Prosper programs.

Shaw's Coffee (5147 Shaw Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

10am – Noon

Cost: FREE

For more information or to register go to [www.prosperstl.com](http://www.prosperstl.com)

**Venture Café Networking Events**

Each Thursday at The Venture Cafe, we invite members of the community interested in innovation to join us for a few hours of connections and conversations.

CIC @4240 (4240 Duncan Avenue, #200, St. Louis, MO 63108)

3pm – 8pm (every Thursday evening)

For more information go to [www.vencafstl.org](http://www.vencafstl.org)

August 6 and 20, 2015**Missouri Networking Event**

Old Spaghetti Factory (Chesterfield, MO)

11:30am – 1:30pm (Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)

For more information contact Joel at [joelkirk@gmail.com](mailto:joelkirk@gmail.com) or Denise at 636.265.2440 or [Denise@abouttheclimb.com](mailto:Denise@abouttheclimb.com)

August 6 and 20, 2015**Small Business Workshop: Legal Clinic**

The St. Louis Small Business and Technology Development Center has partnered with Legal Resources of Eastern Missouri to offer a Legal Clinic that provides one-on-one 30 minute sessions with a business attorney at no cost.

SLATE Missouri Career Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

2pm – 4pm

Cost: Free but an appointment is necessary

For more information or to schedule an appointment go to [www.missouribusiness.net](http://www.missouribusiness.net) or call 314/657-3547

**SBA Affordable Care Act Webinars for Small Businesses**

SBA, the Department of Health Human and Services, and Small Business Majority have teamed up for a free weekly webinar series where small employers can learn the basics of the Affordable Care Act and what it means for their organization and employees. Topics covered include cost containment, the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit, the new Health Insurance Marketplace, and Employer Shared Responsibility.

1pm – 2pm

Also, available en espanol on 8/11/15 at 3pm

For more information or to register go to <https://www.sba.gov/healthcare>

August 7, 2015**Missouri Venture Forum Business Builder Breakfast Meeting**

Moto Museum/Triumph Grill (3441 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

7:15am – 9am (typically meets 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month)

Cost: members free, guests \$39

For more information or to register go to [www.missouriventureforum.org](http://www.missouriventureforum.org)

**Self-Employed St. Louis (SESTL) Monthly Meetup Network Event**

Kirkwood Station Brewing Company (105 East Jefferson Avenue, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$20 per person

For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/Self-Employed-St-Louis/>

August 7, 2015 (weekly)**Innovation Fridays**

Startup Voodoo's "Innovation Friday" series introduces change agents and thought leaders representing a wide range of industries and activities to tell their story of innovation and answer the big questions that they are trying to solve.

Pi Pizza (610 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63101)

8:30am – 9:30am

For more information and to RSVP go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/1479456225680871/>

August 8, 2015**SCORE Business Workshop: How to Start and Manage Your Own Business**

St. Louis Community College – Meramec Campus, Social Science Bldg, Rm. 108 (11333 Big Bend Road Kirkwood, MO 63122)

8:15am – 3pm

Cost: \$60 per person; \$70 at the door

For more information or to register go to <http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops>

August 11, 2015**Social Media Marketing Seminar Series: What Social Media Really Is and How to Use It Presented by Barry Coziahr, Response! Target Marketing**

Gateway Convention Center (Collinsville, IL 62234)

8am – 10:30am

Cost: Free

For more information go to <http://www.gatewaycenter.com/calendar.html>

**StartLouis Monthly Meetup Event**

This is a grassroots community of bootstrappers, solopreneurs, and startup enthusiasts in St. Louis, Missouri. Our mission is to bring St. Louis entrepreneurs together for learning and collaboration. Each monthly meetup event features a presentation and Q&A session.

T-Rex (911 Washington Ave. St. Louis, MO 63101)

6:30pm – 9pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/StartLouis/>

August 12, 2015**Extension Business Breakfast Seminar: Financing a Business**

Missouri Small Business Technology Center (260 Brown Rd., Saint Peters, MO)

8am – 9:30am

Cost: \$15 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)

August 12, 2015**Business Seminar: Fundamentals of Government Contracting - The Bidding Process**

Missouri Small Business Technology Center (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., St. Charles, MO)

9am – Noon

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)**Sales Hacker Workshop STL: with TopOpps!**

Sales Hacker Media aims to educate in the intersection of sales and technology. As technology in sales continues to rapidly evolve, there are more ways to make sales teams infinitely more efficient than ever before. These are the sales hacks, strategies, and tactics we're putting on display.

Claim Academy (515 Olive St, Suite 600, St. Louis, MO 63101)

5pm – 9pm

Cost: \$99 per person

To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sales-hacker-workshop-stl-with-topopps-tickets-17289893537>**M/W/DBE/ACDBE Workshop**

The purpose of this workshop is to provide potential DBE/ACDBE firms with information pertaining to the various programs, including the DBE certification processes.

Harris Stowe State University, Telecommunity Room (Library) (3026 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63103)

11am – 1:30pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.mwdbbe.org/calendar/>**Illinois Innovators & Inventors Monthly Meeting**

Madison Mutual Insurance Company (Mutual Ct., Edwardsville, IL)

7pm – 9pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month)For more information go to <http://ilinventor.tripod.com>August 13, 2015**Business Seminar: Selling to the Government: The First Steps**

St. Louis County Extension Office (10650 Gateway Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO)

9am - Noon

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)**Information Technology Entrepreneur Network (ITEN) 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays Monthly Networking Event**

This monthly event connects entrepreneurs and emerging tech companies with veteran business leaders, investors and the public.

