



# ST. LOUIS REGIONAL FEBRUARY '16 CALENDAR OF NETWORKING EVENTS

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

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# **ST. LOUIS REGIONAL** **CALENDAR OF NETWORKING EVENTS** **FOR FEBRUARY**

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*The following is a list of networking events in February 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**

### February 1 and 8, 2016

#### **Linneman's Lawn Care & Landscaping In-House Job Fair**

8700 D Road, Waterloo, IL 62298

11am – 1pm

For more information go to [www.linnemanlawncare.com](http://www.linnemanlawncare.com) or call 618/939-4769

### February 2, 2016

#### **Cheltenham Carpentry Co. Job Fair** (carpenters for framing, trimming, and siding)

Carpenters Training Center (2290 South Illinois St., Belleville, IL)

3pm – 6pm

For more information contact Ryan at 314/565-0385

### February 2 and 4, 2016

#### **City of St. Louis Career Information Sessions for Correctional Officers**

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

2/2 10am – 11am

2/4 10am – 11am

2/4 3pm – 4pm

For more information go to <http://stlouis-mo.gov> or call 314/589-8000

### February 2 and 16, 2016

#### **Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

Wood River WorkNet Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL 62095)

10am – Noon

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

### February 2, 2016 (weekly)

#### **Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark Recruitment Event** (multiple PT/FT hospitality openings)

1 South Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102

10am – 11am and 2pm - 3pm

For more information go to [www.stlouisballpark.hilton.com](http://www.stlouisballpark.hilton.com) or call 314/421-1776

### February 3, 2016

#### **Express Employment Professionals Job Fair**

Washington Missouri Job Center (1108 Washington Square Shopping Center, Washington, MO 63090)

11am – 3pm

For more information call 636/239-6706

#### **Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

Waterloo WorkNet Center (100 S. Main St., Room 19, Waterloo, IL 62298)

10am - Noon

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

February 3, 4, and 5, 2016**Ross Dress for Success Recruitment Events** (retail associates for new store in O'Fallon, MO)

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

2/3 9am – 5pm

2/4 9am – 5pm

2/5 10am – 3pm

For more information go to [www.rossstores.com](http://www.rossstores.com) or call 636/255-6060February 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

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.

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

Belleville Worknet Center (5419 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226)

2pm – 4pm

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

Apply online at [www.greatsecurityofficers.com](http://www.greatsecurityofficers.com)

For more information call 314/644-1974

February 4, 2016**UMB Bank Career Fair** (tellers, bankers, mortgage loan officers)

UMB Bank (1 Church St., Ferguson, MO 63135)

9am – 11am

For more information go to <http://careers.umb.com> or contact [tim.fields@umb.com](mailto:tim.fields@umb.com)February 5, 2016**St. Louis Zoo Seasonal Job Fair** (all PT/FT seasonal openings)

The Living World at the St. Louis Zoo

9am – Noon

For more information go to <http://www.stlzoo.org/about/contact/employment/jobfair/>**Engineer Club Career Night**

For Engineering and Technical students seeking FT and internship opportunities

Engineers' Club of St. Louis (4359 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108)

3pm – 6pm

For more information or to RSVP go to [http://www.engineersclub.net/newsletters/January\\_16/2016%20Career%20Fair.pdf](http://www.engineersclub.net/newsletters/January_16/2016%20Career%20Fair.pdf)or contact Kurt Krispin at 314/533-9333 or [kurt.krispin@engineersclub.net](mailto:kurt.krispin@engineersclub.net)February 8, 2016**SCI Engineering Job Fair** (engineering field technicians)

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

10am – 1pm

For more information call 636/255-6060

**SSM Health St. Clare Hospital Nursing Career Fair**

SSM Health St. Clare, Garden Level Conference Center (1015 Bowles Ave., Fenton, MO 63026)

11am – 7pm

To register in advance for an interview go to <http://www.ssmhealth.com/news/nursing-recruitment-fair-february-2016/>**SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital Nursing Career Fair**

SSM St. Mary's Hospital, 6th Floor Gymnasium (6420 Clayton Road, Richmond Heights, MO 63117)

7am – 11am and 5pm – 9pm

To register in advance for an interview go to <http://www.ssmhealth.com/news/nursing-recruitment-fair-february-2016/>**SSM Health St. Joseph's Hospital Lake St. Louis Nursing Career Fair**

SSM St. Joseph's, O'Fallon Room (100 Medical Plaza, Lake St. Louis, MO 63367)

7am – 4pm

To register in advance for an interview go to <http://www.ssmhealth.com/news/nursing-recruitment-fair-february-2016/>

February 8, 2016**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

Florissant Missouri Job Center (4040 Seven Hills, MO 63033)

1pm – 3pm

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

February 9, 2016**SCI Engineering Job Fair** (engineering field technicians)

Washington Missouri Job Center (1108 Washington Square Shopping Center, Washington, MO 63090)

11am – 3pm

For more information call 636/239-6706

**SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital Nursing Career Fair**

SSM Health Cardinal Glennon, Danis Auditorium, (1465 S. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63104)

7am – 4pm

To register in advance for an interview go to <http://www.ssmhealth.com/news/nursing-recruitment-fair-february-2016/>**Trillium Recruitment Event** (hydroblasters)

Florissant Missouri Job Center (4040 Seven Hills, Florissant, MO 63033)

1pm – 3pm

Preregister for the event at [www.trilliumjobs.com](http://www.trilliumjobs.com)

For more information call 314/475-7900

**BJC Healthcare Online Virtual Career Fair**

During the online career fair, BJC will offer job seekers a virtual experience through a website designed especially for BJC. Attendees will be able to search for career opportunities at over 20 different "booths", chat live with talent acquisition specialists and hiring managers, get real-time answers to questions and receive information about Total Rewards programs at BJC.

