ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AUGUST '16 CALENDAR OF NETWORKING EVENTS & RESOURCES

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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).

Join our LinkedIn Group at www.linkedin.com/groups/SLATE-Missouri-Career-Center and connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/slatemcc or Twitter at @Slate_MCC for updates on networking activities throughout the greater St. Louis area.

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The following is a list of networking events in August 2016 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, 2016

American Water Recruitment Event (FT Customer Service Reps)
Madison County Employment & Training Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL 62095)
9am – 1pm
For more information call 618/296-4306

Advantage Solutions Recruitment Event (PT Event Specialists)
Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376)
2pm – 5pm
For more information call 636/255-6060

August 2, 2016

Kelly Services Recruitment Event (shipping & receiving, forklift operator, machine operator, assembler/inspector)
Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376)
4pm – 6pm
For more information call 636/255-6060

Missouri Dept. of Corrections Recruitment Event (multiple FT positions)
St. Charles County Missouri Job Center (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376)
10am – 1pm
For more information or to register call 636/255-6060

Aldi's Job Fair (Mgr. Trainees, Shift Mgr., FT/PT Store Associates for greater St. Louis region)
Sheraton Chalet (191 Westport Plaza, Maryland Heights, MO 63146)
7am – 1pm
Must apply online prior to the event at http://aldistorejobs.com/how-to-apply
For more information go to http://aldistorejobs.com/eventdetail/Index/7468

August 2 and 10, 2016

Dierbergs Job Fair (multiple FT/PT positions with stores throughout St. Charles County)
94 Crossing Store (6211 Mid rivers Mall Drive, St. Peters, MO 63304)
11am – 4pm
For more information go to http://www.dierbergs.com/Campaigns/OpenInterviews

August 2, 16,,and 30, 2016

HireLevel (formely Extra Help) Recruitment Event (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)
Madison County Employment & Training 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.hirelevel.com and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walkins.

August 3, 2016

SSM Health Job Fair (FT/PT dietary workers, cooks, catering assistants)
SSM St. Clare Hospital (1015 Bowles Ave., Fenton, MO 63026)
Noon -4pm
For more information go to www.ssmhealthcareers.com or contact Nezir at Nezir_Begovic@ssmhc.com

August 3, 2016 (weekly)

Whelan Security Walk-in Wednesdays Recruitment Event (security officers)
No appointment necessary. Interviews on-the-spot for qualified candidates.
1699 S. Hanley Road, Suite 125, St. Louis, MO 63144
7:30am – 5pm (every Wednesday)
Apply online at www.greatsecurityofficers.com
For more information call 314/644-1974

August 3, 2016 (weekly)

Staff Management Interviewing Sessions (warehouse and production associate positions)
Staff Management is scheduling interviews for these positions at
Missouri 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 and 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 4, 2016

Vi-Jon Job Fair (FT production workers)
8515 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63114
7am – 4pm
For more information go to www.vijon.com

Edward Jones Financial Advisor Career Mixer
Join us to network with local Financial Advisors and learn more about the Financial Advisor career at Edward Jones.
The Cheshire (6300 Clayton, Rd., St. Louis, MO 63117)
6pm – 8pm
For more information or to RSVP contact stlouis.careers@edwardjones.com

St. Louis Carpenter's Pre-Apprenticeship Information Seminar
Develop skills for a career and earn a wage while you learn
American Job Center – St. Louis County (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)
10am – Noon
Must register with American Job Centers prior to the event or online at www.jobs.mo.gov
For more information contact nelder@fwca-stl.com

Advantage Solutions Recruitment Event (PT product demonstrators)
St. Louis County American Job Center (4040 Seven Hills, Florissant, MO 63033)
10am – 1pm
Must apply online at https://careers-asm.icims.com/jobs/ prior to the event
For more information call 314/475-7900

LGC Hospitality Staffing Service Recruitment Event (multiple FT/PT hotel and banquet center positions)
STL Workforce Center (2715 Cherokee St., St. Louis, MO 63118)
1pm – 3pm
For more information call 314/776-4220

August 4 and 12, 2016

Maintenance Unlimited Janitorial, Inc. (PT Lead Positions & FT Supervisory Positions
Madison County Employment & Training Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL 62095)
8/4 11:30am – 3pm
8/12 11am - 3pm
For more information call 618/296-4306

August 4 and 16, 2016

Manpower Recruitment Event (FT machine operators, forklift operators, packers)
St. Louis County American Job Center (4040 Seven Hills, Florissant, MO 63033)
8/4 9am - Noon
8/16 1pm – 3pm
For more information call 314/475-7900

August 5, 2016

Targeted all Professions Career Fair
Marriott St. Louis Airport (10700 Pear Tree Dr., St. Louis, MO 63134)
11am – 3pm
For more information go to http://www.targetedjobfairs.com/august-5-2016-st-louis-mo-all-professions-career-fair/

Dierbergs Recruitment Event (food service/production workers)
American Job Center – St. Louis County (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)
11am - 1pm
For more information call 314/381-6700

August 5, 2016

Sears Home Improvement Job Fair (Sales Project Consultants)
12930 Hollenberg Drive, Bridgeton, MO 63044
Noon – 4pm
For more information or to register in advance go to
http://www.eventbrite.com/e/sears-home-improvement-job-fair-open-house-st-louis-tickets-26623977032

August 5 and 19, 2016

Axcess Staffing Recruitment Event
Madison County Employment & Training Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL 62095)
10:30am – 12:30am
For more information call 618/296-4306

August 5 and 26, 2016

Healthcare Career Orientation (nursing, therapists, lab & pharmacy, EMT, health info tech, patient care support, admin support)
Is a healthcare career the path to your future? Training funds are available for multiple healthcare career paths. Come see if you qualify.
SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)
10am – Noon
For more information call 314/589-8000

August 6, 2016

Community Job Fair
New Northside Conference Center (5939 Goodfellow Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63147)
8:30am – 1pm
For more information call 314/363-5883

August 9 and 23, 2016

UniQue Personnel Recruitment Event
Madison County Employment & Training Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL 62095)
10am - Noon
For more information call 618/296-4306

August 10, 2016

Dierbergs Job Fair (multiple FT/PT positions)
Green Mount Crossing (4000 Green Mount Crossing Drive, Shiloh, IL 62269)
11am – 5pm
For more information go to http://www.dierbergs.com/Campaigns/OpenInterviews#greenmount

August 10 and 24, 2016

Axcess Staffing Recruitment Event
Madison County Employment & Training Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL 62095)
1pm – 3pm
For more information call 618/296-4306

August 11 and 19, 2016

HireLevel (formely Extra Help) Recruitment Event (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)
St. Louis County American Job Center (4040 Seven Hills, Florissant, MO 63033)
8/11 9am – Noon
8/19 1pm – 3pm
Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at www.hirelevel.com and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walkins.

August 11 and 25, 2016

Volt Workforce Solutions Recruitment Event
Madison County Employment & Training Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL 62095)
10am – 1pm
For more information call 618/296-4306

August 12, 2016

LGC Hospitality Staffing Service Recruitment Event (multiple FT/PT hotel and banquet center positions)
American Job Center – St. Louis County (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)
11am - 1pm
For more information call 314/381-6700

CAA of St. Louis County Job Fair
CAASTL (2709 Woodson Rd., Overland, MO 63114)
11am – 2pm
Includes job search workshops, hiring on-the-spot, and networking opportunities
For more information contact James Ingram at 314/446-4431 or jingram@caastlc.org

August 12-13, 2016

6th Annual St. Louis Diversity Career Fair

The primary goal of the Fair is to attract a diverse group of 2L and 3L students to the metropolitan St. Louis legal community, encourage them to practice law in the area, and become an integral part of our community.

Thompson Coburn LLP (One US Bank Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63101)

8/12 Job Fair Dinner Series 5:30pm – 7pm

8/13 Interviews and Luncheon 8am – 4:30pm

For more information go to http://www.stldiversityjobfair.com/

August 17, 2016

CATCO Job Fair (FT Fire/Water Restoration Crew Members at All Levels)

CATCO Training Facility (2685 Metro Blvd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

3pm - 7pm

For more information go to www.Catcoinc.com

Diversity Career Fair

Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave., St. Louis, MO 63135)

11am – 3pm

For more information contact 314/252-0306 or jobfairs@ezcritiqueit.com

August 18, 2016

Charter Communications Career Fair (Customer Relations Coordinator – Internet/Phone Repair)

Embassy Suites – St. Charles (2 Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, MO 63303)

11am – 7pm

For more information go to www.charter.com/careers

August 18, 2016

Trillium Recruitment Event (FT hydroblasters)

St. Louis County American Job Center (4040 Seven Hills, Florissant, MO 63033)

1pm – 3pm

Must apply online at www.trilliumjobs.com prior to the event

For more information call 314/475-7900

St. Louis Job Fair (sales, business development, marketing, customer service, retail & sales mgmt.)

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

Starts at 6pm sharp with a formal executive presentation in which each company will introduce itself and the opportunities they offer

For more information go to www.unitedcareerfairs..com

August 25, 2016

Advanced Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship Training Orientation Session

Learn about free training opportunities for individuals with no construction experience.

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

10am – 11:30am

For more information or to RSVP contact LaWayna Allen at all 314/679-3341 or lallen@stlouisco.com

August 31, 2016

Job Fair of St. Louis

Embassy Suites by Hilton (Two Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, MO 63303)

10am – 1pm

For more information go to www.catalystcareergroup.com

JOB SEARCH/CAREER TRANSITION SUPPORT GROUPS

The Catholic Employment Network (CEN) Job Search Support Group Meetings

CEN provides job search support services at parish locations throughout the St. Louis area, including monthly job search support group meetings. To learn about their support and services, please visit www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org and click on Parish Chapters. All job seekers are invited to contact any CEN parish for job support information.

August 1, 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 or call 636/928-0828

August 2, 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)
No cost to attend
For more information go to www.beyondnetworking-stl.org or contact Jon Hild at 314/541-2966 or jhild1208@yahoo.com

August 4, 2015

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

August 4 and 18, 2015

New Hope Employment Ministry Meetings
New Hope Presbyterian Church (1580 Kisker Road, St. Charles, MO)
7pm – 9pm (1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month)
For more information contact kirk.burrus@att.net

August 10 and 24, 2015

The Wednesdays After, Beyond Networking –STL Job Search Support Group (West County area)
Provides assistance to those job seekers over 50 (and over 40) to get past obstacles and perceived obstacles for full (and fulfilling) employment, and an appropriate compensation level.
Salem United Methodist Church (1200 S. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO)
1:30pm – 4:30pm (meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays)
No cost to attend (attendance limited to 10-15 participants)
For more information go to www.beyondnetworking-stl.org or contact Jon Hild at 314/541-2966 or jhild1208@yahoo.com

JOB SEARCH ORGANIZATIONS, PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS

Compete Midwest Apprenticeship Programs

SLATE Missouri Job Center offers several apprenticeship programs in the greater St. Louis area including the following:

- LUME Early Childhood Educational & Career Pathway
- LaunchCode Hello, World! (intro to computer programming)
- LaunchCode CS50x St. Louis (16-20 week coding program)
- Ranken Advanced Manufacturing
- Ranken Automotive Technician
- Urban Labs Diagnostic Healthcare Solutions (phlebotomists, lab techs)
- HOSCO Agri-Culinary (through collaboration with St. Louis U.)
- Explore St. Louis Entertainment & Events (Decorators & Displaymen USW Local 39, IATSE Local 6 Stagehands, and IATSE Local 143 Projectionists)

For more information contact Gino Austin, Apprenticeship Coordinator at 314/657-3524 or gaustin@stlworks.com

SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market Street, 3rd Flr., St. Louis, MO 63103)

SLATE Missouri Job Center offers no-cost employment and job training services for job seekers with barriers to employment and support for businesses looking to hire diverse workforce.