This month ITEN will unveil its annual St. Louis Tech Startup Report: 2014 Year in Review. Come hear about key trends that emerged in 2014, see key metrics on our St. Louis startups and find out what companies rose to the top this year!

Venture Cafe (CIC@4240 Duncan Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

ITEN Mentors available by appointment:

Michelle Murray 3pm – 4pm

Dan Klotzer 6pm – 7pm

3pm – 8pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)For more information go to [www.itenstl.org](http://www.itenstl.org)**Small Business Webinar: Grants – How to Get Them and What to Do Next**

When money is tight or when experiencing a budget gap, or when launching a new program area or expanding an organization's audience base, we often think "Why not get a grant?" This webinar, presented by Judi Margolin, explores the ins and outs of grantseeking, providing some very specific advice about how to be successful at securing outside funding from both foundations and corporations. Topics covered include the various types of grants, which kinds of grants in which dollar amounts work best for different types of funders, types of grant support, alternatives to cash grants, and how to determine where grants fit in your overall funding scheme. What to do when you actually receive a grant to ensure you are well positioned for the next grant is also addressed.

1pm – 2:30pm

Cost: \$89 per person

For more information or to register go to <https://www.grantstation.com/Programs/WebinarOrder/Webinars.aspx?id=396>August 17, 2015**SCORE Business Workshop: QuickBooks Desktop vs. Online Versions**

e3 Wealth (10825 Watson Road, Suite 100, Sunset Hills, MO 63127)

5pm – 6:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to <http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops>August 18, 2015**Social Media Seminar Series: 10 Tools to Simplify and Expand Your Use of Social Media****Presented by Barry Coziahr, Response! Target Marketing**SLATE American Job Center (1520 Market St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103)

9am – 11am

For more information or to register contact Joel Reinert at [jreinert@stlworks.com](mailto:jreinert@stlworks.com) or go to [www.socialmediastl.com](http://www.socialmediastl.com)

August 18, 2015**St. Louis Small Business Monthly Meetup Event**

Kirkwood Brewing Station (105 East Jefferson Avenue, Kirkwood, MO)

Noon – 1:30pm

For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/SLSBMG/events/calendar/>

**Small Business Webinar: 2015 State of Grantseeking: Trends from the Report**

Who will fund my organization? What is a reasonable level of funding to expect for my organization? Does my budget, location, or mission focus affect my organization's ability to be awarded grants? What are the recent trends in grantseeking, and how can I use knowledge of those trends to my organization's advantage? *The 2015 State of Grantseeking™ Report*, underwritten by the Grant Professionals Association and Altum/PhilanTech, was made possible by the participation of the 1,824 respondents.

1pm – 2pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to <https://www.grantstation.com/Programs/WebinarOrder/Webinars.aspx?id=396>

August 19, 2015**Small Business Monthly Future 50 Awards: The Area's Top Growing Businesses**

Frontenac Hilton (1335 South Lindbergh Boulevard, Frontenac, MO 63131)

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information go to [www.sbmon.com/events/](http://www.sbmon.com/events/)

August 19 and 28, 2015**Danforth Weekly Seminar Series**

Donald Danforth Plant Science Center (975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)

3:45pm – 5pm

Cost: Free

For more information go to <http://www.danforthcenter.org/events>

August 20, 2015**Gateway Business Networking (formerly St. Louis Business Networking) Breakfast**

Missouri Athletic Club (405 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63102)

7am – 9am (Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month)

Cost: \$14 per person

For more information or to RSVP contact Andrea at [andrea.johnson@techguardsecurity.com](mailto:andrea.johnson@techguardsecurity.com)

**Biotech Meetup Group**

CIC@CET (4041 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

5:30pm – 6:30pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/saint-louis-biotechnology-meetup/>

**Donald Danforth Plant Science Center Young Friends Happy Hour**

Please join us as we discuss the mission of Donald Danforth Plant Science Center to improve the human condition through plant science.

Danforth Plant Science Center (975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)

5pm – 7pm

For more information or to RSVP go to [www.danforthcenter.org/events/](http://www.danforthcenter.org/events/)

August 21, 2015**Business Seminar: Turning Passions into Profits**

This session will provide insight about whether starting a small business is right for you. Participants will learn about the realities of starting a business as well as assess their strengths and weaknesses in terms of business ownership.

St. Louis County Library, HQ – Auditorium (1840 s. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

8:30am – 12:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.slcl.org/events/](http://www.slcl.org/events/) or call 314/994-3300

**Accelerate St. Louis “Friday Meeting” at Ballpark Village**

Howl at the Moon (601 Clark Ave., St. Louis, MO 63102)

4pm – 6pm

To RSVP go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/accelerate-st-louis-ballpark-village-friday-meeting-tickets-17851661801>

August 24, 2015**SCORE Business Workshop: Patents, Trademarks, and Copywrites**

e3 Wealth (10825 Watson Road, Suite 100, Sunset Hills, MO 63127)

5pm – 8pm

Cost: \$35 per person; \$45 at the door

For more information or to register go to <http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops>

August 25, 2015

**Business Seminar: Maximizing the Best Business Strategies**

Missouri Small Business Technology Center (260 Brown Rd., Saint Peters, MO)

6:30pm – 8pm

Cost: \$15 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)