9am – 5pm

To pre-register go to <http://www.bjchealthcarevirtual.org/>For more information contact [BJCTAEvents@bjc.org](mailto:BJCTAEvents@bjc.org)February 9 and 18, 2016**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

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

9:30am – 11:30am

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

February 9 and 23, 2016**J&J Snack Foods Recruitment Event** (FT packers and mixers)

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

9am – 11am

For more information call 636/255-6060

**Manpower Job Fair** (line workers)

Warrenton Missouri Job Center (Warrenton, MO)

1pm – 3pm

For more information call 314/721-2152

February 10, 2016**SSM Health St. Joseph's Hospital – St. Charles Nursing Career Fair**

SSM Health St. Joseph's Hospital – St. Charles, St. Charles Room (300 First Capitol Drive, St. Charles, MO 63301)

7am – 4pm

To register in advance for an interview go to <http://www.ssmhealth.com/news/nursing-recruitment-fair-february-2016/>**At-Home Care Job Fair** (LPNs, CNAs, home care aides, CS attendants)

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

2pm – 5pm

For more information or to register call 314/506-5306 or 314/388-9840

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

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

10am – Noon

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

February 11, 2016**Human Resource Staffing Job Fair** (production, maintenance warehouse, packaging, telemarketing)

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

10am – 1pm

For more information call 636/255-6060

February 11, 2016**St. Louis Sales Career Fair**

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

10am – 1pm

For more information go to <http://www.careerintro.com/>

**SSM Health DePaul Hospital Nursing Career Fair**

SSM Health DePaul Hospital May Center (12303 DePaul Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044)

7am – 11am and 5pm - 9pm

To register in advance for an interview go to <http://www.ssmhealth.com/news/nursing-recruitment-fair-february-2016/>

**SSM Health St. Louis University Hospital Nursing Career Fair**

SSM Health St. Louis U. Hospital, West Pavilion (3655 Vista Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

7am – 6pm

To register in advance for an interview go to <http://www.ssmhealth.com/news/nursing-recruitment-fair-february-2016/>

February 11 and 17, 2016**Manpower Job Fair** (machine operators, weld techs, and maintenance techs)

Florissant Missouri Job Center (4040 Seven Hills, Florissant, MO 63033)

10am – 1pm

For more information call 314/475-7900

February 16, 2016**SCI Engineering Job Fair** (engineering field technicians)

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

9am – Noon

For more information contact [jreinert@stlworks.com](mailto:jreinert@stlworks.com)

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

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

2pm – 4pm

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

February 17, 2016**Allied Barton Security Recruitment Event**

Daugherty Business Solutions (3 Cityplace Dr., #400, St. Louis, MO 63141)

7am – 2pm

For more information call 636/778-3449

**Charter Communications Career Fair** – (Customer Relations Coordinators – Internet/Phone)

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

10am-4pm

On the spot interviews! Bring your resume and professional dress required.

For more information go to [www.charter.com/careers](http://www.charter.com/careers) and search for Customer Relations Coordinators – Internet/Phone

**ITT Technical Institute Job Fair**

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

9am – Noon

For more information contact [jreinert@stlworks.com](mailto:jreinert@stlworks.com)

February 18, 2016**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

Florissant Missouri Job Center (4040 Seven Hills, MO 63033)

2pm – 4pm

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

February 19, 2016**Union Pacific Railroad Career Information Session**

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

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

4pm – 5pm

For more information or to register call 314/506-5306 or 314/388-9840

February 24, 2016**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 2016 Job Fair**

St. Louis City Center Hotel (400 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, MO 63103)

1pm – 4pm

For more information or to register contact [vgarcia@hccstl.com](mailto:vgarcia@hccstl.com)

February 25, 2016

**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)  
Highland Weinheimer Community Center (1100 Main St., Highland, IL 62249)  
10am – Noon

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

February 26, 2016

**Union Pacific Railroad Career Information Session**

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

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

4pm – 5pm

For more information or to register call 314/506-5306 or 314/388-9840

## **JOB SEARCH/CAREER TRANSITION SUPPORT GROUPS**

February 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](http://www.bbj.org) or call 636/928-0828

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

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

212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376

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

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

February 3, 2015

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

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

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

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

February 4, 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

February 4 and 18, 2015

**New Hope Employment Ministry Meetings**

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

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

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

February 8, 2015

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

St. Joseph Catholic Church – Cottleville, MO

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

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

February 8 and 22, 2015**CEN at Ascension Parish Job Search Support Group (Chesterfield area)**

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

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

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

February 16, 2015**CEN at St. Gerard Majella Parish Job Search Support Group (Kirkwood area)**

St. Gerard Majella, Parish Meeting Room 224, (Kirkwood, MO)

7:15pm - 8:30pm

To make a reservation or for more information contact us at [cen@stgerardmajellaparish.org](mailto:cen@stgerardmajellaparish.org)

**JOB SEARCH WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, WEBINARS, AND CLASSES****SLATE Missouri Job Center Job Search Workshops**

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

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

**Missouri Job Center of St. Louis County Job Search Workshops**

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

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

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

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

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

**Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County Job Search Workshops**

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

Hosts free job search workshops throughout the month on several topics

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

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

SLATE (St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment), in partnership with the St. Louis Construction Trades Council, 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 to complete an application and assessment.

**Urban Strategies Inc.**

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

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

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

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

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

**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](mailto:adrianshropshire@hotmail.com) or 314/283-2215

**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/>

**Career Advancement for International Professionals (CAIP)**

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

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

**Career Pathways Bridge Initiative**

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

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

This five week training program takes place at the Center for Workforce innovation at St. Louis Community College's Florissant Valley Campus. Skills and qualifications needed to be considered:

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

To apply, email resume to [wcdassemblymechanics@stlcc.edu](mailto:wcdassemblymechanics@stlcc.edu) or fax to 314/513-4604. For more information and schedule call 314/539-5921. Upon program completion, participants are eligible to interview for positions with Boeing.

### **St. Louis Community College Accelerated Job Training**

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

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

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

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

### **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. Even if science and math were not your best subjects in high school, you may find that your life experiences have led you toward a STEM career.

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)
- [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](http://stlcc.edu/MSWs) or contact Kevin Talbot at 314-539-5722.

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

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

The truck driving program is a five-week program which prepares the graduate to enter the commercial driving industry as a over-the-road truck driver. Students will rotate through a combination of classroom, driving simulator time, and several hours of road driving. The course covers such areas as safety, DOT rules and regulations, proper shifting techniques, pre-trip inspections, map reading, log books, handling of paperwork, cargo handling, highway driving, night driving, and metro driving.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **St. Patrick Center**

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

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

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

## Project Xcel

This professional training program designed specifically for young people aging out of foster care to introduce them to meaningful careers with opportunities for advancement. Career-seekers will learn essential universal skills that build on a strong foundation in service excellence, including interpersonal and business communications, critical thinking, diversity, and much more. It also prepares career-seekers to earn employment recognized certificates. Trained community career coaches follow participants in the first 6-12 months of employment to ensure they are on track. Project Xcel Career-seeker Qualifications: between the ages of 17-21 (who is aging or has aged out of foster care and not on a post-secondary education or career path), has a HS diploma or GED, drug-free, and lives in St. Louis City or County areas.