For more information go to www.stlworks.com or call 314/589-8000

American Job Center of St. Louis County

American Job Center - St. Louis County offers no-cost employment and job training services for job seekers with barriers to employment and support for businesses looking to hire diverse workforce 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 go to http://www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness/HumanServices/WorkforceDevelopment/CareerSeekerServices

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

St. Charles County Missouri Job Center offers no-cost employment and job training services for job seekers with barriers to employment and support for businesses looking to hire diverse workforce.

For more information go to http://work.sccmo.org/workforce

STL WorkForce Centers

STL Workforce Centers offer pre-employment job training, high school equivalency certification classes, and skill based training at satellite job centers listed below. The target audience is individuals between the ages of 16 and 29. For more information go to www.stlworkforce.us

- The MET Center (6347 Plymouth Ave., St. Louis, MO 6133) Phone: (314) 746-0713
- Cherokee & Ohio (2715 Cherokee St., St. Louis, MO 63118) Phone: (314) 776-4220
- Prince Hall (4411 Newstead, 2nd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63115) Phone: (314) 875-9332
- Paddock Forest (6877 Parker Road, St. Louis, MO 63033) Phone: (314) 438-0634
- Ferguson (10990 New Halls Ferry Rd., Ferguson, MO 63136) Phone: (314) 274-8263

Building Union Diversity (BUD) Program

SLATE Missouri Job Center, in partnership with the St. Louis Construction Trades Council, provides this program to increase diversity within the construction trades. BUD provides 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 consists of an intensive eight-week pre-apprenticeship skills training course, taught by nationally certified and industry approved specialists. Participants will learn skills required for entering an apprenticeship with a participating construction trade. Eligible participants may 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 or American Job Center- St. Louis County to complete an application and assessment.

For more information call 314/657-3513

MSD Building Union Diversity (BUD) Program

SLATE Missouri Job Center, in partnership with MSD, offers a 5-week pre-apprenticeship training program for individuals interested in pursuing careers in sewer occupations. Taught by nationally certified and industry approved apprenticeship training specialists in state-or-the-art training centers, the program will cover trades specific to sewer work (heavy-equipment operation, carpenters, LIUNA Construction Craft Laborers, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562). To be eligible to participate the candidate must reside within the MSD Service Area, register with SLATE, complete an application and assessment. For more information call 314/657-3513

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. Fathers' 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/

Jobs and More STL

This is a unique program designed to develop "job ready" candidates to meet current workforce demands. Offers a series of workshops to help develop and sharpen job search skills. For more information contact Adrian Shropshire at adrianshropshire@hotmail.com or 314/283-2215

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

Career Pathways Bridge Initiative

The goal of the program is to find employment for 3,000 unemployed and ender-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 with 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 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.

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 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

Mississippi River Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (MRTDL) Career Pathways

Truck Driving Program - Class A CDL (no-fee, 5-week program)
Truck Driving Program – Class B CDL (low-fee, 2-week program)
Logistics, Warehouse & Distribution Specialist (no-fee program, 5-weeks, including field trips and up to one week of on-the-job learning opportunity)
Aviation Maintenance (tuition-based, 2-year credit program; earn two Certificates of Proficiency in Airframe and Powerplant)
Avionics (no-fee, 9-week program)
For more information go to http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MRTDL/Index.html or contact Bahi Talundzic at 314-644-9786

MOSTEMWINs

Job opportunities are growing in the fields of Science, Engineering, Technology and Math (STEM). 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 their interests and select a STEM Career Pathway.

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

Learning Community	A supportive group of students attending classes together
Supportive Services	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

Successful completion of the MoSTEMWINs Portal program qualifies you to enter one of five short-termed training programs:

- Community Health Worker (No-fee Program)
- Patient Care Technician (No-fee Program)
- Medical Assistant (No-fee Program)
- Life Science Laboratory Assistant (Low-fee Program)
- IT Help Desk/End-User Support (Low-fee Program)
- Precision Machining Technology (Low-fee Program)

To learn more, go to stlcc.edu/MSWs or contact Kevin Talbot at 314-539-5722

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

Business Office Administrative 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
Customer Service Institute

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

Connections to Success

Serving adults who are unemployed, underemployed, and /or with extensive barriers such as generational poverty and/or incarceration. Services include: coaching, connect Group, employment support, employment workshops, mentoring personal and professional development class, successful STEPS, transportation, Wheels to Success, Dress for Success, and Professional Women's Group.

For more information go to www.connectionstosuccess.org

St. Patrick Center

St. Patrick Center is one of Missouri's largest providers of housing, employment and health opportunities for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. They 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

St. Louis Job Corps Center

Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the US DOL that helps young people ages 16 – 24 improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training. There is no age limits and are no income requirements for individuals with a disability. Training programs include: bricklaying, carpentry, cement masonry, culinary arts, facilities management, material handling and distribution operations, nurse assistant/home health aide, office administration, painting, pharmacy technician, plastering, security and protective services, welding, and advanced transportation. For more information go to www.stlouis.jobcorps.gov

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

Urban League of Metro St. Louis offers FREE Computer Classes

8960 Jennings Station Road, St. Louis, MO 63136
Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am – Noon
Topics include basic computer hardware and vocabulary, computer usage, purchasing a computer, MS Office, basic internet, email, and more

For more information or to register contact Randen Click at 314/506-5337 or rclick@urbanleague-stl.org

Urban League of Metro St. Louis, Inc. offers FREE Financial Empowerment Workshops

8960 Jennings Station Road, St. Louis, MO 63136
Offered every 3rd Saturday of the month 9am – Noon
Topics include: credit & money management, retirement planning, homebuying, insurance, borrowing basics, saving and investing tips, and more

For more information or to register contact Randen Click at 314/506-5337 or rclick@urbanleague-stl.org

Urban League of Metro St. Louis Tech Workforce Initiative FREE Workshops

St. Louis County North Oaks Missouri Job Center (26B North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121
Morning and evening classes offered Monday – Friday at 9am – Noon

For more information call 314679-3500

Catholic Charities St. Francis Community Services PEOPLE 1st Work Readiness and Lifestyle Change Workshops

St. Francis Community Services strives to be a catalyst for change by helping people overcome poverty and work toward a better life. Community Services provides legal aid, refugee resettlement, homeless services, youth programs, meals for older adults, bilingual mental health counseling, case management and more. This is a four week long workshop series 9am – 1pm.

For more information contact Kirsten Weaver at kweaver@ccstl.org or 314/534-1180

People's Community Action Corporation (PCAC) HireSmart Program

The PCAC HireSmart program offers youth and adults between the ages of 16- 24 training in the areas of job readiness and soft skills necessary for employment in today's workforce. All participants must attend all training sessions, Upon completion of the training, and based on the PCAC assessment outcome, internships and temporary employment may be identified. Please note that participation in the HireSmart program does not guarantee employment. For more information contact Monica Stewart at 314/443-1550 or Gwendolyn Moore at 314/367-7848 x1462

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/.

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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

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 ppettey@escu.org

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

FREE financial literacy workshops offered through Excel Centers at the following locations:

- 24:1 Excel Center (6724 Page Ave, Pagedale MO 63133)
- St. John Excel Center (2808 Endicott, St. John MO 63114)
- Old North Excel Center (2707 N. 14th St, St. Louis MO 63106)

To get more information about the workshops or to register go to http://prosperityconnection.org/excel-center/classes-and-events/

Sign up Now for Assembly Mechanic Training that starts on August 8 (daytime) and August 25 (evenings).

This accelerated job training program is offered by the Workforce Solutions Group and the Florissant Valley campus of St. Louis Community College in partnership with Boeing. This 208-hour program prepares individuals for entry-level employment as an assembly mechanic in the aerospace field. Students who successfully complete the training program will have an opportunity to interview with Boeing.

- **Evening class starts 8/8/16** 4:30pm - 10:30pm Monday - Friday and 9am - 5:30pm every other Saturday for six weeks.
- **Daytime class starts 8/25/16** 7am - 3:30pm for five weeks.

The first step to apply is to email or fax a a resume to Boeingtraining@stlcc.edu or 314/513-4604. Updated program information may also be heard on the program's hotline at 314-539-592. In order to be selected for the program, and possibly hired by Boeing, students must meet stringent program requirements such as scoring at or above the cut-off on the WorkKeys assessments, maintaining a grade of 80% or higher throughout the program, and earning a certificate of completion for the entire 208 hours of composites mechanics training. For more information go to http://workforcesolutions.stlcc.edu/2016/apply-now-aug-8-and-aug-25-boeing-pre-employment-assembly-mechanic-training/

Sign up now for the Building Union Diversity (BUD)
8-week program to receive training for a career opportunity in the local construction industry.

BUD provides pre-apprenticeship skills training for minorities, women and the long-term unemployed residents of the St. Louis region interested in pursuing a career in construction. BUD consists of an intensive eight-week pre-apprenticeship skills training course, taught by nationally certified and industry approved specialists. For more information call 314/657-3513.

Sign up now for the MSD Building Union Diversity (BUD) 5-week program to receive training for a career opportunity in sewer industry occupations (heavy equipment operation, carpentry, laborer, plumber, pipefitter).

MSD BUD consists of an intensive five-week pre-apprenticeship skills training course, taught by nationally certified and industry approved specialists. For more information call 314/657-3513.

Sign up Now for FREE Business Officed Administrative Training that starts on Sept. 12, 2016 (10 weeks long)

The Business Office Administrative Training (BOAT) program is an accelerated, 10-week professional certificate program offering diverse adult learners the practical skills necessary to compete in today's global workforce. It provides high-quality, hands-on training ideal for individuals re-entering the workforce, dislocated workers, career-changers, and those seeking to upgrade both technical and essential soft skills. This program is offered at no cost to qualified applicants and held at the MET Center (6347 Plymouth Avenue in Wellston, Missouri). For more information go to http://workforcesolutions.stlcc.edu/2016/enroll-now-business-office-administrative-training-starts-sept-12-2016/

Sign up Now for FREE Medical Assistant Training that starts on Sept. 26, 2016 (10 weeks long)

Train to perform administrative and basic clinical tasks in a clinical setting. If you are interested in a career in health care, this might be the opportunity that will launch your career. And, costs for tuition and books for this training program are covered. Take advantage of this training opportunity and prepare to earn your Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) certification. Classroom training is offered at St. Louis Community College – Forest Park Campus. For more information go to
http://workforcesolutions.stlcc.edu/2016/train-medical-assistant-no-cost-classes-starting-september-26-2016/

Sign up Now for FREE Community Health Worker Training that starts in September (108 hrs. of classroom training with 60 service learning hours)

A Community Health Worker is a trusted member of the community she or he serves who assists individuals and communities to adopt healthy behaviors. Learn to conduct outreach for medical personnel or health organizations to implement programs in the community that promote, maintain and improve individual and community health. The classroom instruction will take place at the William J. Harrison Education Center. Students must be available during daytime hours on Mondays and Wednesdays for the classroom instruction and at other times as needed to complete service learning hours. Availability of reliable transportation is also a consideration for students entering this program. For more information go to:
http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MoSTEMWINs/Community-Health-Worker-Training.html

August 1, 2016 (weekly)

LaunchCode's Mentor Mondays

Join us at the Mentor Center on Monday evenings to code with other learners, students, and mentors. This beginner-friendly meetup is open to everyone. Bring your laptop and work on a project or class you're working on, or let us get you started one of a few learning tracks, including Hello, World!, CS50x, or HTML and CSS basics.

LaunchCode Mentor Center (4811 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108)

5:30pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to https://www.launchcode.org/event/228

August 2, 2016

Business Seminar for Entrepreneurs: Legal Clinic for Entrepreneurs

Experienced business attorneys, provide through Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, offer one-on-one 30 –minute sessions for laid off workers at no cost. Questions for aspiring entrepreneurs related to starting a new business

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

2pm – 4pm

Cost: Free but appointments are required to participate.