August 26, 2015

**Small Business Webinar: Using Outcome Data to Tell Your Story**

Every nonprofit organization has a story to tell, but many remain as a "best kept secret" year after year. Stories developed around well-documented outcome data are vital to building your organization's relationship with the community. So how do you enhance your organization's compelling stories with solid outcome data in order to advance your mission? During this presentation, Alice Ruhnke will discuss methods to collect the data you need, how to use data-driven stories to communicate your message, and ways to tailor your story to constituencies both inside and outside of your organization

1pm – 2:30pm

Cost: \$89 per person

For more information or to register go to <https://www.grantstation.com/Programs/WebinarOrder/Webinars.aspx?id=396>

**Social Media Marketing Seminar Series: What Social Media Really Is and How to Use It**

**Presented by Barry Coziahr, Response! Target Marketing**

Holiday Inn-South County Center (6921 S. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63125)

8am – 10:30am

Cost: Free for Kirkwood Chamber members, \$20 for non-members

Register online at [www.socialmediastl.com](http://www.socialmediastl.com) under FREE SEMINARS

August 27, 2015

**Commerce Bank Small Business Networking Series**

Topic: The Formula for Business Growth – The Keys to Selecting the Right Business Insurance

Commerce Bank, Clayton Banking Center (8000 Forsyth Blvd., 15th Flr., Clayton, MO 63105)

7:30am – 8:45am

Cost: Free

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/commerce-bank-small-business-network-august-27-registration-17879821026?aff=erelexporg>

**Business Seminar: Moving Your Product Internationally**

Missouri Small Business Technology Center (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., St. Charles, MO)

9am – 11:30am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)

**Business Seminar: Creating a Break-through Marketing Plan**

Missouri Small Business Technology Center (260 Brown Rd., Saint Peters, MO)

6:30pm – 8pm

Cost: \$15 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)

**Small Business Webinar: Building a Powerful Grants Strategy for 2015- 2016**

This webinar will take participants through the process of establishing a grants calendar for the next 12 to 18 months. Fast-paced, and filled with action steps, Cynthia Adams, CEO of GrantStation, will discuss how to design and adopt a Grant Decision Matrix before beginning the process of building a specific grants strategy for each project. All participants will also receive a set of worksheets that they can use to create their own approach to building an overall grantseeking strategy for their organization.

1pm – 2:30pm

Cost: \$89 per person

For more information or to register go to <https://www.grantstation.com/Programs/WebinarOrder/Webinars.aspx?id=396>

**Missouri Venture Forum Ask the Experts – Speed Networking**

Need Expert Advice? Get your burning business questions answered during this high-energy "speed networking" session. Bring your business questions with you to discuss with our line-up of lawyers, accountants and marketing experts. Spend 5 minutes with each before you rotate chairs to the next expert. Stick around afterwards for additional networking opportunities with the MVF experts. Get your accounting, legal and marketing questions answered one-on-one by a local expert. This is an opportunity for entrepreneurs to get free advice and have their questions answered.

The Venture Café (4240 Duncan Ave., Ste. 200, St. Louis, Missouri 63110)

5:15pm – 6:15pm (fourth Thursday of each month)

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.missouriventureforum.org](http://www.missouriventureforum.org)

**Donald Danforth Plant Science Center Conversations**

Danforth Plant Science Center (975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)

5:15pm – 7pm

For more information or to RSVP go to [www.danforthcenter.org/events/](http://www.danforthcenter.org/events/)

## SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AND TRAINING

### **MOSourceLink**

MOSourceLink is a statewide referral network which links Missouri small business owners and entrepreneurs to local, regional, and state resources who provide services, programs, classes, and information to help business grow and prosper. MOSourceLink does not offer any business counseling or educational services directly to the entrepreneur. Our role is to facilitate referrals to resources, getting business owners to the right resource at the right time.

For more information go to [www.mosourcelink.com](http://www.mosourcelink.com)

### **Arch Grants**

Arch Grants seeks to create a more robust startup culture and infrastructure in St. Louis. To increase employment growth and establish St. Louis as a place where entrepreneurs want to start and grow their businesses, Arch Grants offers startups funding in the form of grants and supports the startups as they remain or transition to downtown St. Louis. The Arch Grants Business Plan Competition helps to shape the image of St. Louis among aspiring entrepreneurs and others looking to have a formative role in building a new entrepreneurial climate in St. Louis. For more information go to [www.archgrants.org](http://www.archgrants.org)

### **Capital Innovators Accelerator Program**

The Capital Innovators Accelerator Program, based in St. Louis, MO, provides \$50,000 in seed funding, project-based mentorship from a seasoned pool of knowledgeable experts, stellar perks, networking, and follow-on funding opportunities over the course of 12 weeks

For more information or to apply go to [www.capitalinnovators.com](http://www.capitalinnovators.com)

### **Cultivation Capital**

Cultivation Capital is a venture capital firm managed by team of serial entrepreneurs. We know what it takes to start, cultivate and grow a successful company. We know the struggles, the challenges, the rewards and the successes. We are harnessing that knowledge to help develop and partner with the next generation of great entrepreneurs. Our funds are focused in the areas of technology and health and life sciences. For more information go to [www.cultivationcapital.com](http://www.cultivationcapital.com)

### **RiverVest Venture Partners**

Established in 2000. RiverVest Venture Partners focuses exclusively on innovations in life sciences, a field in which our team has significant research, clinical, operational and investment expertise. The group identifies, funds and actively incubates promising life science companies, particularly in the medical device and biopharmaceutical industries. Provides practical advice and strategic leadership to help entrepreneurs drive early-stage companies forward. RiverVest also invests in select later-stage life science companies to diversify risk and maximize portfolio returns. In every case, takes a hands-on investment approach, preferring to be represented on the boards of our portfolio companies. RiverVest has funded 30 innovative life science companies and currently has assets under management of more than \$280 million. For more information go to <http://rivervest.com/>

### **Bodley Group**

Bodley Group invests in seed or growth opportunities with compelling teams and a clear potential for out-performance. We seek to invest in companies with new proprietary technology, concept durability, clearly defined customer acquisition strategies, network effects and the potential for rapid growth.