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

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

**Business Office Applications Training (BOAT)**

**HVAC Service Technician**

**Bioscience Technology Program**

**Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Program**

**Carpentry/Building Maintenance**

**Diesel Technology (DT)**

**Precision Machining Technology CNC Program**

**Industrial Certification Program**

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

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

### **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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:rclick@urbanleague-stl.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## February 1 - 29, 2016

### **Boeing Pre-Employment Training Programs for Assembly Mechanic and Composite Mechanic**

#### **Now accepting applications for April 2016 classes**

These accelerated job training program are offered by the Workforce Solutions Group and the Florissant Valley campus of St. Louis Community College in partnership with Boeing. Currently there is no cost to students to attend either of these trainings.

**Assembly Mechanic:** The training program provides 408 hours of instruction in aircraft assembly techniques including, accessing computer-based work instructions and teamwork.

**Composite Mechanic:** The training program provides 208 hours of instruction in aircraft assembly techniques focused on composite fabrication, assembly and repair, accessing computer-based work instructions and teamwork.

For more information about these training programs go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/Accelerated-Job-Training/Boeing.html>

**For consideration into one of these programs a resume must be sent to [Boeingtraining@stlcc.edu](mailto:Boeingtraining@stlcc.edu).**

For additional information and details on the application process, please call the hotline at 314-539-5921.

## February 2, 2016

### **Job Seeker Webinar: How to Get the Most Out of Jobs.MO.Gov to Find Employment Opportunities**

10am – 11:30am

To register go to <https://jobs.mo.gov/employer/recruitment/get-the-best-candidates>

February 3 - 26, 2016 (weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays)**Weekly Job Search Workshops/Presentations**

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

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

No cost to attend

2/3 Online/Manual Applications  
 2/4 Marketing Yourself  
 2/10 Resume Writing/Coaching  
 2/11 Interviewing Skills  
 2/12 MOCK INTERVIEWS  
 2/17 Online/Manual Applications  
 2/18 Marketing Yourself  
 2/24 Resume Writing/Coaching  
 2/25 Interviewing Skills  
 2/26 MOCK INTERVIEWS

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

February 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.

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

6pm – 8pm

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

February 4, 2016**Job Shapers Monthly Network Series**

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

7:30am - 8:30am (1<sup>st</sup> 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>

February 9 - 11, 2016**CAASTL Job Readiness Workshops**

2709 Woodson Rd., Overland, MO 63114

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

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

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

February 11, 2015**Professional Job Search Workshop Series: Online Applications – A Weapon of Mass Rejection**

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

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

8:30am – 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

February 16, 2016**Business Seminar: Starting a Business: The First Steps**

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

9am - Noon

Cost: \$99 per person (FREE for dislocated or laid-off workers)

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

**Job Search Workshop: Job Fair 101**

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

5:30pm – 7:30pm

To RSVP for this event email [staff@hccstl.com](mailto:staff@hccstl.com)

February 16 and 17, 2016**2-Day Career Workshop**

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

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

9am – 3:00pm (usually starts on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday & Wednesday of each month, but call first as schedule may change)

Advance registration is required.

To register call 314/344-0050

February 17, 2016**Job Search Workshop: Job Fair 101**

STL Workforce Center South City (2715 Cherokee St., St. Louis, MO 63118)

2pm – 4pm

To RSVP for this event email [staff@hccstl.com](mailto:staff@hccstl.com)

**Business Seminar: The Basics of Writing a Business Plan**

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

9am - Noon

Cost: \$99 per person (FREE for dislocated or laid-off workers)

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

February 18, 2016**Professional Job Search Workshop Series: How Recruiters Use LinkedIn to Find You**

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

8:30am – 11am

Participants must be computer literate to attend this workshop.

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

February 23, 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!!!

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

SLATE 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](mailto:jmiller@stlworks.com)

February 23 - 25, 2016**CAASTL Job Readiness Workshops**

2709 Woodson Rd., Overland, MO 63114

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

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

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

February 24, 2016**2016 STEM Discovery Fair during Engineers' Week**

Engineers' Club of St. Louis (4359 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108))

3pm – 7pm

For more information or to RSVP go to [http://www.engineersclub.net/newsletters/January\\_16/Discovery%20Fair.pdf](http://www.engineersclub.net/newsletters/January_16/Discovery%20Fair.pdf)

February 25, 2015**Professional Job Search Workshop Series: Online Applications – A Weapon of Mass Rejection**

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

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

8:30am – 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

February 26, 2016**Public Relations Professional Career Development Day**

SIU Edwardsville, Oak-Redbud Rooms, Morris University Center (Edwardsville, IL 62026)

9am – 4:30pm

Cost: students \$25, PRSA members \$30, general \$35 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://prsaatlouis.org/meetinginfo.php?id=36&ts=1454008233>

## 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](http://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.stlouiswomensvets.org](http://www.stlouiswomensvets.org)

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

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

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

#### **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](http://www.esgr.mil)

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

#### **Hiring Our Heroes**

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

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

#### **Missouri Job Centers**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Scott AFB Airman & Family Readiness Center**

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

The Airman & Family Readiness Center is a Commander's tool to assist in development and execution of services, activities, and processes which enhance individual, family, and community readiness, quality of life, and motivation to service. Provides a transition assistance program (TAP), one-on-one counseling, information and referral assistance, employment resource center, computerized transition programs, and employment seminars.