For more information call 314/381-6700

St. Louis Community College Aviation Maintenance Technology Training Program Info Session/Open House

Gateway STEM High School (5101 McRee Ave., St. Louis 63110)

1pm – 2pm and 2pm – 3pm

For more information or to register in advance call 314/984-7777 or go to www.stlcc.edu/mrtdl/

August 3 - 27 , 2016

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

8/3	Online/Manual Applications
8/4	Marketing Yourself
8/10	Resume Writing/Coaching
8/11	Interviewing Skills
8/12	MOCK INTERVIEWS
8/17	Online/Manual Applications
8/18	Marketing Yourself
8/24	Resume Writing/Coaching
8/25	Interviewing Skills
8/26	MOCK INTERVIEWS

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

August 3, 2016 (weekly)

Career Planning Workshop

Belleville WorkNet Center (4519 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226)

9am – 10am

Topics covered include: assessing your interests, setting goals, exploring occupations, evaluating options, developing a job search plan, and more

For more information or to register call 618.277.8491

August 3, 2016 (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.

LaunchCode Mentor Center (4811 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108)

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to RSVP go to https://www.launchcode.org/coder_girl

August 4, 2016

Professional Job Search Workshop Series – Part 1: Online Applications – A Weapon of Mass Rejection

SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market St., 3rd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103)

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 314/589-8000

Job Shapers Monthly Network Series

Kirkwood United Church of Christ (1603 Dougherty Ferry Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

7:30am - 8:30am (1st Thursday of each month)

Cost: $20 per session/$25 at the door ($90 for all 5 sessions)

For more information or to register go to http://www.activ8careers.com/registration

August 4 and 18, 2016

Business Seminar for Entrepreneurs: Legal Clinic for Entrepreneurs

Experienced business attorneys, provide through Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, offer one-on-one 30 –minute sessions for laid off workers at no cost. Questions for aspiring entrepreneurs related to starting a new business

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

2pm – 4pm

Cost: Free but appointments are required to participate.

For more information call 314/657-3768

August 8, 2016

Professional Job Search Workshop Series – Part 3: Social Media

University of Missouri – St. Louis Music Department (1 University Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63121)

8:30am – 11:30am

Participants must be computer literate to attend this workshop.

For more information or to register contact 314/589-8000

August 8 - 12, 2016

FASTTRAC NewVenture 5-Day Workshop Series

In FastTrac® NewVenture you will look at all aspects of your proposed company, exploring the feasibility of your business concept and learning how to develop a viable business plan. Participants will learn about start-up issues and learn to address the competition, legal matters, marketing and financial management aspects. FastTrac® participants don't just learn about business, they work on their own business endeavors throughout the course. This program is fast-paced and energizing, using guest speakers and lots of group breakout activities.

SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market Street, Suite 3000, St. Louis, MO 63103)

9am – 4pm each day

Cost: $795 per person; no cost to dislocated workers currently unemployed and registered in the WIA Program at one of the American Job Centers (go to http://jobs.mo.gov).

For more information or to register go to www.missouribusiness.net or call 314/657-3768

August 9, 2016

Information Seminar: No-Cost or Low-Cost Accelerated Training Programs

Hear about immediate training opportunities with St. Louis Community College

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

10am – 11am

For more information about all programs go to www.stlcc.edu/accelerated/

August 9 - 11, 2016

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 2nd week of each month)

For more information or to register contact James Ingram at 314/446-4431 or go to www.caastlc.org

August 10 and 24, 2016

Building Union Diversity (BUD) Program Information Sessions

Learn about free training opportunities for individuals with no construction experience.

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

1pm – 2pm

For more information or to RSVP call 314/281-6700

August 11, 2016

Financial Strategies Seminar

Come to this free class and discover how you can get on track to achieve your financial goals.

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

11am – Noon

For more information or to RSVP call 314/281-6700

August 16, 2016

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!!!, 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 Missouri 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

Information Seminar: No-Cost or Low-Cost Accelerated Training Programs

Hear about immediate training opportunities with St. Louis Community College

StL Workforce Center (2715 Cherokee St., St. Louis, MO 63118)

10am – 11am

For more information about all programs go to www.stlcc.edu/accelerated/

August 16, 2016

Learn to Code with LaunchCode Information Session

LaunchCode is offering FREE coding classes this summer to adult learners with no prior experience in the IT field. To learn more about the "**Hello, World!**" and **"CS50x St. Louis"** training programs come to this info session

Clinton-Peabody Apartments (1401 LaSalle Lane, St. Louis, MO)

1pm – 2pm

For more information contact Gino Austin at gaustin@stlworks.com or 314/657-3524

August 23 - 25, 2016

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 4th week of each month)

For more information or to register contact James Ingram at 314/446-4431 or go to www.caastlc.org

August 25, 2016

Professional Job Search Workshop Series – Part 4: Advanced Internet Job Search Strategies

SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market St., 3rd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103)

8:30am – 11:30am

Participants must be computer literate to attend this workshop.

For more information or to register contact 314/589-8000

August 30 and 31, 2016

Information Sessions: SLCC No-Cost Professional Truck Driver Training Program

St. Louis Community College and DART Transit are teaming up to offer this no-cost, high-quality professional Truck Driver training program along with great driving jobs with DART.

St. Louis Community College – Forest Park

4 sessions: 8am – 12:30pm and 2:30pm – 7:30pm each day

For more information or to register contact kchambers@stlcc.edu or 314/539-5309

VETERANS SUPPORT RESOURCES AND EVENTS

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

2016 – 2017 Veterans Resource Directory of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area

This Veterans Resource Directory is published by the St. Louis County Department of Human Services, Office of Family and Community Services, County Veterans Program. For more information or to request a hard copy of the directory call 314/615-7414 or 314/615-4038

American Legion www.legion.org

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to assisting Veterans and their families with claims for VA benefits and other services.

American Legion Post 404 St. Louis Service Women's Post www.stlouiswomenvets.org

Provides a wide range of assistance to veterans and their families.

Boots to Business Entrepreneurship Training Program 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

Corporate America Supports You (CASY) www.CASY.us

CASY's program guides Veterans through the employment process from start to finish. CASY's services include resume assistance, military-to-civilian work transition services, gap skills training, and much more.

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.

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

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve 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.

H.E.R.O.E.S. Care, Inc. www.heroescare.org

H.E.R.O.E.S. Care is an affiliation of program partners working together to provide support to post 9/11 servicemen and -women, veterans and their families that is known to military members, their families and commanders, and the communities in which they live. H.E.R.O.E.S. Care combines the power of national organizations dedicated to providing emergency financial aid, employment opportunities, and mental health care services through a network of specially trained care givers before, during, and after deployment.

Hiring Our Heroes www.hiringourheroes.org

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

Job Opportunities for Disabled Veterans www.JOFDAV.com

The premier non-profit job search website offering jobs for veterans who are disabled since 2009. Our organization works in concert with many Wounded Warrior Transition Command Centers, DVOPs, LVERs and multiple military organizations that support our Nation's Heroes in their job search for employment. Our board boasts over 200,000 active jobs with hundreds and sometimes thousands of new jobs posted daily.

The Mission Continues 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.

Missouri Job Centers www.jobs.mo.gov

Dedicated Veterans Outreach staff are stationed at most of the Missouri 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.

Return with Purpose 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. Charles Community College Veteran Services 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.

St. Louis County Veterans Program http://www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness/HumanServices/CountyVeteransProgram

St. Louis County's Veterans Program administers numerous services to Veterans and their families, including program services (Benefits Affairs, Stand Downs and Stand Ups), supportive services, and transportation services for Disabled Veterans.

St. Louis Veteran's Business Network (STLVBN) 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 1st Tuesday, 2nd Tuesday, 3rd Wednesday, and 4th 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

St. Patrick Center Veteran Support Services 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.

Scott AFB Airman & Family Readiness Center www.scottafrc.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. Provides a transition assistance program (TAP), one-on-one counseling, information and referral assistance, employment resource center, computerized t4ransion programs, and employment seminars.

Show Me Heroes/Show Me Heroes OJT Program www.showmeheroes.mo.gov

Assists 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 OJT Program offers financial assistance to businesses to hire veterans recently returning from active duty.

Student Veterans Association Chapters

The Student Veterans Association Chapters serve 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.

Lindenwood U. Veterans Services lindenwoodveterans@gmail.com

St. Charles Community College Veterans Svcs www.stchas.edu

St. Louis Community College Veterans Svcs www.stlcc.edu/veterans

St. Louis U. Military Outreach www.slu.edu/military-student-resources-home/veterans-benefits-and-resources

UMSL Veterans Center http://www.umsl.edu/veterans/

Washington U. Veterans Services http://ucollege.wustl.edu/yellowribbon/

Webster U. Student Veterans Organization (SVO) http://involved.webster.edu/organization/svo/

US Dept. of Veterans Affairs/Voc Rehab & Employment http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/

Provides patient care and other veterans' benefits. Includes job training , resume development, job seeking skills coaching, assistance in starting own business and independent living services for disabled or those unable to work in traditional employment.

U.S. Vets – Missouri www.usvetsinc.org/stlouis/

Provides long-term supportive housing in a drug and alcohol free environment for homeless veterans and their families.

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.

St. Louis Vet Center	314/531-5355
East St. Louis Illinois Vet Center	618/3976602

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

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

Veterans Employment Center (VEC) www.vets.gov/veterans-employment-center

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. Contact Heidi Schoen for more information at Heidi.Schoen@va.gov or 314/399-2034.

Veterans Recruiting 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 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.

Veterans Curation Program (VCP) 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

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.

Warriors to Work www.warriorstowork.org

The Warriors to Work program provides our wounded warriors expert career guidance and support services needed to set an achieve career goals. W2W matches your skills and experience to the needs of companies actively seeking employees. If you already have a career W2W can provide guidance to help you advance in your organization. For more information contact wtow@woundedwarriorproject.org

Wounded Warrior Project Resource Center (WWP) www.woundedwarriorproject.org

The WWP Resource Center is here to service and support you, our nation's wounded service members, your families, and caregivers. We can assist with various requests such as registering as a WWP Alumnus or family member, answer your questions about WWP programs and services, or connect you with a WWP benefits liaison. We can also assist you with finding resources to meet a wide range of needs including emotional and mental health support and financial assistances services. For more information contact resourcecenter@woundedwarriorproject.org or 904/405-1213

August 2, 2016

Coffee/Reveille Networking Event

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

7am – 9am (1st Tuesday of each month)

For more information go to www.stlvbn.com or contact Mike at 314/363-3715

August 5, 2016

Vet Net

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

9am – 10am

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

Veterans Muster of the Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce

Providing area Veterans a platform for business synergy and community involvement

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

11am – 1pm

For more information go to www.mhcc.com or contact Mike LeBlanc at stlveteran@yahoo.com

August 8, 2016

Chow Hall Lunch Networking

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

11am – 1pm (2nd Monday of each month)

For more information go to www.stlvbn.com or contact Mike at 314/363-3715

August 10, 2016

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

August 17, 2016

Early Liberty Call Networking Event

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

3:30pm – 4:30pm (3rd Wednesday of each month)

For more information go to www.stlvbn.com or contact Mike at 314/363-3715

August 19, 2016

Mental Health Recovery Summit

Strengthening community connections: improving mental health services for Veterans & families

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

8am – 4:30pm

For more information or to register contact Kate Audette at katherine.audette@va.gov or 314/652-4100 x63502

August 20, 2016

Return with Purpose FREE Workshop

Return with Purpose in geared toward Veterans, Guardsmen, Reservists, Active Duty military personnel, and Military Spouses, preparing to make the transition from service to civilian life. This FREE all-day workshop will aid participants in preparing for the future by helping them understand how they can design a path to the life they want, identify and remove the barriers to changing their lives, realize their potential, find a new purpose in life helping other Veterans, and develop an action plan to ensure success as a job seeker, student, or family member.