Most importantly, we target inspirational founders who are convinced of their plan for a different future and possess the fortitude to make their vision a reality.

For more information go to <http://www.bodleygroup.com/>

### **St. Louis Startup Challenge**

The St. Louis Startup Challenge was created to promote entrepreneurship, innovation and venture development within the region by **highlighting** dynamic startup and early stage companies in the region; **strengthening** those companies through relevant analysis and support; and **rewarding** the best-of-the-best at the end of the Challenge. The Challenge encourages all startups and early stage companies to apply. For purposes of the Challenge, applicants may be pre-launch, operational or pre- or post-revenue. Cash awards are provided by Edward Jones through St. Louis Economic Development Partnership. For more information go to [www.STLStartupChallenge.com](http://www.STLStartupChallenge.com)

### **Metro East Start-Up Challenge**

The Metro East Start-up Challenge is a business plan competition to identify, recognize, and reward excellence in entrepreneurship. SIUE School of Business and the Illinois Metro East Small Business Development Center (SBDC) are the MESC administrators. The 2015 cash prizes are \$25,000 and will be awarded to entrepreneurs and new business start-ups based -- with plans to locate -- in Illinois portion of the St. Louis metropolitan area. For more information go to <http://www.siu.edu/metroeaststartup/>

### **Yield Lab**

The Yield Lab is focused on bridging the critical gap between innovation and fruition of new agricultural technology by supporting early stage companies. The Yield Lab provides new AgTech companies with \$100,000 in funding, mentors, and connections supported by an agriculturally solid framework of organizations and businesses from the St. Louis area. Backed by Cultivation Capital, The Yield Labs selects four to eight agriculturally based technology companies each year with a nine month cohort. Those companies selected to take part in the accelerator program will receive hands-on training, mentoring, and networking opportunities with the top agricultural research and development intuitions in the region. As one of the largest areas of business in the Midwest, agriculture is a leading industry with extensive influence within the region and beyond. The diversity with the central location, along solid business communities and support, makes St. Louis a leading space for AgTech expansion. For more information go to [www.theyieldlab.com](http://www.theyieldlab.com)

### **Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR)**

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program is a highly competitive program that encourages domestic small businesses to engage in Federal Research/Research and Development (R/R&D) that has the potential for commercialization. Through a competitive awards-based program, SBIR enables small businesses to explore their technological potential and provides the incentive to profit from its commercialization. By including qualified small businesses in the nation's R&D arena, high-tech innovation is stimulated and the United States gains entrepreneurial spirit as it meets its specific research and development needs.

STTR is an important new small business program that expands funding opportunities in the federal innovation research and development arena. Central to the program is expansion of the public/private sector partnership to include the joint venture opportunities for small business and the nation's premier nonprofit research institutions. STTR's most important role is to foster the innovation necessary to meet the nation's scientific and technological challenges in the 21st century. For more information about the program go to <http://missouribusiness.net/technology/about-sbir-sttr/#sttr>

### **Techli**

Techli delivers innovation news and in-depth editorial on the technology, businesses and ideas that are changing the way we live, work, and play. We know cutting edge technologies and vanguard businesses are emerging around the world, not just in Silicon Valley. Techli covers technology and innovation news wherever it happens, whenever it happens. For more information go to [www.techli.com](http://www.techli.com)

**Billiken Angels Network** Our goal as investors is to provide infusions of expertise and capital to firms that show promise to make a difference for our economy and our region. We are willing to look at firms in all industries and we look at firms at all stages, not just start-ups. Our goal as a network is to make a difference through education and advice to all the current and future businesses in the region. We draw on an unmatched set of resources including SLU's Entrepreneurship Center, the Habitat for Neighborhood Business, SLU's nationally ranked Entrepreneurship Program, the John Cook School of Business, and the other resources of Saint Louis University. If you have questions, please contact our director, Professor Jerome Katz, at 314-977-3864 or by email at [katzja@slu.edu](mailto:katzja@slu.edu) or go to [www.billikenangels.com](http://www.billikenangels.com)

### **St. Louis Arch Angels**

The mission of the St. Louis Arch Angels is to provide opportunities for our members to obtain outstanding financial returns by investing in early-stage companies with high growth potential in the St. Louis Region and accelerating them to market leadership. The Arch Angels are a part of the region's seed to later stage equity capital continuum and are targeting an investment range that is generally underserved by institutional venture capital firms. The Arch Angel network is an important addition to the region's capacity to finance innovation emerging from our universities and research institutes, companies, and technology incubators. For more information go to [www.stlouisarchangels.com](http://www.stlouisarchangels.com)