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

[www.showmeheroes.mo.gov](http://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](mailto:lindenwoodveterans@gmail.com)

### St. Charles Community College Veterans Svcs [www.stchas.edu](http://www.stchas.edu)

### St. Louis Community College Veterans Svcs [www.stlcc.edu/veterans](http://www.stlcc.edu/veterans)

### St. Louis U. Military Outreach

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

### UMSL Veterans Affairs Office

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

### Washington U. Veterans Services

<http://ucollege.wustl.edu/yellowribbon/>

### Webster U. Returning Military Services

<http://involved.webster.edu/organization/svo/>

## The Mission Continues

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

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

## 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/](http://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.

## Veterans Employment Center (VEC)

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

The Veterans Employment Center™ (VEC) is the Federal government's single authoritative internet source for connecting transitioning Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families to meaningful career opportunities. The VEC™ is the first government-wide product that brings together a reputable cadre of public and private employers with real job opportunities, and provides transitioning Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families with the tools to translate their military skills into plain language and build a profile that can be shared – in real time – with employers who have made a public commitment to hire Veterans. Contact Heidi Schoen for more information at [Heidi.Schoen@calibresys.com](mailto:Heidi.Schoen@calibresys.com) or 314/399-2034.

## The Veterans Landing

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

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

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

## Veterans for Peace

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

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

## Veterans Recruiting

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

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

## Veterans 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](http://www.veteranscurationprogram.org)

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

## Veterans Business Resource Center

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

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

## Webinars Available On Demand from Allsup

### True Help for Veterans with Disabilities.

For details and to register, [Click here](#).

February 2, 2016

### Coffee/Reveille Networking Event

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

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

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

February 8, 2016

**Chow Hall Lunch Networking**

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

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

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

February 9, 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](http://www.westcountychamber.com)

February 10, 2016

**Early Liberty Call Networking Event**

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

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

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

February 12, 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](http://www.northwestchamber.com)

February 18, 2016

**Veterans Job Search Club/Workshop**

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

10am – 11:30am

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

February 24, 2016

**After Hours Networking Event for Vets**

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

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

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

## DISABILITY COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCES AND EVENTS

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

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

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

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

**DOL - Office Disability Employment Policy**

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

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

**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.

### Department of Mental Health – Employment First <http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/progs/employment.html>

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

### Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) <http://dss.mo.gov/fsd/rsb/>

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

### Productive Living Board for St. Louis County Vocational Services <http://www.plboard.com/>

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

### St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources <https://www.stlodd.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.

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

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

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

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

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

## Center for Head Injury

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

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

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

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

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

## St. Louis ARC Employment Services

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

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

## Next Step for Life Employment Services

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

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

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

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

## Community Living Inc. (CLI) Employment Services

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

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

## Places for People

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

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

## Independence Center

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

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

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT & ACCOMODATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 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.

### Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

<http://askjan.org/>

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

### EARN (Employer Assistance Resource Network)

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

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

### **Partnership on Employer Accessible Technology (PEAT)**

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

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

### **St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources**

<https://www.stlidd.org/>

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

### **Employment Incentives**

<http://www.employmentincentives.com/index.htm>

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

### **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

### **St. Louis Community College Access Office Disability Support Services**

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

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

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

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

## **EMPLOYER-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS**

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

### **Project SEARCH St. Louis**

<http://projectsearchstl.weebly.com/>

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

### **Pathway to Employment**

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

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

Businesses interested in learning more about being part of the program should contact Himmelberg at 314/703-4525 or [chimmelberg@empacgroupinc.com](mailto:chimmelberg@empacgroupinc.com).

### **Talent Connect**

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

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

## **PROFESSIONAL/INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Eastern Missouri Chapter of Missouri Rehabilitation Association**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Down Syndrome Association**

<http://dsagsl.org/>

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

## **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.

### **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.

### **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 (ICU). The SELN provides technical assistance and guidance to state I/DD agencies to develop more effective employment systems and partnerships. The network is a place where states can connect, collaborate, problem solve and share resources that address the pressing employment-related issues that states face.

### **Missouri Governor's Council on Disability**

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

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

### **Starkloff Disability Institute is Now Accepting Applications for the "Next Big Steps" Spring Class Starting 2/23**

This 12-week job-readiness program assists people with disabilities, who are enrolled in or who have graduated college or technical institute, in becoming more competitive job-seekers. Class participants will learn to:

- Write resumes that capture the attention of recruiters
- Master the job interview
- Use the web and social media to their advantage during the job search
- Increase the number of contacts in their network pool and how to utilize them
- Manage conflict, professional behaviors, and workplace dynamics
- Evaluate job offers and negotiate salary
- Remove personal barriers and manage societal barriers to job attainment
- Understand legal rights and responsibilities of employers and employees regarding disability and employment
- Learn "if, when and how" to disclose and explain their disability with confidence

Classes begin on February 23, 2016 and are held at the Saint Louis University School of Law in downtown St. Louis.

For more information go to <http://starkloff.org/s/the-next-big-step/> or contact Susan Menhard, Program Director at [smenhard@starkloff.org](mailto:smenhard@starkloff.org) or Tina Vinson, Employment Specialist at [tvinson@tvinson@starkloff.org](mailto:tvinson@tvinson@starkloff.org) or 314/588-7090 for more information

### **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.](#)

#### **February 16, 2016**

#### **Ability Awareness & Inclusion Roundtable Lunch and Learn**

Easter Seals Midwest (13545 Barrett Parkway Drive, Ste. 300, Ballwin, MO 63021)

11am – 1pm

For more information or to register contact [jaki.jefferson@esmw.org](mailto:jaki.jefferson@esmw.org)

#### **February 18, 2016**

#### **PEAT Talk Monthly Webinar**

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

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

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

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

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

### **International Institute**

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

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

### **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.

### **MERS/Goodwill**

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

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

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

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

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

### **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

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

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

### **Hispanic Leadership Institute**

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

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

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

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

<http://aacstl.org/>

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

### **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](http://www.hispanicartscouncilstl.org)

The Hispanic Arts Council of St. Louis (HAC) mission is to promote the excellence of the Hispanic culture through arts and educational events. One of 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](http://www.stlbosnians.org)

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

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

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

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

### **Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project (MICA Project)**

[www.mica-project.org](http://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.