St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley Campus (3400 Pershall Road, Florissant, MO 63135)

7:45am – 5pm

For more information or to register contact Gregg.Ganschaw@ReturnWithPurpose.org or call 314/520-2046

August 30, 2016

Work-Ready Employment Assistance Program (WREAP) Workshop for Transitioning Veterans and Spouses

Topics include translating military skills, the online application, resume, interviewing, elevator speech, networking, and social media.

Arnold Job Center (3675 West Outer Road, Arnold, MO63010)

9am - Noon

For more information contact Stephanie Kirk, Vet Rep DVOP, at 636/287-8909 x255 or stephanie.kirk@ded.mo.gov

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.

GENERAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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

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.

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.

National Business and Disability Council (NBDC) at the Viscardi Center http://www.viscardicenter.org/services/nbdc/

The National Business & Disability Council (NBDC) at The Viscardi Center is an employer organization and comprehensive resource for disability best practices. Its corporate partners are predominantly Fortune 1000 companies and government employers committed to disability diversity. By becoming a NBDC Corporate Partner, companies can proactively strengthen and diversify their workforce as well as comply with the requirements of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other federal regulations. NBDC can also assist companies in marketing to the 56.7 million Americans with disabilities, as well as gain greater insight into the economic contributions that accessible information and communication technology provides to companies.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources https://www.stldd.org/

The St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources (DD Resources) is a publicly funded agency that distributes funds to service providers for community-based services to persons who have a developmental disability and desire to remain in their homes and community.

Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of St. Charles County http://www.ddrb.org/

The DDRB is a public taxing entity, commonly known as a "Senate Bill 40 Board" that enters into funding contracts with agencies that serve individuals with developmental disabilities in St. Charles County. Funded services include: adult day programs, residential services, advocacy services, supported daycare, early intervention, family support, transitional programs, respite, sheltered workshop, adaptive equipment, supported employment and recreation.

DIRECT EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (SERVICE PROVIDERS)

Talent Acquisition Portal (TAP) http://www.tapABILITY.org

The Talent Acquisition Portal (TAP) is an online system which includes both a national talent pool of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) candidates looking for employment and a job posting system for businesses looking to hire individuals with disabilities. TAP offers business the opportunity to post jobs, search candidate resumes based on skill sets and geographic availability, capture job metrics, generate compliance reports, interview candidates, have online job fairs, and have their jobs seen by individuals with disabilities across the country.

Workforce Recruitment Program http://www.wrpjobs.com/

WRPJOBS is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) in cooperation with the Department of Defense. For Information, employers should contact us at WRP@dol.gov

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.

St. Patrick's Center – Worknet 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

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 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.

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.

Relay Missouri 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.

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.ucpheartland.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.

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 Community College Access Office Disability Support Services 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Talent Connect 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.

Pathway to Employment 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

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.

DISABILITY & DIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

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.

St. Louis Diversity Initiative http://stlbizdiversity.com/

The St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative assists area companies in building successful diversity and inclusion programs through training, convening and consulting. The Initiative is made up of companies, organizations and agencies committed to attracting, retaining and advancing talented, diverse employees. A diverse workforce and robust multicultural supplier programs are vital to the growth of the St. Louis region and companies doing business here. The St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative has established a series of programs to help companies and minority employees and vendors expand their ways of doing business to be more successful by being more inclusive — from skill-building, to monthly networking opportunities, to sharing of best practices. The initiative also is a conduit to connect minority employees with employers and minority suppliers with purchasers. Hiring and procurement contacts for all members of the St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative are available.

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.

EMPLOYMENT WEBSITES FOR DISABILITY COMMUNITY

TalentWorks http://peatworks.org/talentworks

A free online tool that helps employers and HR professionals ensure accessibility in their web-based job applications and other recruiting technologies for individuals with disabilities. Created by ODEP's Partnership on Employment & Accessible Technology (PEAT), TalentWorks provides general background on accessibility and e-recruiting, as well as tip sheets for making online job applications, digital interviews, pre-employment tests, and resume upload programs accessible.

JOBAccess and ABILITYJobs www.abilityjobs.com

The Goal of JobAccess and ABILITYJobs is to enable people with disabilities to enhance their professional lives by providing a dedicated system for finding employment. By posting job opportunities, or searching resumes, employers can find qualified persons with disabilities as well as demonstrate their affirmative action and open door policies. We are the Leading Website dedicated to employment of people with disabilities. We are also the largest resume bank with tens of thousands of job seekers with disabilities, from entry level candidates to PhD's - if your company is looking for talent you've come to the right place.

LIME Network www.limeconnect.com

We're a global not for profit organization that's rebranding disability through achievement. We do that by attracting, preparing and connecting high potential university students & alumni who happen to have disabilities for scholarships, internships, The Lime Connect Fellowship Program and full time careers with our corporate partners

disABLEDPerson www.disabledperson.com

A premier Job Board for People with disABILITIES since 2002. We boast over 200,000 active jobs with hundreds of new jobs posted every day from all across the U.S. posted by companies who are looking to hire people with disabilities. Disability Employment is our passion as we work closely with employers to place their job openings for you, the disability community. We work closely with disABILITY Organizations and State Vocational Rehabilitation Departments again from all across the U.S. Register, post your resume and begin your job search.

GettingHired www.gettinghired.com

GettingHired launched in 2008 with the sole purpose of helping people with disabilities find gainful employment. We strive to empower an underserved workforce of professional job seekers with disabilities and create sustainable employment growth through a variety of opportunities. GettingHired understands the frustration of being a job seeker and is constantly evolving to suit the needs of it's users, through accessible systems, easy-to-use job search, professional development, industry information, employer training and our custom social community. Providing a safe and secure environment is top of mind and our employer partners have a vested interest in hiring the most talented individuals for their companies. We seek to work with companies who are making a concerted effort to hire people with disabilities and are constantly looking to improve their program through best hiring training programs for a variety of teams.

One More Way www.onemoreway.org

One More Way™ is an 'open source' employment initiative that makes information regarding Job Seekers with disabilities, and the programs that support them, available for use by hiring managers in virtually any industry across the country. We bring everyone together to overcome employment obstacles, share opportunities, and create new connections where none have been established. The One More Way collaborative serves as a forum for all parties involved in the area of disability and employment to come together to do together what we cannot do alone. As an open sourced, membership project, we reach small business as well as large private and government hiring managers. By including veterans and professionals with acquired disabilities, our project reaches deep into America's largest pool of untapped talent.

Hire Disability Solutions www.hireds.com

The mission of Hire Disability Solutions is to give all that want a chance to succeed, the opportunity to succeed. Hire Disability Solutions was founded in response to the increasing demand for services for individuals with disabilities. Additionally, we aim to promote inclusion into the mainstream employment world. Since its inception in 2004, Hire Disability Solutions has established itself as a national leader in protecting and enhancing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Through its educational campaigns surrounding employment law, education opportunities, and assistive technology, the company facilitates the success of individuals with disabilities and employers alike.

Enable America www.enableamerica.org

Enable America's objective is to increase employment among people with disabilities in the United States. To accomplish this goal, we are taking a two-pronged approach that reaches out to all members of the disability community and the business community.

The first prong of our approach is to host a series of Community Connection Meetings across the nation. These meetings are the first step in creating a national information-sharing network comprised of local community task forces devoted to eliminating the barriers to employment for disabled individuals.

The second prong of our approach is to host a series of business breakfast meetings as a follow-up to the Community Connection Meetings. These meetings will include business leaders, managers, resource professionals, and inspirational speakers. The goal of the Business to Business Meetings is to encourage prospective employers to hire disabled job seekers by demonstrating the many benefits of hiring disabled employees and by answering questions that businesses may have about issues such as personnel policies, taxes and insurance.

Our goal with this two-pronged approach is to embrace not only individuals with disabilities and the many organizations and service providers that support them, but also business leaders in their communities as well.

Recruit Disability www.recruitdisability.com

The first step for any job seeker with a disability

Our Ability www.ourability.com

The leading national disability organization on employment

Webinars Available on Demand from Allsup

- True Help Returning to Work. For details and to register, Click here.
- Help Telling Your Story. For details and to register, Click here.
- True Help with Health Insurance when Disability Strikes. For details and to register, Click here.

August 9-10, 2016

Second Annual Accommodation for Success (resources for both businesses and job seekers)
St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley Campus, Student Center (3400 Pershall Rd., St. Louis, MO 63135)

8/9	**Successful Hiring of Persons with Disabilities** A panel of Employees with disabilities and their employers tell their stories. Meet with Agencies that provide support services for job seekers with disabilities.	8:30am – 1:30pm
8/10	**Workshops** Workshop for businesses (Interviewing Etiquette) Workshop for job seekers (Navigating Job Fairs)	8:30am – 10am
8/10	**Job Fair**	10am – 1:30pm

August 16, 2016

Community Living Inc. Open House: Feed Your Knowledge Info Session
An opportunity to come to our Administration Building in St. Peters to hear about the six programs we offer and to ask questions.
Community Living Inc. (1040 St. Peters Howell Rd., St. Peters, MO 63376)
6pm – 7pm
For more information or to register contact Carolyn Hoffman at 636/970-2800 x3022

August 18, 2016

PEAT Talk Monthly Webinar: The IAAP and the Growth of a Global Accessibility Profession
In this webinar, we will discuss the mission of the International Association of accessibility Professionals (IAAP) and how their recently announced merger with G3act will help encourage the growth of a worldwide accessibility profession.
1pm – 1:30pm (3rd Thursday each month)
For more information or to register go to 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
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.

The Career Advancement for International Professionals (CAIP) Program http://www.iistl.org/jobtraining.html
The International Institute's Career Advancement for International Professionals (CAIP) program is designed to assist the foreign born and the foreign educated in acquiring the skills they need to get a professional level job in the St. Louis area. The training includes sections on resume writing, interview techniques, and social media use as well as professional and academic recertification. Upon completion of the 16-hour program, graduates will be paired with a mentor in their field who will help them learn more about the practice of their profession and meet other professionals in the area.

St. Louis Mosaic Project www.stlmosaicproject.org
The St. Louis Mosaic Project, which began in 2012, 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.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 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 or contact Karlos Ramirez and 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://aaccstl.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

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.

Immigrant Entrepreneurship Program http://www.stlmosaicproject.org/entrepreneurs.html

Foreign-born individuals in the St. Louis region are 60 percent more likely than native born to start a business. This program serves to connect the Immigrant & foreign-born entrepreneurs to the resources to successfully launch a business.

Hispanic Arts Council of St. Louis 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 the aspects of our mission is scholarships to support first generations of Latino youth who are college-bound or attending college.

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.

St. Louis Bosnians, Inc. 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.

Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project (MICA Project) www.mica-project.org

MICA is a community organization committed to working with low-income immigrants to overcome barriers to justice. The MICA Project utilizes legal services, organizing, advocacy, and education to promote the voice and human dignity of immigrant communities.

MERS/Goodwill 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.

The International Institute is currently accepting applications for the Career Advancement for International Professionals (CAIP) program

CAIP is a 16-hour training program designed to assist the foreign born and the foreign educated in acquiring the skills they need to get a professional level job in the St. Louis area. The training includes sections on resume writing, interview techniques, and social media use as well as professional and academic recertification. Upon completion of the 16-hour training program, graduates will be paired with a mentor in their field who will help them learn more about the practice of their profession and meet other professionals in the area.
For more information or to register for the program go to http://www.iistl.org/CAIP.html

The Hispanic Leadership Institute Class VI is now accepting applications through August 26th

Applications are now available for Class VI of the Hispanic Leadership Institute. Class VI will begin in October of 2016.
Interested applicants should email their application to Vanessa Garcia at vgarcia@hccstl.com.
For more information go to 2016 Hispanic Leadership Institute Application or contact Vanessa Garcia at vgarcia@hccstl.com or at (314) 664-4432.