### **LINC (Leveraging Information and Networks to access Capital)**

This is a new initiative by the SBA. It is an online business matchmaking service to help entrepreneurs get connected with lenders. Phase 1 was rolled out in February to assist with connecting small business owners with nonprofit lenders that offer free financial advice and specialize in microlending, smaller loans, and real estate financing. Phase 2 will add more traditional banks that offer an even wider array of financial products, in the longer term, LINC could be modified to facilitate government contracting by connecting eligible small businesses with procurement officers, prime contractors and federal buyers. For more information go to <https://www.sba.gov/tools/linc?herobox>

### **Missouri Technology Corp**

The Missouri Technology Corporation is a public-private partnership created by the Missouri General Assembly to promote entrepreneurship and foster the growth of new and emerging high-tech companies. MTC focuses on 21st Century bioscience industries. Our vision is to transform Missouri through the power of entrepreneurship by serving as a catalyst for technology-based innovation to achieve sustainable economic growth. Our mission is to provide leadership and make strategic investments that help entrepreneurs create and grow technology-based Missouri businesses. MTC focuses on 21st Century bioscience industries that build on Missouri's rich history in agriculture. For more information go to [www.missouritechnology.com](http://www.missouritechnology.com)

### **T-Rex**

T-REX is a world class venue providing the startup entrepreneur with low cost & flexible enterprise space, while serving the region with quality programming and inspiring community. Two years after its inception, T-REX occupies 5 floors of Lammert on Washington and growing. It is now home to 80+ startups, iTEN, Capital Innovators, Cultivation Capital, SixThirty, Arch Grants and home to many other entrepreneurial activity including Startup Weekend and StartLouis. For more information go to [www.downtowntrex.com](http://www.downtowntrex.com)

### **BioGenerator**

BioGenerator is a privately funded, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization created to facilitate the formation of successful, sustainable bioscience companies in the St. Louis region. BioGenerator is an affiliate of [BioSTL](http://BioSTL.org). BioGenerator's mission is to support economic development and job growth in the St. Louis region. To accomplish this, BioGenerator identifies promising technologies and services, and works with the researcher or entrepreneur to build a successful and sustainable company. BioGenerator provides assistance, possibly with pre-seed or seed funding and access to lab space with specialized equipment, at the early stages of new company formation, with continued support to milestones of follow-on funding or sustainable revenue.

For more information go to [www.biogenerator.org](http://www.biogenerator.org)

### **Prosper Women Entrepreneurs**

Prosper was created to address the entrepreneur gender gap in the St. Louis region. We are a group of business leaders, thinkers, doers, innovators and students who want to make sure that our community is well positioned in the new economy and, more specifically, that women entrepreneurs are a vital part of its future. Prosper Women Entrepreneurs is working with the Golden Seeds, the largest angel group in the US that focuses on women entrepreneurs, to establish an angel network in the St. Louis region dedicated to investing in women-owned and women-led businesses. The Prosper Angel Network will increase women entrepreneurs' access to growth capital and the number of women investing in early stage capital markets. Prosper Accelerator provides female-lead startups with \$50K in funding, mentors, and connections to the top business leaders in the country. Backed by venture capital firm Cultivation Capital, Prosper selects ten female-lead startup companies each year, five for the Fall class and four in the spring. These companies have access to our innovative curriculum, our incredible connections, and the resources they need to take their businesses to the next level.

For more information go to [www.prosperstl.com](http://www.prosperstl.com)

### **Innovative Technology Enterprises (ITE) at UMSL**

ITE at UMSL is a university incubator for community as well as university technologies. With office and laboratory space, ITE offers the ideal environment for chemistry, life science, nanotechnology and IT companies. Amenities include access to university resources, use of professional common areas, shared office and laboratory equipment, and a great location with easy access to major highways. For more information go to <http://www.ite-stl.org/>

### **Square One Program (SQ1)**

SQ1 is a hands-on training program designed to assist entrepreneur in the creation and development of their bioscience or advanced technology business in the Bio, IT or Product/Manufacturing industries. Content is delivered by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) with the goal of helping entrepreneurs learn what is required to commercialize their product or service. SQ1 utilizes a three-pronged approach to instill confidence and skills entrepreneurs need to succeed:

1. Formal instruction
2. Hand-on learning
3. Networking & mentoring

The program consists of 10 weeks of classes, one night each week. There are bullpen or study group sessions that participants may also attend each week. The bullpen sessions allow the participants to interact and engage with industry experts and their classmates in order to complete assignments or explore topics in greater detail. Participants will also have access to co-working space. The program ends with a pitch deck competition in the 11<sup>th</sup> week where participants may receive cash awards.

For more information go to <http://www.bedprogram.com/>

### **Cortex (Center of Research and Technology Exchange) Innovation Community**

Cortex is the Midwest's premiere innovation hub of bioscience and technology research, development and commercialization, serving as the anchor of St. Louis' growing ecosystem for innovative startup programs and established companies. Cortex provides state-of-the-art biomedical science and overall technology research facilities to hatch some of the nation's most promising technological advances. Cortex offers customizable lab and office space for rent, proximity to world-class research institutions, availability of a highly-trained workforce, and access to venture capital.