February 2, 2016 (weekly)**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Roundtable for Business**

Come and join us every Tuesday for a forum to learn about area businesses and identify potential sales opportunities by using a structured referral system.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Technology Center (3611 S. Grand Blvd., Ste. 105, St. Louis, MO 63118)  
4pm – 5pm

For more information or to register go to [www.hccstl.com](http://www.hccstl.com) or call 314/664-4432

February 3, 2016**Hispanic Leadership Group Membership Meeting**

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

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://stlhl.org/>

February 9, 2016**The Latino Roundtable of Southwestern Illinois Monthly Networking Meeting**

Illinois Dept of Transportation/Illinois State Police Building (1100 Eastport Plaza Dr., Collinsville, IL 62234)

Noon – 2pm

For more information or to RSVP contact Lea Maue at [thelatinoroundtable@gmail.com](mailto:thelatinoroundtable@gmail.com)

February 10, 2016**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Small Business and Self-Employed Business Seminar:****Unshakable Mental Toughness: 5 Ways to Strategically Win at Work & Succeed in Life**

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

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to [www.hccstl.com](http://www.hccstl.com) or call 314/664-4432

February 16, 2016**Job Search Workshop: Job Fair 101**

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

5:30pm – 7:30pm

To RSVP for this event email [staff@hccstl.com](mailto:staff@hccstl.com)

February 17, 2016**Job Search Workshop: Job Fair 101**

STL Workforce Center South City (2715 Cherokee St., St. Louis, MO 63118)

2pm – 4pm

To RSVP for this event email [staff@hccstl.com](mailto:staff@hccstl.com)

February 18, 2016**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours and State of the Chamber**

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

4pm – 5pm

For more information or to register go to [www.hccstl.com](http://www.hccstl.com) or call 314/664-4432

February 24, 2016**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 2016 Job Fair**

St. Louis City Center Hotel (400 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, MO 63103)

1pm – 4pm

For more information or to register contact [vgarcia@hccstl.com](mailto:vgarcia@hccstl.com)

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NETWORKING EVENTS & SEMINARS

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

February 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 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays)

Cost: \$12

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

February 3, 2016**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Divisions Networking Group Meeting**

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

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

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

February 3, 2016**Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Membership Meeting**

Team Activities for Special Kids (TASK) (980 Horan Drive, Fenton, MO 63026)

10am – 1pm

Cost: members \$20, guests \$25

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.fentonmochamber.com](http://www.fentonmochamber.com) or call Jeannie Braun at 636-717-0200

**Greater North County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

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

5pm – 7pm

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

February 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](http://www.mhcc.com)

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

DirectBuy of St. Louis (611 Trade Center Blvd., Chesterfield, MO 63005)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: members free, guests \$15

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

February 4, 2016 (weekly)**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Networking Happy Hour**

Location TBA

4:30pm – 6:30pm (Thursdays)

No cost

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

February 5, 2016**West County Chamber of Commerce First Friday Networking Event**

Manchester Police Facility (200 Highlands Blvd. Drive, Manchester, MO 63011)

7:30am – 9am

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

**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation and Awards Gala**

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac Hotel (1335 South Lindbergh Blvd., Frontenac, MO 63131)

6pm – 11pm

Cost: \$70 per person

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

**Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet & Awards**

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

6pm – 9pm

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

February 5 and 19, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Leads 2 Success Networking Events**

Webster University WingHaven (2299 Technology Dr, Ste 300, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

Noon – 1:30pm

Cost: Free

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

February 8 and 23, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Elite Leads Group Networking Event**

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

Noon – 1:15pm

Cost: Free

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

February 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)

2pm – 3pm

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

February 9, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Laser Lipo &amp; Vein Center (3449 Pheasant Meadow Dr., Ste. 100, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Cost: Free

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

Greenbriar Hills Country Club (Kirkwood, MO)

11:30am – 1:15pm

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

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

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

Noon - 1:30pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month)For more information go to [www.greaternorthcountychamber.com](http://www.greaternorthcountychamber.com)February 9 and 23, 2016**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Tuesday Morning Coffee & Networking Group Meeting**

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

7:30am – 8:30am (usually meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)February 10, 2016**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Holiday Inn Airport West (3400 Rider Trail South, Earth City, MO 63045)

11:30am – 1pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)February 10 and 24, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Masters of Business Networking Event**

Webster University WingHaven (2299 Technology Dr, Ste 300, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

Noon – 1pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)February 11, 2016**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting**

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

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$25, walkins \$30

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)**Clayton Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Dinner**

Ritz Carlton St. Louis Hotel (Clayton, MO 63105)

6pm – 9:30pm

Cost: \$130 per person

For more information go to [www.claytoncommerce.com](http://www.claytoncommerce.com)**Affton Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Andre's South Banquet Center (4254 Telegraph Road St., St. Louis, MO 63129)

11:15am – 1pm

Cost: \$12 for members, \$17 for guests

For more information go to [www.afftonchamber.com](http://www.afftonchamber.com)February 13, 2016**South County Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon (NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY)**

Andre's Banquet Facilities (4254 Telegraph Rd., St. Louis, MO 63129)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$15 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://soco-chamber.org/>February 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

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

February 16, 2016**Crestwood - Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Helen Fitzgerald's (3660 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63127)

11am – 1pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

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

February 17, 2016**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Coffee Talk Networking Meeting**

Northwest Chamber Office (8944 St. Charles Rock Rd., 3rd Flr., St. Louis, MO 63114)

9am – 10am

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

**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center (16625 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$25, guests \$30

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

**Greater North County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Crowne Plaza St. Louis Airport (11228 Lone Eagle Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044)

11am - 1pm

Cost: \$20 per person

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

February 18, 2016**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting**

Elite Cuisine LLC @ Graybar Westport (Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free for members, \$5 for guests

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

**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Morning Schmooze Networking Event**

The Falls Golf Club (1170 Turtle Creek, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

7:30am – 9am

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

**Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon**

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

11:30am – 1:30pm

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

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

February 23, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Dardenne Presbyterian Church (7400 South Outer 364, Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368)

11:30am – 1pm

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

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

February 24, 2016**Affton Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Merx Flooring (4245 Bayless, Affton, MO 63123)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

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

February 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 (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month)

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

February 25, 2016**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Maryville University, Donius Center (Chesterfield, MO 63017)

5pm – 7pm

Cost: members free, guests \$15

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)**O’Fallon Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Meeting**

Economic Development Center of St. Charles County (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., SSM Health Room, St. Charles, MO)

11:30am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Great Southern Bank (11698 Manchester Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

5pm – 7pm

For more information or to register go to [www.kirkwooddesperes.com](http://www.kirkwooddesperes.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](http://www.westcountychamber.com)February 26, 2016**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Women in Networking (WIN) Meeting**