August 3, 2016

Hispanic Leadership Group Membership Meeting: Better Together/Cities Strong Panel Discussion
Ameren HQ (1901 Chouteau, St. Louis, MO 63103)
6pm – 8pm
For more information or to RSVP go to http://stlhlg.org/

August 9, 2016

The Latino Roundtable of Southwestern Illinois Monthly Networking Meeting
Location TBA
Noon – 2pm
For more information or to RSVP go to www.latinoroundtable.org or contact Lea Maue at thelatinoroundtable@gmail.com

August 10, 2016

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Diversity and Inclusion Training: Business Culture - What's IT All About?
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Technology Center (3611 S. Grand Blvd., Ste. 105, St. Louis, MO 63118)
7:30am – 9pm
For more information or to register go to www.hccstl.com/ or call 314/664-4432

August 18, 2016

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours
Anthem (1831 Chestnut St, St. Louis, MO 63103)
6pm – 8pm
For more information or to register go to www.hccstl.com/ or call 314/664-4432

August 25, 2016

Hispanic Working Women: Confidence Never Goes Out of Style

A Latina empowerment event dedicated to supporting and promoting Latinas through panel discussions, networking and mentorship.

Missouri History Museum (5700 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63112)

6pm – 8pm

Cost: Free for HCC Members, $10 for Non HCC Members

For more information or to register go to www.hccstl.com/ or call 314/664-4432

August 27 -28, 2016

Festival of Nations

Tower Grove Park (near S. Grand and Arsenal, St. Louis, MO)

10am – 6pm

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer go to www.festivalofnationsstl.org

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

August 2 and 16, 2016

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Business Lunch Networking Group Meeting

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

11:30am – 12:30pm (1st and 3rd Tuesdays)

Cost: $12

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Morning Movers Leads Group Networking Events

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce (2145 Bryan Valley Commercial Dr., O'Fallon, MO 63366)

8am – 9am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

August 3, 2016

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Divisions Networking Group Meeting

Dave & Busters (3857 Riverport Dr., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

11:30am – 1pm (1st Wednesday of each month)

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Lunch

Andre's West Banquet Center (211 S. Old Highway 141, Fenton, MO 63026)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members $20. Non-members & guests $25

To RSVP or for more information go to www.fentonmochamber.com or call Jeannie Braun at 636-717-0200

August 4, 2016

Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting

Hampton Inn Westport (2454 Old Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

7:30am – 9am

To RSVP or for more information go to www.mhcc.com

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce First Thursday Networking Event

Connect Hearing (1728 Clarkson Road., Chesterfield, MO 63005)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: members free, guests $15

To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

August 4, 2016 (weekly)

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Networking Happy Hour

Location TBD

4:30pm – 6:30pm (Thursdays)

No cost

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

August 5, 2016

West County Chamber of Commerce Second Friday Coffee Networking Event

Rockwood Springs Apartments (2666 Regal Pine Court, Wildwood, MO 63011)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com

August 5, 2016

Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Friday Coffee Networking Event
Sol Sweat (10727 Big Bend Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)
7:30am – 9am
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

August 5 and 6, 2016

South County Business Expo
South County Center (S. Lindbergh)
10am – 3pm
For more information or to register go to http://socochamber.org/

August 8 and 22, 2016

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Elite Leads Group Networking Events
Mercy (300 Winding Woods, Ste. 212, O'Fallon, MO 63366)
Noon – 1:15pm
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

August 9, 2016

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)
8am – 9am
For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com

Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting
Greenbriar Hills Country Club (12665 Big Bend Blvd., 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

Greater North County Chamber of Commerce Women in Networking (WIN) Luncheon
Cannoli's Restaurant (462 N. Hwy 67, Florissant, MO 63031)
Noon - 1:30pm (2nd Tuesday each month)
For more information go to www.greaternorthcountychamber.com

August 9, 2016

Greater North County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event
Longhorn Steakhouse-Hazelwood (5552 St. Louis Mills Blvd., Hazelwood, MO 63042)
5pm – 7pm
For more information go to www.greaternorthcountychamber.com

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event
Grassmuck Realty (15 Lakeside Dr., Lake St. Louis, MO 63367)
4:3pm – 6:30pm
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

August 9 and 23, 2016

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Tuesday Morning Coffee & Networking Group Meeting
Sweet Spot Café (3586 Adie Road, St. Ann, MO 63074)
8:30am – 9:30am (usually meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays)
To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

August 10, 2016

Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting
Graphic Banquet (105 Progress Parkway., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)
11:30am – 1pm
To RSVP or for more information go to www.mhcc.com

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Revenue Roundtable Workshop
Midwest Bank Centre, 1st Floor Conference Room (2299 Technology Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63368)
11:30am – 1pm
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

August 10 and 24, 2016

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Masters of Business Networking Event
Christy Banquet Center (9000 Veterans Memorial Pkwy., O'Fallon, MO 63366)
Noon – 1pm
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

August 11, 2016

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting
Moolah Shrine Temple Grand Ballroom (12545 Fee Fee Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146)
Cost: $25, walkins $30
To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

West County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Meeting
The Fox and the Hound (17416 Chesterfield Airport Road, Chesterfield, MO 63005)
5pm – 7pm
For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com

Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Women's Entrepreneurial Empowerment Group Meeting
Kirkwood Public Library (140 E. Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122)
11:30am – 1pm
For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Group Coaching Workshop
O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce & Industries (2145 Bryan Valley Commercial Dr., O'Fallon, MO 63366)
9am - Noon
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

Affton Community Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon
Garden Villas South (13457 Tesson Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63128)
11:15am – 1pm
Cost: members $15; non-members $20
For more information go to www.afftonchamber.com

August 12, 2016

Crestwood - Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce connect with Coffee Networking Event
Wine & Design (10212 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63127)
7:30am – 9am
For more information or to register go to www.ourchamber.com

August 12 and 26, 2016

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Leads 2 Success Group Networking Events
Mercy (300 Winding Woods, Ste 212, O'Fallon, MO 63366)
Noon – 1:15pm
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

August 15, 2016

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Networking at the Rail Event
The Brass Rail (4601 Hwy K, O'Fallon, MO 63366)
4:30pm – 6:30pm
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

August 16, 2016

Crestwood - Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting
Trattoria Toscana (11686 Gravois Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127)
11am – 1pm
For more information or to register go to www.ourchamber.com

August 17, 2016

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

August 17, 2016

West County Chamber of Commerce 12 @ 12 Networking Meeting

By invitation only. 12 folks at a time will be invited to lunch (you pay for your own lunch and drinks). Our mission is to connect and engage new and existing Chamber members to enhance their businesses and grow their relationships deeper within the community and the West St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce.

Walnut Grill (1386 Clarkson-Clayton Shopping Center, Ellisville, MO 63011)
Noon – 1:30pm
For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Group Coaching for Leadership Excellence Workshop

AdviCoach-DARMILL GROUP (17295 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Ste 200, Chesterfield, MO 63005)
9am - Noon
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

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

August 18, 2016

Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting

LaQuinta Inn & Suites St. Louis Airport/Riverport (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

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business Roundtable Meeting

Chesterfield Chamber Office (Chesterfield, MO 63017)
7:30am – 9am
To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Lunch n Learn

Topic: Working Overtime- What HR Pros & Mgrs Need to Know About the Department of Labor's New Overtime Regs

Walnut Grill (1386 Clarkson Clayton Center, Ellisville, MO 63011)
11am – 1pm
Cost: $20 per person
To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Morning Schmooze Networking Event

Cardinal Dental (1400 Triad Center Dr., St. Peters, MO 63376)
7:30am – 9am
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

August 21, 2016

Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting

Westborough Country Club (631 S Berry Rd., Webster Groves, MO 63119)
11:30am – 1pm
To RSVP or for more information go to www.webstershrewsburychamber.com

August 23, 2016

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting

Summit Community Church (927 E Terra Ln., O'Fallon, MO 63366)
11:30am – 1pm
Cost: $17 in advance, $22 at the door
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business Over Breakfast Networking Event

Mimi's Cafe (17240 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Chesterfield, Mo 63005)
7:30am – 9am
Cost: members $15, guests $20
To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

West County Chamber of Commerce NETDirect Meeting

Come join other folks that work out of their homes either for direct marketing or a home-based business for a terrific networking opportunity. By helping connect folks in home-based businesses, our mission is to focus on goals to grow your home-based business by acquiring more leads and sign-ups through attraction marketing.

Chamber Office (15965 Manchester Road, Suite 102, Ellisville, MO 63011)
9am – 10:15am
For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com

August 24, 2016

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Business-to-Business Networking Event
Patrick's @ Westport (342 Westport Plaza Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146)
11:30am – 1pm
To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

West County Chamber of Commerce West County Young Professionals Meeting
Corner Pub (Clarkson/Clayton, Ellisville, MO 63011)
11:30am – 1pm
For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com

August 25, 2016

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Home-Based Business Group Meeting
Northwest Chamber Office (8944 St. Charles Rock Rd., 3rd Flr., St. Louis, MO 63114)
11:30am – 1pm (4th Thursday of each month)
To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Meeting
St. Louis Life (929 Rolling Thunder Dr., O'Fallon, MO 63368)
11:30am – 1pm
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce business After Hours Networking Event
Plaza Jaquar St. Louis (11654 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur MO 63141)
5pm – 7:30pm
Cost: $15 per person
To RSVP or for more information go to www.mhcc.com

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event
Gather (266 Chesterfield Mall (Dillard's end), Chesterfield, MO 63017)
5pm – 7pm
Cost: members free, guests $15
To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

West County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting
Forest Hills Country Club (36 Forest Club Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005)
11am – 1pm
Cost: members $25, guests $30
For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com

Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event
State Farm Insurance (11237 Manchester Rd. Des Peres, MO 63122)
5pm – 7pm
For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

August 25, 2016

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Group Coaching Workshop
AdviCoach-DARMILL GROUP (17295 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Ste 200, Chesterfield, MO 63005)
9am - Noon
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

Crestwood - Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Meeting
Location TBA
5pm – 7pm
For more information or to register go to www.ourchamber.com

August 26, 2016

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Women in Networking (WIN) Meeting
The Post (763 Old Ballas Rd., St. Louis, MO 63141)
11:30am – 1pm (usually last Friday of each month)
To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

August 29, 2016

Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Marketing Monday Business Seminar
Kirkwood Public Library (140 E. Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO)
Noon - 1pm (usually 4th Monday of each month)
Cost: FREE for members, $30 for non-members
For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING MEETINGS & EVENTS

August 1, 2016 (weekly)

Women's Power Networking: Coffee and Contacts Kirkwood Weekly Meeting
J. Green's Pub (10017 Manchester Road, Warson Woods, MO)
6pm – 8pm (meets weekly on Mondays)
For more information or to register go to http://www.meetup.com/Coffee-and-Contacts-Kirkwood/

August 2, 2016

O'Fallon-Shiloh People in Business Networking Meeting
Holiday Inn Express (Dierberg Plaza, Greenmount Rd., Shiloh, IL)
8:30am - 9:30am (meets 1st Tuesday of each month)
Cost: $9 for attendance
For more information go to http://pibnetworking.com/

August 2, 2016 (weekly)

Women's Power Networking: Coffee and Contacts St. Charles Weekly Meeting
STL Cake Pops (198 Tecumseh Street, St. Charles, 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/

August 2 - 4, 2016 (weekly)

BNI Chapter Meetings
BNI Business Network International has 30 area chapters meeting weekly Wednesdays - Thursdays.
Visitors are welcome but must contact the individual BNI chapter in advance. For more information go to http://www.bniamerica.com/

August 3, 2016

Business Event: Election Preview
What can you expect this political season and how will it impact your business? Join us to find out!
Missouri Botanical Garden (4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110)
7:30am – 9am
For more information or to register go to www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/

August 3, 2015 (weekly)