For more information go to [www.cortexstl.com](http://www.cortexstl.com)

### **Cambridge Innovation Center at the Center for Emerging Technologies (CIC@CET) St. Louis**

The CIC @CET occupies more than 30,000 square feet of space on the second floor of the @4240 building, located in the heart of the Cortex innovation district in Midtown. CIC is now managing operations at the CET, adding another 87,000 square feet to its St. Louis space, which will now total more than 110,000 square feet. It will use the added space to help accelerate startup companies. Entrepreneurs can lease space at the CIC for as few as 30 days, which gives startups the ability to scale up or down at a rapid pace. More co-working space, a revamped conference room and reception area are also planned for the CIC@CET. For more information go to <http://stl.cic.us/>

### **Cambridge Innovation Center at 4240 (CIC@4240) St. Louis**

@4240 offers a unique environment for a range of companies including those involved in life sciences, research, technology, legal, innovation and entrepreneurship... conveniently located within the CORTEX district in St. Louis' popular Central West End. @4240 provides 183,000 square feet of office or lab space built out to tenant specifications. Flexible tenant solutions include customized labs for both large and small molecule research, dry labs for electronic, medical device or IT or software research, and modern office space. A Certified LEED Platinum building, @4240 is surrounded by what employees want most including walking distance to green spaces, cafes and living areas.

For more information go to <http://at4240.com/>

### **TechArtista Collaborative Working Center**

The TechArtista Collaborative Working Environment is a professional workplace that combines private office suites, coworking space, conference rooms and a host of unique amenities. Located in the cosmopolitan Central West End, our members are creative and business professionals with growing enterprises. Our mission is to create a Collaborative Working Environment that fosters personal and business development. Through a model of facilitated cooperation – sharing networks, ideas, and resources – we aim to take the struggle out of startups. We believe that investing in the St. Louis community to create economic opportunity and promote retention can be both profitable and fun. For more information go to [www.techartista.org](http://www.techartista.org)

### **Lab 1500**

Lab1500 is an entrepreneurial center founded on the principle that collaboration drives innovation. It's a cool, comfortable place where members can utilize co-working space; network with likeminded entrepreneurs; and attend classes, workshops and events. For more information go to [www.lab1500.com](http://www.lab1500.com)

### **Nebula Coworking**

Nebula Coworking, located in the heart of the Cherokee Business District provides space for creative professionals, small businesses, independent contractors, artists and non-profits looking for a place to build, create, develop, and collaborate. For more information go to <http://nebulastl.com>

### **OPO Co-Working Center**

OPO is a co-working center for digital Startups. Located in the newly renovated "Old Post Office" building in St. Charles, MO, the 10,000 square foot facility provides regional startups with affordable workspace and access to mentors, potential investor, programming, educational resources and a community of local entrepreneurs. For more information go to [www.opostartups.com](http://www.opostartups.com)

### **Stadia Accelerator Sports Business Accelerator**

Located at the Cambridge Innovation Center in Cortex, Stadia will invest \$100K in up to 5 of the best sports related startups twice a year and pair them with mentors in the region. Stadia Accelerator will be a 10-week business development program. For more information go to [www.stadiaventures.com/accelerator](http://www.stadiaventures.com/accelerator)

### **Create Space Generator**

The Create Space Generator is a creative entrepreneurship incubator dedicated to birthing, growing, and sustaining creative businesses. Create Space Generator, located in the Delmar Loop area, merges the creative process with technology by training and empowering creators and makers from the St. Louis community through a 6-month or 1-year training program, complete with curriculum, classes, advisors and speakers from the local and national business communities. For more information go to [www.createspacestl.com](http://www.createspacestl.com)

### **St. Louis Small Business & Technical Development Centers (SBTDC)**

The Missouri Small Business Development Center Program delivers up-to-date counseling, training and technical assistance in all aspects of small business management, assisting small businesses with financial, marketing, production, organization, engineering and technical problems and feasibility studies.

Special SBDC programs including:

- International trade, technical, and procurement assistance
- Venture capital formation and rural development
- Assistance to small businesses applying for Small Business Innovation and Research (SBIR) grants from federal agencies

The SBDC also makes special efforts to reach members of socio-economically disadvantaged groups, e.g., veterans, women, and the disabled. Assistance is provided to both current or potential small business owners. For more information go to <https://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/slbc/economic-development/business-services/Missouri-Small-Business-Development-Center.cfm>

### **SixThirty Accelerator Program for Financial Technology Startups**

SixThirty provides \$100K in seed investment and mentorship for fintech startups that are in the early stages of funding and development. Backed by the St. Louis Regional Chamber and venture capital firm Cultivation Capital. SixThirty selects eight financial-based technology startup companies each year, four for the Fall class and four in the spring. Those companies selected to take part in the accelerator program will receive hand-on training, mentoring, and networking opportunities with the top financial services companies in the region. For more information about the program or to apply go to [www.sixthirty.co](http://www.sixthirty.co)

### **IT Entrepreneur Network (ITEN)**

The catalyst for Tech startups, ITEN provides a foundational system for entrepreneurs to work together towards building strong startups and a vibrant tech ecosystem. Access to investors, key service providers and qualified talent means lower barriers to rapid growth. Designed by entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs, requiring neither payment nor equity, ITEN is a unique community asset and a proven route to venture success.

For more information go to [www.itenstl.org](http://www.itenstl.org)

### **ITEN Corporate Engagement Program (CEP)**

The mission of CEP is to bring together tech startup ventures and regional corporations in innovative, structured ways to help both overcome barriers to rapid growth. Ventures wishing to participate in the CEP are asked to update key data; and by applying to the program agree that ITEN may share that data with the CEP's corporate partners. For more information go to <http://itenstl.org/corporate-engagement-program/>

**Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers** The Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers (MO SBTDC) help businesses in every stage. From concept to startup, growth to renewal, mature to succession. We are here to help you succeed at every point. MO SBTDC experts are located statewide providing help on a variety of business topics through:

- Professional business analysis
- Business consultation and access to technology resources
- Educational training seminars on a variety of business topics: financial analysis, strategic planning, technology commercialization, management, HR, social media, marketing, taxes, customer service, business plan, startup and more.