Red Lobster (12235 St. Charles Rock Rd., Bridgeton, MO 63044)

11:30am – 1pm (usually last Friday of each month)

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)February 29, 2016**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Marketing Monday Business Seminar**

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

Noon - 1pm (usually 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month)

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

For more information or to register go to [www.kirkwooddesperes.com](http://www.kirkwooddesperes.com)**BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING MEETINGS & EVENTS**February 1, 2016 (weekly)**Women’s Power Networking: Coffee and Contacts Kirkwood Weekly Meeting**

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

6pm – 8pm (meets weekly on Mondays)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/Coffee-and-Contacts-Kirkwood/>February 2, 2016**O’Fallon-Shiloh People in Business Networking Meeting**

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

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

Cost: \$5 for attendance

For more information go to <http://pibnetworking.com/>**St. Louis Networking Geniuses Monthly Meeting**

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

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

Have you ever wanted to ask other business women how they handled a situation in their business? Do you work alone and need some friendly advice that works? This month’s event is all about you and getting you the help you need. The entire event will be spent networking and masterminding so that you leave equipped to face the challenges you may be experiencing in your business. As Christian businesswomen, we need to work together and support one another in life and in business.

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

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

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

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

February 2, 2016**St. Louis Python Group Meeting**

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

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

7pm – 9pm

For more information contact Brian Hicks at [brian@brianhicks.com](mailto:brian@brianhicks.com)

February 2, 2016 (weekly)**Women's Power Networking: Coffee and Contacts St. Charles Weekly Meeting**

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

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

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

**BNI Chapter Meetings**

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

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

February 3, 2016**Business Webinar: How to Get the Most Out of Jobs.MO.Gov to Find Candidates to Hire**

1:30pm – 3pm

Cost: Free

To register go to <https://jobs.mo.gov/employer/recruitment/get-the-best-candidates>

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February 4, 2016**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 call 314/232-0452 or [ilgstlouis.membership@gmail.com](mailto:ilgstlouis.membership@gmail.com)

**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>

February 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month)

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

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

**Enhanced Networking “St. Charles”**

Fratelli's Ristorante (2061 Zumbahl, St. Charles, MO)

12:15pm – 1:30pm

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

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**Christian Business Connectors Networking Meeting**

Chameleon's Catering

11:30am – 1pm (meets every Thursday)

Cost: \$12 per person

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

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

February 5, 2016**Cyber Security Monthly Event (Next meeting in March)**

The Des Peres Lodge (1050 Des Peres, Road, St. Louis, MO 63131)

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

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://mmlgroup.org/>

February 5, 2015 (weekly)**Women's Power Networking Meeting: Coffee and Contacts Fenton Weekly Meeting**

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

10:30am – Noon (meets every Friday)

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

February 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)

3pm – 5pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)

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

February 8, 2016**American Business Women's Association – Renaissance Chapter Monthly Meeting**

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

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

To RSVP call 314/388-1457

February 8 - 9, 2016**MODOT 2016 Civil Rights Contractor Compliance/DBE Training Symposium**

UMSL – Millennium Student Center (1 University Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63121)

7am – 7:30pm

For more information or to register go to [www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org) or call 314/453-1811

February 9, 2016**Business Seminar and Networking Event: Raising the Bar**

An informal discussion about all things St. Louis Business Journal. Bring your questions and your curiosity for a deeper introduction into what business news is and what makes it appealing to our readers.

Cielo Restaurant and Bar (999 N. 2nd St., St. Louis, MO 63102)

5:30pm – 6:30p (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Cost: Free

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

**Yellow Tie Coffee & Connections Networking Before Hours Event**

St. Louis Bank (14323 South Outer 40 Road, town & Country, MO 63017)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to <http://www.yellow-tie.org/events>

**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club**

St. Louis City Center Hotel, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Ballroom (400 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

10:30am – 2pm

Cost: members: \$24, non-members \$35 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://www.stlouisagclub.org/>

**St. Louis People in Business Networking Meeting**

Laredo on Lafayette Restaurant (St. Louis, MO)

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

Cost: \$8 for attendance

For more information go to <http://pibnetworking.com/>

February 10 and 24, 2016**Highland People in Business Networking Meeting**

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

8am – 9:30am (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$8 for attendance

For more information go to <http://pibnetworking.com/>

February 11, 2016**St. Louis Agile LINC User Group Networking Event**

Savvis Headquarters

6pm – 8pm (meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)For more information contact Jim at [jim.haftarczyk@savvis.com](mailto:jim.haftarczyk@savvis.com)February 16, 2016**Extra Help Inc. Business FREE Webinar Series: Preparing for 2016's Final FLSA White Collar Exemption Rules**

8:30am – 9:30am

To register go to <http://www.extrahelpinc.com/keep-calm-work-more-overtime-preparing-for-2016s-final-flsa-white-collar-exemption-rules/>**Collinsville People in Business Networking Meeting**

Re/Max Alliance (1099-M Beltline Rd., Collinsville, IL 62234)

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

Cost: \$7 for attendance

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

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

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

For more information or to register go to [www.stlouistapestry.com](http://www.stlouistapestry.com)February 17, 2016**Top Women Business Owners Luncheon**

Hilton Frontenac Hotel

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.sbmon.com](http://www.sbmon.com) or call 314/569-0076**National Association for Professional Women St. Louis Chapter Meeting**

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

6:30pm – 8pm

No charge to attend

For more information go to <http://www.napw.com/chapter/59/st-louis/>**Mastermind St. Louis Monthly Networking Group Meeting**

The Lodge Des Peres (1050 Des Peres Rd., St Louis, MO 63131)

10am – 11:30am (usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month)For more information or to RSVP go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/mastermind-st-louis-january-edition-2016-tickets-19915593075?aff=cat>**Professional Organization of Women Monthly Meeting**

Edward Jones (12555 Manchester Rd., Des Peres, MO 63131)

5pm – 7:30pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)For more information or to register go to [www.powincstl.org](http://www.powincstl.org) or contact [professionaldevelopment@powinc.org](mailto:professionaldevelopment@powinc.org)February 18, 2016**40 Under 40 Awards Dinner**

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

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Cost: \$100 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/](http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/)**Chameleon Club Networking Event**

Chameleon Integrated Services (3207 Washington Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63103)

5pm – 10pm

For more information contact [barnettonwashington@gmail.com](mailto:barnettonwashington@gmail.com)**Network After Work St. Louis**

Fox Sports Midwest Live (601 Clark Ave., 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>

February 18, 2016**Granite City People in Business Networking Meeting**

Business Foundry (2054 Edison Ave., Granite City, IL)

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

Cost: \$5 for attendance

For more information go to <http://pibnetworking.com/>

February 19, 2016**Ranken Technical College Employer Breakfast**

Industry representatives are invited to have breakfast with administrators, faculty, staff and students to learn more about Ranken.