Women's Power Networking Meeting: Coffee and Contacts South County Weekly Meeting
Sisters Tea House (505 Main St., Fenton, MO 63049)
11:30am – 1pm (meets first three Wednesdays of each month)
For more information go to http://www.meetup.com/Womens-Power-Networking-Coffee-and-Contacts-South-County/

August 4, 2016

Enhanced Networking "St. Charles"
Fratelli's Ristorante (2061 Zumbehl, St. Charles, MO)
12:15pm – 1:30pm
For more information go to http://www.meetup.com/Networking-on-Steroids/

Chesterfield/Missouri Networking Event
The Old Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield
11:30am - 1:30pm
The networking is free but if you want a great lunch it will cost you $8-$15
For more information contact Joel Kirk at https://www.linkedin.com/grp/post/1636537-6065230831641702400

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.
Location TBA
6:30pm – 8:30pm (typically on the 1st 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 Event: Blueprint for Prospecting – Business Development Made Easy with St. Louis Business Journal
Discover how to profit from St. Louis' No. 1 source of daily business news! Join us for an interactive tour of the St. Louis Business Journal using our weekly edition and our annual Book of Lists.
One Space (33 Bronze Pointe, Swansea, IL 62226)
7:30am – 9am
Cost: $15 per person
For more information or to register go to www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/

August 4, 2016

National Association for Professional Women St. Louis Chapter Coffee Networking Meeting
Location TBD
7am – 8:30am (1st Thursday of each month)
No charge to attend
For more information go to http://www.napw.com/chapter/59/st-louis/

August 5, 2016

Midwest Manufacturing Leaders (MML) First Friday Meeting (NO MEETING IN AUGUST)
The Lodge Des Peres (1050 Des Peres Rd., St Louis, MO 63131)
7:15am – 9am (1st Friday of each month)
For more information or to RSVP go to http://mmlgroup.org/

August 5 and 19, 2016

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 (1st Friday)
3pm – 5pm (3rd Friday)
Cost: Members free, $39 for guests
For more information go to www.forebiz.com

August 9, 2016

Tapestry Christian Business Women's Monthly Networking Meeting
The Tapestry Network is open to ALL women called into the marketplace. You may own a business, work for a business, or be formulating a plan to start a business. Each month, we gather over lunch to discuss the thought-provoking book "Working Women of the Bible". We invite you to share your successes and struggles as we study together and in turn learn how to be better business women. Each of us will also identify action steps we can take from the reading and discussion that will propel our businesses forward.
La Bonne Bouchée, Westgate Centre (12344 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141)
11:30am – 1pm
Cost: members free, guests free for the first two visits
For more information or to register go to www.stlouistapestry.com

South County Business Neighbors Business Networking Happy Hour
Firehouse Bar & Grill (3500 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63125)
5pm – 7pm
For more information or to register contact Gill Wagner at 314/416-1440 or yellow-tie@mvsend.com

August 10, 2016

State of St. Louis Workforce 2016
Join us for our annual State of St. Louis Workforce program.
St. Louis Community College – Forest Park, The Mildred E. Bastian Theatre (5600 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)
7:30am – Noon
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/

Highland People in Business Networking Meeting
Baymont Inn & Suites (20 Central Blvd., Highland, IL)
8am – 9:30am (usually meets 2nd Wednesday of each month)
Cost: $8 for attendance
For more information go to http://pibnetworking.com/

NAWBO Roundtable (NO MEETING IN AUGUST)
City Place 3 Conference Center (3 Cityplace Drive, Creve Coeur, MO 63141)
7:30am – 9am
For more information or to register go to www.nawbostl.org

August 11, 2016

YNPN St. Louis Coffee with 9 Strangers Networking Event
Join YNPN St. Louis and other young professionals to network with like-minded peers, gain professional skills, and troubleshoot work-related challenges.
Cafe Ventana (3919 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)
5:30pm – 6:30pm
For more information or to register go to http://ynpnstl.wildapricot.org/widget/event-2298681

August 12, 2016

St. Louis Business Journal: Most Influential Business Women Awards
St. Louis Union Stations Hotel (1820 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)
11:30am - 1:30pm
Cost: $80 per person
For more information or to register go to http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/

The Engineering Center of St. Louis Second Friday Seminar: The Business Case for Diversity –How to Create Inclusion
The Engineer Center of St. Louis (4359 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)
8am – 1pm
Cost: members $30, non-members $75
For more information or to register go to http://www.engineeringcenter.org/ or call 314/533-9336

August 13, 2016

FENG Monthly Tabletop Networking Event
The primary purpose of the monthly meetings is to provide an opportunity for you to meet, network, and learn from your FENG friends. We normally break into small groups for two or three 20-to-30 minute Tabletop Networking sessions.
UHY Advisors (15 Sunnen Drive, Ste. 108, St. Louis, MO)
8am – 10am (2nd Saturday of each month)
Cost: FREE for members
For more information or to register go to http://thefengstl.org/

August 16, 2016

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Greenbriar Hills Country Club (12665 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)
9am - 11:30am (3rd Tuesday)
Cost: $25 for guests; $35 for late registration
For more information or to register go to www.stlouistapestry.com

Collinsville People in Business Networking Meeting
Re/Max Alliance (1099-M Beltline Rd., Collinsville, IL 62234)
8:30am – 9:30am (meets 3rd Tuesday of each month)
Cost: $7 for attendance
For more information go to http://pibnetworking.com/

Speed Networking Event with YNPN St. Louis and CSPRC
Kirkwood Station Brewery (105 E. Jefferson Ave, Kirkwood, MO 63122)
5:30pm - 8pm
Cost: members $10, non –members $15
For more information or to register go to http://ynpnstl.wildapricot.org/widget/event-2283789

National Association for Professional Women St. Louis Chapter Meeting
Location TBD
5pm – 6:30pm (3rd Tuesday of each month)
No charge to attend
For more information go to http://www.napw.com/chapter/59/st-louis/

August 17, 2016

Professional Organization of Women Monthly General Body Meeting
8136 Groby Rd, University City, MO 63130
6:30pm – 8:30pm (3rd Wednesday of each month)
For more information or to register go to www.powincstl.org or contact professionaldevelopment@powinc.org

August 18, 2016

St. Louis Regional Chamber Annual Event No. 179
The STL Edge – Building a People First Region; Inspiring a Greater St. Louis
The Peabody Opera House (1400 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63102)
5:30pm – 9pm
Cost: $120 per person
For more information or to register go to https://showustl.splashthat.com/

St. Louis Industry Liaison Group (ILG) Meeting
The Scholarship Foundation (8221 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63117)
8:30am – Noon
For more information about ILG or to register for the meeting call314/232-0452 or ilgstlouis.membership@gmail.com

August 18, 2016

Granite City People in Business Networking Meeting
Business Foundry (2054 Edison Ave., Granite City, IL)
8am – 9am (meets 3rd Thursday of each month)
Cost: $5 for attendance
For more information go to http://pibnetworking.com/

Network After Work St. Louis
PBR (601 Clark Ave., #202, St Louis, MO 63102)
6pm - 9pm
Cost: $15 per person, $20 at the door
For more information or to register go to http://networkafterwork.com

August 25, 2016

Jefferson County Growth Association General Membership Breakfast & Networking Meeting
Mercy Hospital (Festus, MO)
7am – 9pm
For more information or to register go call Amy at 314/210-0211

August 27, 2016

St. Louis Regional Chamber Event: Show U St. Louis Regional College Festival
Transitioning to a new city is never easy, especially as a first year college student. Show U St. Louis will give you the opportunity to experience St. Louis all at once with live music brought to you by the best of the best local bands, a variety of food and dessert from all over the city, interactive entertainment, volunteer and internship opportunities, and a chance to introduce yourself to a few of the region's top employers.
Soldiers Memorial, Downtown St. Louis (1315 Chestnut St. Louis, MO)
10am – 2pm
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to https://showustl.splashthat.com/

August 31, 2016

Edwardsville People in Business Networking Meeting
Edison's Entertainment Center (2477 South State Road 157, Edwardsville, IL)
11:45am – 1pm (meets last Wednesday of each month)
Cost: $10 for attendance
For more information go to http://pibnetworking.com/

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

August 4, 2016

Inventors Association of St. Louis (IASL) Monthly General Meeting
Venture Café at CIC@4240 (4240 Duncan, St. Louis, MO 63108)
5pm - 8pm (1st Thursday of the month)
For more information go to www.inventstl.org

August 9, 2016

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

Computer Consultants of St. Louis Monthly Meeting
St. Louis Bread Company (6630 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO 63130)
5:30pm - 8pm (Meets 2nd Tues. of each month)
For more information call 314/995-4652 or go to www.ccsl.org

August 10, 2016

St. Louis Publishers Association Monthly Meeting
The Heights, the Angus Room (8001 Dale Ave., Richmond Heights, MO 63117)
6:30pm – 8:30pm (2nd 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

August 10, 2016

Human Resources Management Association (HRMA) Summer Symposium
Fontbonne University, Lewis Room in the Jack C. Taylor Library Building (6800 Wydown Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63105)
7:30am – 9:15am
Cost: members free, guests $25
To RSVP or for more information go www.hrmastl.org

National Human Resources Association (NHRA) - St. Louis Monthly Meeting (NO MEETING IN AUGUST)
For more information or to register go www.humanresources.org

August 18, 2016

St. Louis Quality Assurance Association (STLQAA) Bi-Monthly Meeting (NO MEETING IN AUGUST)
For more information or to register go to http://www.stlouisqaa.org/

St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Monthly Dinner Meeting (NO MEETING IN AUGUST)
For more information or to register go to www.stlpmi.org

American Marketing Association St. Louis Chapter Monthly Meeting
For more information go to www.ama-stl.org

August 23, 2016

St. Louis Coaches Monthly Meeting
The Heights (8001 Dale Ave., Richmond Heights, MO 63117)
5:30pm – 7:30pm (usually the 4th Tuesday of each month)
Cost: $5 members, $20 non-members
To RSVP or for more information go to www.stlcoaches.org

August 26, 2016

St. Louis PMI Monthly Breakfast Meeting
Join us for a morning filled with discussions around strategy, tying business processes to strategy, the projects associated with the business processes and change management. So many terms, but it doesn't have to be so black and white.
Lodge of Des Peres (1050 Des Peres Road, St. Louis, MO 63131)
7:15am – 8:45am
Cost: members $20 at the door; non-members, $25 at the door
For more information or to register go to www.stlpmi.org

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES AND EVENTS

The Missouri Technology Corporation (MTC) is currently accepting applications for all commercialization programs under the Missouri IDEA (Innovation, Development, and Entrepreneurship Advancement) Funds through August 24th.

The **IDEA Funds** is a co-investment that promotes the formation and growth of businesses that engage in the transfer of science and technology into job creation. The funds provide financing to eligible businesses through four components that correspond to the four stages of growth for investment-grade, high-growth enterprises. Applications are being accepted for the following IDEA Funds programs:

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

For more information about these programs, please click on the links above, or visit www.missouritechnology.com.

CET's Square One (SQ1) Program is now accepting applications for the Fall 10-week class that starts on 9/12/16.

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. CET's 10-week Square One (SQ1) program provides entrepreneurs with
•Formal Business Training (business planning basics and tract specific content)
•Personalized Support – Networking and Mentoring
•Access to Professional Business Services
•An Inclusive Start-up Environment
Applications open July 1 and the class is seated by mid-August. Classes run from September 12 to December 5, 2016.
For more information go to http://www.bedprogram.com/

New Fashion Incubator is now accepting applications for its inaugural class that starts on January 1, 2017

This two-year intensive program offers emerging designers the tools, connections, and guidance to take their businesses to the next level.
For more information or to apply go to http://www.saintlouisfashionincubator.org/

Arch Grants is now accepting applications for its Fall 2016 cohort through August 12th.