For more information about the programs and how to register for training seminars go to <http://www.missouribusiness.net/>

**AAIM Employers' Association** provides cutting-edge resources which help its members manage their people and processes. AAIM partners with company leadership and management in human resources by providing topical research and information, technical guidance, training and HR consulting, pre-employment services, small business training courses, seminars, roundtable discussions, and webinars on a variety of topics including computer skills, negotiating skills, customer service, interpersonal communication, PowerPoint presentations, and more. For a complete schedule of upcoming programs or to register for any of the programs go to [www.aamea.org](http://www.aamea.org) or call 314/968-5360

### **St. Louis Minority Business Development Center**

The MBDA Business Center located in St. Louis, MO is operated by the Chicago Minority Business Development Council, Incorporated. The center is part of a national network of funded centers located in major cities throughout the United States. The center works with minority business enterprises to generate increased financing and contract opportunities and to create and retain jobs. The mission of the center is to strengthen the US economy by helping ethnic minority businesses create or retain jobs, and build economically vibrant socially responsible entrepreneurs, businesses, and communities.

For more information go to <http://www.mbda.gov/businesscenters/stlouis>

### **Direct Impact Business Education Center**

Direct Impact Business Education Center (DIBEC) is the first privately owned business enterprise center in the state of Missouri designed to improve the entry of new business startups for Women and Veterans. The role of DIBEC is to offer an environment that supports the start-up phase of businesses, provide resources to increase their success rate and graduate from our program financially viable and freestanding. Overall, these companies will create jobs and strengthen the Saint Louis Region. DIBEC Mission is to serve as a driving force for business existence combining best practice processes, technical assistance, coaching and training so small businesses can improve through the stages of initial growth from sustainability to job creation.

For more information go to <http://www.directimpactstl.org>

### **St. Louis Economic Development Partnership**

The St. Louis Economic Development Partnership (formerly St. Louis County Economic Council) marks a new era of collaboration within St. Louis by aligning regional efforts in business development, business finance, entrepreneurial support and international trade services. The mission of St. Louis Economic Development Partnership is to lead in the development and growth of long-term diversified business and employment opportunities by creating innovative solutions that generate increased wealth and enhanced quality of life for the citizens, businesses and institutions of the St. Louis region.

**Business Development Division** provides a broad range of incentives, resources and customized services to help you lay the foundation for your company's move to or expansion in St. Louis. For more information go to <http://www.stlpartnership.com/business-development-resources.html>

**AccelerateSTL** helps startups and investors connect with each other and find resources. For more information go to [www.acceleratestlouis.org](http://www.acceleratestlouis.org)

**STLVentureWorks** is the place to be for new ideas and the next generation of successful, high-potential companies. The STLVentureWorks team can put your business on the fast track with on-site support, fresh insights, networking and customized mentoring.

Our incubator network includes five locations:

- Grand Center (3830 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108)
- South County (315 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis MO 63125)
- Wellston (6439 Plymouth Ave., Wellston, MO 63133)
- West County (743 Spirit 40 Park Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005)
- Helix Center Biotech Incubator (1100 Corporate Square, Creve Coeur, MO 63132)

For more information go to <http://www.stlpartnership.com/stlventureworks.html>

**St. Louis Small Business Administration** offers FREE online courses and webinars for small businesses and entrepreneurs, including “Affordable Care Act 101 webinars, starting a small business, managing a small business, financing a business, and contracting. For more information about these online courses go to <http://www.sba.gov/content/st-louis-district-office>

### **Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)**

Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) mission is to build, sustain, and grow small businesses; as well as to promote small business development and enhance local economies by creating businesses and fulfilling its mission of creating jobs. SBDCs offer existing and future entrepreneurs free one-on-one expert business counseling and low-cost training by qualified small business professionals.

**St. Louis Minority Business Council (SLMBC)** provides ongoing growth opportunities, financial support, and training and education for its corporate members and for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs). For more information go to [www.slmhc.org](http://www.slmhc.org)

### **The Young Entrepreneur Council**

The **Young Entrepreneur Council (YEC)** is an invite-only organization comprised of the world's most promising young entrepreneurs. In partnership with Citi, YEC recently launched **StartupCollective**, a free virtual mentorship program that helps millions of entrepreneurs start and grow businesses. For more information or to join go to <http://yec.co/>

### **The BALSAs Foundation**

The BALSAs Foundation was founded to support anyone wishing to pursue new business ideas but who may not have the background, resources, or funds needed to get started. Our mission is to make entrepreneurship accessible – and success attainable – to everyone. We aim to cultivate an inclusive entrepreneurial culture in St. Louis by preparing any inventor or creative thinker to enter the St. Louis entrepreneurial community. The BALSAs Foundation is the philanthropic arm of The BALSAs Group focused on helping individuals start businesses. We provide informational resources, peer-to-peer advising, and non-dilutive funding to people wanting to get their business dreams off the ground. We support individuals who may not have access to such expertise or financial capital and who are in the process of starting their first business. For more information go to [www.thebalsafoundation.org](http://www.thebalsafoundation.org)

### **International Institute Business Development Corp.**

The IISTL Economic Development Department provides workshops for entrepreneurs, for start-ups, businesses that need strengthening or that are looking to expand their goods and services. The focus is on helping businesses be successful. The workshops serve to strengthen our TA to immigrant entrepreneurs by formalizing some of the TA topics currently offered one-on-one into a structured workshop program. Language assistance is available as needed from the bilingual and multi-lingual staff in the Economic Development department. For more information go to <http://www.iistl.org/smallbizcenter.html>

**St. Louis Community College Corporate College** The Corporate College is the newest addition to St. Louis Community College's growing network of facilities and programs bringing demand-driven workforce training to the region. Renovated in 2011 to have nearly 30,000 square feet of new space to serve the needs of corporate St. Louis, it is the first facility solely dedicated to corporate education and professional development, unlike any other asset the college owns. The Corporate College also is home to the Workforce Solutions Group, the entrepreneurial workforce development division of the college that offers a robust menu of programs and solutions designed to advance people, businesses and communities.