Ranken Technical College (4431 Finney Ave., St. Louis, MO 63113)

7:30am – 9am

For more information nor to register call 314/286-3665

February 19 – 21, 2016**2016 Working Women's Survival Show**

The Working Women's Survival Show, now in its 29th year, is a weekend of food, fashion, fitness, and fun unlike any other. The Show features the latest and greatest products and services from nearly 400 exhibitors that arrive in St. Louis from all over the country.

St. Charles Convention Center (St. Charles, MO)

10am – 8pm

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

February 20, 2016**Business Seminar: Networking with NetWorq**

Networq App is a mobile app that enables people to create, manage and exchange business cards while networking in real-time events

Assisted Daily Living (9726 Halls Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63136)

2pm – 3:30pm

For more information or to register go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jared-arms-presents-networking-with-networq-tickets-20020686412>

**Salesforce St. Louis User Group Monthly Networking Meeting**

World Wide Technology Inc. (701 Fee Fee Rd., Maryland Heights MO 63043)

11am – 2pm

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/salesforce-st-louis-user-group-february-tickets-15571622141>

**Women in Business Lunch hosted by Black Women Network MO/IL Gateway Chapter**

Infinite Occasions Banquet & conference Center (3515 N. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO)

2:30pm – 6:30pm

For more information go to [www.bwninternational.org](http://www.bwninternational.org) or call 314/722-5330

February 24, 2016**Women's Leadership Network 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Event**

SIU-Edwardsville

2pm – 5:30pm

For more information or to RSVP contact Silvia Torres Bowman at [sitorre@siue.edu](mailto:sitorre@siue.edu) or 618/650-2452

**Edwardsville People in Business Networking Meeting**

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

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

Cost: \$10 for attendance

For more information go to <http://pibnetworking.com/>

February 25, 2016**Business Seminar: Protect and Defend Power Breakfast**

Learn how to protect your business from emerging threats and adapt to the changing landscape.

Danforth Plant Science Center (975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free

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

**Business Seminar: Leveraging Media Channels for Brand Recognition**

The St. Louis Business Journal and OneSpace invite you to this entertaining and informative workshop on leveraging the power of print and digital media to raise brand-awareness.

OneSpace

33 Bronze Pointe Swansea IL 62226

7:30am – 9am

Cost: \$20 per person

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

February 26, 2016**St. Louis School Business-Partnership Annual Workshop:**

Connecting with Your Future Workforce

St. Louis Community College – Corporate College (3221 Mckelvey Rd., Bridgeton, MO)

7:30am – 1:30pm

For more information or to register go to [www.stlsbp.org](http://www.stlsbp.org)**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**February 4, 2016**Inventors Association of St. Louis (IASL) Monthly General Meeting**

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

5pm - 8pm (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month)For more information go to [www.inventstl.org](http://www.inventstl.org)**Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Networking Event**

Flamingo Bowl (1117 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63101)

5:30pm – 7:30pm

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

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

5:30pm - 8pm (Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of each month)For more information call 314/995-4652 or go to [www.ccsl.org](http://www.ccsl.org)February 10, 2016**St. Louis Publishers Association Monthly Meeting**

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

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

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

For more information call 314/256-1800 or go to [www.stlouispublishers.org](http://www.stlouispublishers.org)February 12, 2016**Illinois PMI (Project Management Institute) Monthly Lunch Meeting**

Bella Milano (455 Regency Park Drive, O'Fallon, IL)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$15 at the door; non-members, \$20 at the door

For more information or to register go to [www.stlpmi.org](http://www.stlpmi.org)**St. Louis Quality Assurance Association (STLQAA) Monthly Meeting (NEXT MEETING IN MARCH)**

635 Maryville Centre Drive, Town and Country, MO 63143

5pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.stlouisqaa.org/>February 17, 2016**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Monthly Dinner Meeting**

Clayton Plaza Hotel (7750 Carondelet Ave., Clayton, MO 63105)

5pm – 8:30pm

Cost: members \$30 at the door; non-members, \$35 at the door

For more information or to register go to [www.stlpmi.org](http://www.stlpmi.org)**Human Resources Management Association (HRMA) Monthly Breakfast Meeting & Annual Legal Update**

Renaissance Hotel St. Louis Airport (9801 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO 63134)

7:30am – 11am

Cost: members free, guests \$60

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

February 19, 2016

**55<sup>th</sup> Annual American Marketing Association Conference**

St. Louis Zoo, Living World (St. Louis, MO)

8am – 5pm

Cost: members \$75, non-members \$95 per person

For more information go to [www.ama-stl.org](http://www.ama-stl.org)

February 23, 2016

**St. Louis Coaches Monthly Meeting**

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

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

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

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

February 24, 2016

**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Business After Hours Networking Event**

Jefferson Grill (127 W. Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

5:30pm – 7:30pm

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

February 25, 2016

**National Human Resources Association (NHRA) - St. Louis General Meeting**

Ces & Judy's (10405 Clayton Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: Free for members, \$40 for guests

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

## SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES AND EVENTS

**CET Opens Application Process for Square One (SQ1) Ignite Entrepreneur Training that Starts on 2/23**

The SQ1 Ignite program has been specifically designed to provide a more frequent series of quick-start training modules to help entrepreneurs advance their business ideas, and prepare participants to submit successful applications for the SQ1 Boot Camp, a 10-week, twice weekly intensive program in the Fall 2016. Beginning Feb. 23, the free four-week SQ1 Ignite series will be held at CET 5:30pm – 8:30pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.cortexstl.com/> or contact Christ Maxfield at [cmaxfield@cortexstl.com](mailto:cmaxfield@cortexstl.com)

**ProductCamp St. Louis 2016 registration is now open**

ProductCamp St. Louis is the premier event for anyone who builds, designs, markets or manages a product or service. It's a place for professionals, professors and students to teach to, learn from, and network with each other. ProductCamp St. Louis will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at Webster U.