Arch Grants is a nonprofit organization that accelerates economic development and community revitalization by providing $50,000 equity-free grants and pro bono support services to entrepreneurs who locate their early-stage businesses in St. Louis. Through its rigorously competitive Global Startup Competition, Arch Grants retains and attracts the most innovative entrepreneurs to the St. Louis region. This program is an aggressive effort to inspire the next generation of employers, civic leaders, and philanthropists for St. Louis.
For more information or to apply go to http://archgrants.org/competition/

Capital Innovators is now accepting applications for its Fall 2016 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 (Sept. 14 – Dec. 4th)
For more information or to apply go to www.capitalinnovators.com

GlobalHack VI is now accepting applications for the Fall 2016 3-Day event
GlobalHack VI will bring together developers, designers, technologists, and entrepreneurs from around the world to solve a single, massive civic technology problem revealed at the beginning of the hackathon. 2,500 participants across youth, collegiate, and pro divisions will work in teams to solve this problem by building software solutions over the course of an entire weekend. $1 million in cash prizes will be awarded to the top teams, including $250,000 in follow-on funds that will be used to take the most promising prototypes generated at the event to market. GlobalHack VI will be held Friday, October 21 to Sunday, October 23, 2016, at Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis, MO, on the campus of Saint Louis University.
For more information go to https://globalhack.org/globalhack-vi/

Grace Hill is now accepting applications for the Fall Workshop in Business Opportunities (WIBO) 16-week training
Information sessions are scheduled throughout July to learn about WIBO, a 16 week business class designed to take blooming and established business owners to the next step in their entrepreneurial journey. If you anticipate signing up for the Fall 2016 cohort at the orientation, please bring a deposit of $50 (CASH, CHECK or MONEY ORDER ONLY).
For more information or to register for a 1-hour information session go to http://www.gracehillwbc.org/events/

Inner City Capital Connections (ICCC) is now accepting applications through August 31, 2016 for the Fall 2016 class.
ICCC is a national program designed to accelerate small business growth and access to capital. Through the program, inner-city business owners receive cost-free financial education, business training and one-on-one business counseling via intensive coaching sessions with capital providers. A variety of financial experts from Regions Bank and other sources will also coach participating business owners, free of charge. The goal of the program is to strengthen local businesses, which ICCC, Regions Bank and the Regional Chamber believe will ultimately strengthen the St. Louis area as a whole. ICCC focuses on businesses that are growth-oriented and have a presence in urban or economically underserved areas. The program is designed to accelerate small business growth and access to capital. There is no cost to apply. For more information or to apply, visit http://icic.org/inner-city-capital-connections/.

Throughout August

The SBA offers informational webinars on a variety of topics of interest to entrepreneurs and small business owners. For more information or to register for an upcoming webinar go to https://www.sba.gov/tools/events

August 2, 2016

What the Heck's a Hackathon?
If you're considering attending "Hello, Hackathon" but want to learn a bit more about what to expect before you do, join us.
CIC St. Louis - 4240 Duncan Avenue Havana Room, St. Louis, MO 63110
6pm – 7:30pm
For more information or to register go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-the-hecks-a-hackathon-tickets-26422817358

August 2, 2016 (weekly)

OPO Try It Tuesdays
Curious about OPO? Wonder what it's like to work here? Register to try it out!
OPO Startups (119 S. Main St., St. Charles, MO 63301)
9am – 5pm
For more information or to register go to www.opostartups.com

Prosper Women Entrepreneurs 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.
CIC@4240 (4240 Duncan Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)
3:30pm – 5:30pm (every Tuesday)
For more information or to register go to http://www.prosperstl.com/events/

August 3, 2016

SCORE Business Workshop: Effectively Marketing Your Business in the Digital Age
Webster U. Walker School of Business, East Academic Hall, Room 138 (545 Garden Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119)
6pm – 9pm
Cost: $35 per person; $45 at the door
For more information or to register go to http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops

August 3, 2016 (weekly)

OPO Startup Wednesdays – Community, Founders, Mentors, and Funders
OPO Startups (119 S. Main St., St. Charles, MO 63301)

8/3	Community	5:30pm – 8pm
8/10	Founders	5:30pm – 8pm
8/17	Mentors	5:30pm – 8pm
8/24	Funders	5:30pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to www.opostartups.com

August 3, 2016 (weekly)

Danforth Weekly Scientific Seminar Series
Donald Danforth Plant Science Center (975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)
11am - Noon
For more information or to register go to http://www.danforthcenter.org/events/

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

Breakfast Networking
MiMi's Cafe (17240 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63005)
8am – 10am
Cost: Free
For more information contact Joel Kirk at joel@otwms.com

August 4, 2016

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 (1st 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/

Product Management Group Monthly Meeting: The Evolution of the Role of a Product Manager
CIC @4240, Havana Room (4240 Duncan Avenue, #200, St. Louis, MO 63108)
7pm – 7:45pm
For more information or to register go to www.stlpm.org

August 4 and 15, 2016

Business Networking Lunch
Topic: email marketing; the how's, why's & when
The Old Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield
11:30am - 1:30pm
Cost: Event is free, lunch will cost you $8-$15
For more information contact Joel Kirk at joel@otwms.com

August 4, 2016 (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/

Venture Café Networking Events
CIC @4240 (4240 Duncan Avenue, #200, St. Louis, MO 63108)
3pm – 8pm (every Thursday evening)
For more information go to www.vencafstl.org

August 5, 2016

MVF Business Builder Breakfast Meeting
Moto Museum/Triumph Grill (3441 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103)
7:15am – 9am (meets 1st Friday of each month)
Cost: members free, guests $39
For more information or to register go to mvfSTL.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 6, 2016

SCORE Business Workshop: How to Start and Manage Your Own Business
Webster U. Walker School of Business, East Academic Hall, Room 202 (545 Garden Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119)
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 9, 2016

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 (2nd Tuesday of the month)
For more information or to register go to http://www.meetup.com/StartLouis/

August 9, 2016

Business Seminar: Starting a Small Business in Illinois
Participants will learn key strategies on how to maximize their time to develop a solid business. We will walk through some of the resources available to them that could provide assistance in the areas of time, productivity and cost effectiveness. Participants will walk away with tools that will allow them to not only build a business on the side but also grow it into a true business.
SWIC Red Bud Campus (Red Bud, IL)
3pm – 4:30pm
Cost: $10
For more information go to http://www.siue.edu/business/sbdc/ or contact Jo Ann Di Maggio May at 618/650-2929 or gdimagg@siue.edu

August 10, 2016

Business Seminar: 10 Tips to Successful Email Marketing
Response! Targeted Marketing (1800 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104)
8:30am – 10:30am
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.responsetargetedmarketing.com

Business Seminar: Creating Profit & Growth with Google Pay-Per-Click Ads
Response! Targeted Marketing (1800 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104)
5:30pm - 8:30pm
Cost: $35 per person, $45 at the door
For more information or to register go to www.responsetargetedmarketing.com

Illinois Innovators & Inventors Monthly Meeting
Madison Mutual Insurance Company (Mutual Ct., Edwardsville, IL)
7pm – 9pm (2nd Wednesday each month)
For more information go to http://ilinventor.tripod.com

Small Business Revenue Roundtable
Midwest Bank Centre, 1st Floor Conference Room (2299 Technology Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63368)
11:30am – 1pm (2nd Wednesday of each month)
Cost: $47 per person
For more info or to register go to https://sbrrstl.eventbrite.com

August 11, 2016

Business Seminar: Selling to the Government: The First Steps
St. Louis County Extension Office (132 East Monroe Ave., Kirkwood, Mo 63122)
9am – Noon
Cost: $50
For more information or to register go to www.Missouribusiness.net

Information Technology Entrepreneur Network (ITEN) 2nd 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)
3pm – 8pm (2nd Thursday of each month)
For more information go to www.itenstl.org

August 12, 2016

Mind Your Business Lecture Series: Entrepreneur & Small Business Database Boot Camp

This hands-on session will empower entrepreneurs and small business owners with the tools to write a small business plan, target their market with demographic and psycho-demographic data, create lists of potential clients and /or competitors and conduct industry research.

St. Louis County Library Headquarters, Auditorium (1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

8:30am – Noon

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.slcl.org/events/ or call 314/994-3300

August 13, 2016

Hello, Hackathon! Event

Join LaunchCode, GlobalHack and The Prosper Institute for a beginner-friendly event where you'll work in teams over the course of a day to design an app or website that solves a real-world problem. You'll use prototyping tools, drag and drop editors, mockups, and anything else you think of to visually present your idea to the community. Participants will work in small teams (up to 4) and will have ~6 hours to prototype your idea and present it on stage. During the event, you'll learn how to use industry design tools, network with like-minded people with diverse backgrounds, and work to solve a real-world problem as a small group. This event requires no coding experience, and is open to individuals of all skill sets and backgrounds.

The LaunchCode Mentor Center (4811 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, MO)

8am – 6:30pm

For more information or to register go to https://hellohackathon16.splashthat.com/?preview

August 16, 2016

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/

Business Seminar: Starting a Small Business in Illinois

Participants will learn key strategies on how to maximize their time to develop a solid business. We will walk through some of the resources available to them that could provide assistance in the areas of time, productivity and cost effectiveness. Participants will walk away with tools that will allow them to not only build a business on the side but also grow it into a true business.

SIUE Campus, MUC International Room (Edwardsville, IL)

4pm – 5:30pm

Cost: $10

For more information go to http://www.siue.edu/business/sbdc/ or contact Jo Ann Di Maggio May at 618/650-2929 or gdimagg@siue.edu

August 17, 2016

SCORE Business Workshop: Buying a Franchise or an Existing Business

Webster U. Walker School of Business, East Academic Hall, Room 202 (545 Garden Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119)

8:15am – 3pm

Cost: $60 per person; $70 at the door

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

SBDC Day in Granite City

The Chamber of Commerce Southwestern Madison County (3600 Nameoki Rd, Suite 202, Granite City, IL)

Includes a Business Workshop: Starting a Small Business (Noon – 1pm)

9am – 1pm

For more information go to http://www.siue.edu/business/sbdc/ or contact Jo Ann Di Maggio May at 618/650-2929 or gdimagg@siue.edu

August 18, 2016

Business Seminar: Encore Entrepreneur

A panel of experts (SBA district director, banking manager, Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Center (MoPTAC), SBA lending specialist, SCORE, AARP, IRS and an encore small business owner) will provide information on starting a business as a second-stage career, followed by a Q & A session.

St. Louis County Library (1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

10am – 11:30am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to http://www.eventbrite.com/e/encore-entrepreneur-tickets-26607964137

SBIR/STTR Road Tour

The SBIR Road Tour is a national outreach effort to convey the non-dilutive technology funding opportunity provided through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. Federal and State Program Managers representing the $2.5 billion in early stage funding have been invited to attend a series of events alongside technology entrepreneurs and innovation supporters from across the United States. Individual program managers from 11 participating agencies representing $2.5 billion in early stage funding will at the St. Louis stop where attendees will get the coveted local opportunity to hear directly from federal agency program managers, and meet one-on-one with program decision makers.