For more information go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/corporatecollege/Index.html>

### **Missouri Venture Forum**

MVF (Missouri Venture Forum) serves entrepreneurs — those leading the growth of earlier stage businesses — through peer networking, topical education and access to capital resources. We attract members and resources whose mission is to support entrepreneurs and grow new businesses. Our community of entrepreneurs, investors, inventors and service providers eagerly share their knowledge and resources to help build a strong regional entrepreneurial ecosystem. For more information, please visit [www.mvfSTL.org](http://www.mvfSTL.org)

### **Innovate St. Louis**

Innovate Saint Louis strives to educate innovators, entrepreneurs and the public about how great ideas become viable business endeavors and to better collaborate and help build the entrepreneurial ecosystem necessary to make the greater St. Louis region an international hub of innovation and entrepreneurship. As a 501(c)3 public charity, Innovate Saint Louis offers all services free of charge. Organizational programs match innovative new business ideas with volunteer mentors who can help these ideas grow into companies by coaching emerging entrepreneurs through the steps of starting, growing and maintaining a business. For more information go to [www.innovatestl.org](http://www.innovatestl.org)

**St. Louis SCORE** offers free business counseling and resources, low-cost workshops, and free business scan services. If you're starting a business, preparing for a loan, or have existing business issues or opportunities, SCORE mentors can help. offers many small business seminars and webinars workshops. To learn more about the programs go to <http://stlouis.score.org/>

### **Gateway Venture Mentoring Service (VMS)**

Gateway Venture Mentoring Service is an entrepreneur support organization whose primary goal is to "facilitate a successful environment for entrepreneurship in the Greater St. Louis region." We do this in one of two ways:

- Through networking and team based volunteer mentoring
- Through referrals to the most appropriate Entrepreneur Support Organization (ESO)

For more information go to [www.gatewayvms.org](http://www.gatewayvms.org)

### **St. Louis Makes**

St. Louis Makes is a private nonprofit organization devoted to independent research and innovative growth solutions which result in developmental opportunities across the region's middle market manufacturing sector. St. Louis Makes is focused on bettering the region's economy through shared best practices in product management and business development. For more information go to [www.stlouismakes.org](http://www.stlouismakes.org)

**St. Louis Community Credit Union** offers FREE small business training workshops through **CU Excel Center**. To get more information about the workshops or to register contact [center@stlouiscommunity.com](mailto:center@stlouiscommunity.com) or go to [www.cuexcelcenter.com](http://www.cuexcelcenter.com)

**Enterprise Bank & Trust** offers FREE small business training workshops through **Enterprise University**. To get more information about these workshop or to register online go to [www.enterprisebank.com](http://www.enterprisebank.com) and click on the icon for Enterprise University. Or you can send an email to [enterpriseuniversity@enterprisebank.com](mailto:enterpriseuniversity@enterprisebank.com) or call 314/512-7203

### **MOKAN Capacity Building 6-Week Institution: Skills Training for Minorities and Women Contractors**

The St. Louis Business Institute in conjunction with the St. Louis Develop Corporation are excited to announce the new technical training course program that assist minority and women owned construction companies with capacity building through hands on technical assistance, skilled workshops and course trainings designed specifically to address business development needs. Minority and women owned contractors will be able to participate in a 6-week training program specifically designed to advance management and operational skills. Contractors will also have an option to participate in monthly technical assistance courses as well as individualized one-on-one business enhancement sessions with industry experts to address specific business development concerns.

For more information or to register go to <http://www.stlouisbusinessinstitute.com/capacity-building-course-schedules.html>

**Electro Savings Credit Union "Ask the Experts" Business Seminar Series** presented at no cost and held at Electro's Maryland Heights Community Room (1805 Craigshire Rd., Maryland Heights, MO). RSVP to Pat at [ppetey@escu.org](mailto:ppetey@escu.org) or 314/4343-6470 x1406

### **Worknet**

Worknet has a unique community based program that works with employers who want access to a highly productive workforce that is prized for its reliability, diligence, and job skills. We are looking to develop a mutually beneficial partnership with your business organization

For more information go to [www.worknetnow.com](http://www.worknetnow.com)

### **Justine Petersen**

The nation's second-largest SBA microlender and one of its strongest advocates for first-time homebuyers. They have a dedicated loan pool for businesses located throughout the greater St. Louis region. Justine Petersen supports small businesses through funding and technical assistance. For more information go to [www.justinpetersen.org](http://www.justinpetersen.org)

### **Kauffman Founders School**

The Founders School is an online educational resource dedicated to entrepreneurship. Through lectures and a rich curriculum, we'll give you the skills and tools to build your idea into something big. For more information go to <http://www.entrepreneurship.org/Founders-School.aspx>