Washington University in St. Louis-Simon Hall - 1 Brookings Dr, St. Louis, MO 63130

8am – 3pm

Cost: $25 per person

For more information or to register go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sbirsttr-road-tour-st-louis-tickets-25935905993

August 18, 2016

Gateway Business Networking (formerly St. Louis Business Networking) Breakfast
Missouri Athletic Club (405 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63102)
7am – 9am (Meets 3rd Thursday of each Month)
Cost: $14 per person
For more information or to RSVP contact Andrea at 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/

NXT@4240
NXT@4240 is a celebration of the innovation community that aligns and amplifies corporate and startup engagement. Discover what happens NXT.
Venture Café (4240 Duncan Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)
4:30pm – 5:30pm
For more information go to www.vencafstl.org

August 19, 2016

Mind Your Business Lecture Series: Find new Customers Through Facebook
Learn how to draw in new customers with your unique Facebook marketing plan. Discover how to get and keep customers interested in your business by standing out from the rest of the crowd at all the right moments.
St. Louis County Library Headquarters, Auditorium (1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131)
8:30am – Noon
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.slcl.org/events/ or call 314/994-3300

August 25, 2016

Donald Danforth Plant Science Center Conversations
Let's Talk about People, Plants and Partnerships: The Mizzou Connection
Danforth Plant Science Center, AT&T Auditorium (975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO)
5:15pm – 7pm
For more information or to register go to www.danforthcenter.org/events/ or call 314/587-1070

August 29, 2016

SBDC Day in Highland
Highland City Hall (1115 Broadway, Highland, IL)
Includes a Business Workshop: Business Financing (Noon – 1pm)
10am – 2pm
For more information go to http://www.siue.edu/business/sbdc/ or contact Jo Ann Di Maggio May at 618/650-2929 or gdimagg@siue.edu

August 30, 2016

MOKAN- St Louis Business Institute Workshop: Making Your Business Bankable
MOKAN (4666 Natural Bridge Road. St. Louis, MO 63115)
8am – 11am
For more information or to register go to www.stlouisbusinessinstitute.com or call Kabir Muhammond at 314/454-9675.

August 31, 2016

SCORE Business Workshop: QuickBooks Basic Desktop
Webster U. Walker School of Business, East Academic Hall, Room 202 (545 Garden Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119)
5:30pm – 8:30pm
Cost: $35 per person; $45 at the door
For more information or to register go to http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AND TRAINING

STL STARTUP/ENTREPRENEUR SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

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.aaimea.org or call 314/968-5360

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 and click on the icon for Enterprise University. Or you can send an email to enterpriseuniversity@enterprisebank.com or call 314/512-7203

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 ppettey@escu.org or 314/4343-6470 x1406

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

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 eco system 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

Inter City Capital Connections

Inner City Capital Connections (ICCC) has an 11-year track record of helping companies grow and access capital. Businesses that enter the program face a variety of challenges, but exit the program with practical knowledge, a robust network and a plethora of capital connections they draw from. In order to participate in the program a company must meet two criteria: (1)$2M or more in sales by 2015 (On the recommendation of the nominator, we will accept businesses with sales less than $2M). (2)Headquartered in or have 51% of physical operations in economically distressed urban areas of the U.S. or have at least 40% or more of employees residing within an economically distressed urban area.
For more information go to http://icic.org/inner-city-capital-connections/

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

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 http://www.justinepetersen.org

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

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

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

Pipeline

Pipeline is an elite organization of the Midwest's most successful, high-performance entrepreneurs. Our Members work as one to face business challenges, funnel opportunities to their peers and build market-leading technology and life-sciences business together.
Each year approximately 10-12 new entrepreneurs are invited to join Pipeline as Fellows. After an extensive selection process, new Fellows participate in a unique and rigorous year-long business leadership development program that blends workshop modules, advice from national experts, and a deepening of the relationships among new and current Pipeline Members. This introductory year-long program leverages a national network of business advisers at the forefront of their respective specialties who engage deeply with Pipeline, effectively extending the entrepreneurs' business networks nationwide.
For more information go to http://www.pipelineentrepreneurs.com/

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 11th week where participants may receive cash awards.
For more information go to http://www.bedprogram.com/

MVF

MVF 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

St. Louis Community College Corporate College The Corporate College offers demand-driven workforce training and professional development programs to the St. Louis region. Corporate services include:

- Contract training
- Strategic consulting
- Industry-specific curriculum
- Grant-funded economic development programs
- Enterprise wide solutions for national/global companies
- Certification testing & assessment services
- ACT WorkKeys assessment services
- Meeting and event services

For more information go to http://www.stlcc.edu/corporatecollege/Index.html

St. Louis Community College - Workforce Solutions Group

The Workforce Solutions Group is the entrepreneurial workforce development division of St. Louis Community College that offers a robust menu of programs and solutions designed to advance people, businesses and communities. Programs offered include:

- Lean Transformations
- Leadership & Professional Development
- Strategic Talent Development
- ISO International Organization for Standardization
- Technical Training
- Information Technology Training
- Health & Safety Training
- WorkKeys Solutions Center

For more information go to http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/Corporate-Services/Index.html

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 or go to www.cuexcelcenter.com

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

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 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

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.slmbc.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/

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

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

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

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/

STARTUP CAPITAL SOURCES

Advantage Capital Partners

Advantage Capital Partners invests in entrepreneurial small businesses in communities that are underserved by traditional sources of capital. The firm has built a strong and successful track record of public-private partnerships with state and federal economic development organizations, creating thousands of jobs and facilitating the flow of billions of dollars of investment capital into these communities. For more information http://www.advantagecap.com/team/st-louis5/

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

Arsenal Capital Management
Our goal is to provide our investors with a superior investment return by identifying early capital opportunities within a fund structure that is transparent, focused and cost conscious. We provide our portfolio companies with significant capital so they can be successful and truly desire to make every investment a win (investor) – win (entrepreneur) – win (ACM) result. For more information go to www.acm-stl.com

Ascension Ventures
Ascension Ventures is a strategic healthcare venture fund with $550 million in capital under management. Our limited partners are some of the most respected, values-driven nonprofit healthcare systems in the US. For more information go to www.ascensionventures.org

BALSA Foundation
The BALSA 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 BALSA Foundation is the philanthropic arm of The BALSA 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

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 or go to www.billikenangels.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. 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

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/

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

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

iSelect Fund
The iSelect Fund enables individual investors and their trusted financial advisors to create his or her own, diversified venture capital portfolio of professionally evaluated, early stage companies. Each company in the iSelect Fund has gone through a rigorous selection and due diligence process before being placed in the Fund. For more information go to www.iselectfund.com

Inner City Capital Connections (ICCC)
Inner City Capital Connections (ICCC) is a national program designed to accelerate small business growth and access to capital. Through the program, inner-city business owners receive cost-free financial education, business training and one-on-one business counseling via intensive coaching sessions with capital providers. A variety of financial experts from Regions Bank and other sources will also coach participating business owners, free of charge. The goal of the program is to strengthen local businesses, which ICCC, Regions Bank and the Regional Chamber believe will ultimately strengthen the St. Louis area as a whole. ICCC focuses on businesses that are growth-oriented and have a presence in urban or economically underserved areas. The program is designed to accelerate small business growth and access to capital. Instructors hail from leading institutions, such as Harvard Business School and Stanford University, and are all business owners. During the class they will lead discussions on strategy, sales and marketing, entrepreneurial finance and talent management.
The 2016 program will begin in St. Louis on September 29 at Washington University in St. Louis. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis until the deadline of August 31. There is no cost to apply. For more information or to apply, visit *http://icic.org/inner-city-capital-connections/*. You may also contact ICCC Program Director Hyacinth Vassell at *hvassell@icic.org*.

Lewis & Clark Ventures
Lewis & Clark Ventures is a new St. Louis-based venture capital firm focusing on high potential investment opportunities throughout the Midwest region. The mission of the fund is to deploy series A/B stage growth capital into companies operating within sectors that include software, devices and life sciences, and serving markets such as finanacial, agricultural, healthcare, and business enterprise solutions. For more information go to www.lewisandclarkventures.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

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. The2015 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.siue.edu/metroeaststartup/

Missouri Technology Corp (MTC) Idea Fund

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

Monsanto Growth Ventures (MGV)

Monsanto Growth Ventures (MGV) is the venture capital group at Monsanto Company. Monsanto has a large footprint as a provider of technology-based solutions and agricultural products that improve farm productivity and food quality. In this capacity, MGV aims to help nascent companies grow through capital and leveraging Monsanto's agriculture know-how and resources. MGV also fosters the growth of an innovation supply chain that includes researchers, entrepreneurs, other venture capitalists and emerging technology companies. Often, early stage product innovation is best handled by talented small independent teams and companies that can maintain a single focus, work in a capital efficient process and rapidly prototype innovations to find solutions. For more information go to http://www.monsanto.com/whoweare/pages/monsanto-growth-ventures.aspx

Missouri STEP=UP Grant Program

A 3-year trade and export promotion pilot program (an initiative of the Missouri International Trade and Investment Office and funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration) provides grants to carry out export programs that assist eligible small businesses. The aim of the MO STEP=UP Program is to increase the number of small businesses (500 employees or less) that are exporting and increase the value of exports for those small businesses that are currently exporting. Priority markets are Central and South America & the Middle East (excludes Brazil and Mexico). Special consideration is given to Colombia, Panama, Peru and the United Arab Emirates.
For more information go to https://www.ded.mo.gov/docs/default-source/export_missouri/mostep-guidelines22a7daefc1576ce29f33ff0000939b41.pdf?sfvrsn=2

Oakwood Medical Investors

Oakwood Medical Investors is a life sciences venture capital fund formed to invest in development stage medical device, biopharmaceutical and healthcare service companies. Target portfolio companies for Oakwood have an outstanding management team, industry disruptive technology, demonstrated proof of concept and have typically completed a first round of institutional venture financing. For more information go to www.oakwoodmedical.com

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

Prolog Ventures

Venture capital firm specializing in life sciences. Prolog invests in traditional healthcare opportunities as well as emerging areas such as nutrition, wellness, and green technology in which we've built one of the largest portfolios in the country. For more information go to www.prologventures.com

Regional Growth Capital

Regional Growth Capital invests in selected, growing companies in Missouri and Illinois that demonstrate significant potential for success. The investment serves as extended bridge financing for organic growth, acquisitions or recapitalizations. The for-profit corporation is owned by 34 banks and the three largest economic development agencies in the region. Regional Growth Capital's solid track record includes providing leveraged buyout financing as well as making investments in growing businesses for some of the premier companies in the St. Louis area. For more information go to www.regionalgrowthcapital.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, founds 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/

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

SixThirty Accelerator Program for Cyber Security Startups

SixThirty Cyber, over the next 5 years, plans to provide $10 million in seed investment and mentorship for cyber security 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 Cyber selects ten technology startup companies each year, five for the Fall class and five in the spring. Each of those startup companies selected to take part in the accelerator program will receive a $100,000-$200,000 investment and take part in a fourteen-week accelerator program, which will offer hands-on training, mentoring and business development support. For more information about the program or to apply go to https://sixthirtycyber.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

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

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

Twain Financial Partners

Twain Financial Partners provides creative capital solutions that span the entire capital structure from Debt to Equity in order to further our clients' potential in an ever-changing environment. Our firm is also a third-party Fund Manager for 500+ investments worth a total aggregate value over $3.5 billion within the Public-Private Partnership sector. For more information go to www.twainfinancial.com

Vectis Healthcare & Life Sciences Fund

Managed by John Brooke and his team at Boston-based Brooke Private Equity Advisors, Vectis I is a healthcare/life sciences venture capital focused fund-of-funds. The Fund was created in 2004 with the dual purposes of providing strong financial returns to investors, white also supporting the healthcare and life sciences sector in the St. Louis region. For more information go to https://www.crunchbase.com/organization/vectis-healthcare-life-sciences-fund#/entity

The 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

STARTUP COMMUNITIES/INCUBATORS/CO-WORKING SPACE

Blue 1647

A tech and entrepreneur- ship incubator, supporting all forms of entrepreneurship from events, filmmakers, artists, engineers, and designers. Blue 1647, a center which trains people of all ages, is "where diverse people working for a better world can quickly access relationships and bring ideas to life." Blue 1647 is focused on three core areas: people/professional development, workforce development, and business acceleration. All through technology! Offers a bevy of classes, workshops, and events to get everyone excited about the latest and greatest in technology. We have all of the latest and greatest in technology. Founded in the Chicago area Blue 1647 is expanding to 4811 Delmar, St. Louis in the Fall of 2015. For more information go to www.blue1647.com

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

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

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/

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

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/

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

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/

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

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/

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

Stadia Ventures 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.stadiaventrues.com/accelerator

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 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

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/sldc/economic-development/business-services/Missouri-Small-Business-Development-Center.cfm

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

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 it's 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