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

**Balsa Foundation is accepting applications for the first stage of its Entry Program, Idea Support.**

For more information or to register go to <http://www.thebalsafoundation.org/entry-program/>

**UMSL Entrepreneurs Workshop Series is now open for registration**

This eight-session workshop (offered in spring 2016) will provide information and tools to current and aspiring entrepreneurs to maximize their research impact and increase the success rate of startup ventures. Offered late spring (2nd semester) Limited to 20 participants Free of charge (Including continental breakfast, lunch and workshop materials)

For more information or to register contact Luis Ortiz at [ortizle@umsystem.edu](mailto:ortizle@umsystem.edu) or 314/241-1511

February 1, 2016 (weekly)

**Skandalaris Evidence-Based Entrepreneurship Workshop Series**

A series of seven workshops to help technology entrepreneurs identify great new venture concepts, validate the commercial viability of ideas, get their ventures off the ground, and build plans for sustainable and scalable enterprises.

2/1 Session 2: Ideation

2/8 Session 3: Validation

2/15 Session 4: Strategies

2/22 Session 5: Funding

2/29 Session 6: Financial Projections

3/7 Session 7: The Narrative

Washington University, Simon Hall, Room 100

3:30pm - 5pm

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://skandalaris.wustl.edu/events/>

February 2, 2016

**Business Seminar: Unlocking St. Louis' Best Kept Secret: The Bioscience Ecosystem**

Donald Danforth Plant Science Center (975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to <http://www.danforthcenter.org/events/>

February 2, 2016**Monthly #CEO2CEO Conversation Series: What Does It Take to Launch a Successful SaaS Company**

Join our panel of experts to discuss the key management decisions, business analytics, and sales and service strategies tech start-ups need for viability and scaling.

CIC @ CET (20 South Sarah St., St. Louis, MO 63108)

5:30am – 7:30am

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

February 3, 2016**Washington University –STL IdeaBounce**

An opportunity to give and/or listen to 2-minute pitches on a startup business idea from pre-selected “bouncers”, followed by an “open mic” segment for the audience members to pitch an idea. Closes with a reception for all to connect and provide feedback.

Washington University, (location to TBD)

4pm – 5:30pm

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://skandalaris.wustl.edu/events/>

**Business Seminar: How to Use LinkedIn to Build Your Business**

RESPONSE! Targeted Marketing (1800 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104)

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Cost: \$35 in advance (\$45 at the door)

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

February 3, 17, and 23, 2016**Danforth Scientific Seminar Series**

Donald Danforth Plant Science Center (975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)

3:45pm – 5pm

Cost: Free

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

February 3, 2016 (weekly)**OPO Startup Wednesdays – Community, Founders, Mentors, and Funders**

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

1/6 Community 6:30pm – 9pm

1/13 Founders 7pm – 10pm

1/20 Mentors 6:30pm – 9pm

1/27 Funders 6:30pm – 9pm

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

**ITEN One Million Cups**

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

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

9am – 10am (every Wednesday morning)

No cost to attend

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

February 4, 2016**Product Management Group Monthly Meeting**

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

7pm – 7:45pm

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

**O’Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Group Coaching**

AdviCoach Small Business Group Coaching will yield real solutions using the expertise of fellow business owners and a seasoned business coach and facilitator. You will be spending 2 hours per month, fully focused on learning and working “on” your business rather than “in” it. There will be specific learning and sharing modules on various subjects pertaining to running a small business.

O’Fallon Chamber of Commerce & Industries (2145 Bryan Valley Commercial Drive, O’Fallon, MO 63366)

9am – 11am

For more information or to register go to <https://smallbizgroupcoaching.eventbrite.com>

**Women 2.0 City Monthly Meetup**

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

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

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

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

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

February 4 and 18, 2016**Missouri Networking Event**

Old Spaghetti Factory (Chesterfield, MO)

11:30am – 1:30pm (Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)For more information contact Joel at [joelkirk@gmail.com](mailto:joelkirk@gmail.com) or Denise at 636.265.2440 or [Denise@abouttheclimb.com](mailto:Denise@abouttheclimb.com)February 4 – 6, 2016**Rich Dad Financial Education 2-Hour Workshop (FREE)**

2/4 The Sheraton Hotel (7730 Bonhomme Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105)

12:30pm – 6pm

2/5 The Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center (16625 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017)

12:30pm – 6pm

2/6 The Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel (900 Westport Plaza Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146)

9am – 1:30pm

For more information or to register go to

<https://www.richdadfreeseinar.com/saintlouis/70.0000/index.dtm?mid=6382113&otsrid=c1455a3e-2766-44e1-8d1a-2ad7bc08cb3b>February 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/>**Prosper Office Hours**

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

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

10am – Noon

Cost: FREE

For more information or to register go to [www.prosperstl.com](http://www.prosperstl.com)**Venture Café Networking Events**

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

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

3pm – 8pm (every Thursday evening)

For more information go to [www.vencafstl.org](http://www.vencafstl.org)**FastTrac Growth Venture** (10 weekly sessions 1/15 – 3/18)

The primary objectives of this program are to help you effectively evaluate and improve your... Overall business strategy and vision for the future . Ability to maintain a competitive advantage in the marketplace. . Changing role in managing the business. . Readiness for growth and profitability Potential. . Focus and alignment of all aspect of the business.

MODOT (14301 South Outer 40 Road, Chesterfield, MO)

8:30am – Noon

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)February 5, 2016**MVF Business Builder Breakfast Meeting**

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

7:15am – 9am (meets 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month except January and July)

Cost: members free, guests \$39

For more information or to register go to [mvfSTL.org](http://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/>February 5, 2016 (8 weekly sessions, 1/29 – 3/18)**2016 UMSL Entrepreneurs Workshop**

This eight-session workshop (offered in spring 2016) will provide information and tools to current and aspiring entrepreneurs to maximize their research impact and increase the success rate of startup ventures.

ITE (4633 World Parkway Circle, Berkeley, MO)

9am – Noon

Cost: Free (limited to 20 participants)

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

February 6, 2016**SCORE Business Workshop: How to Start and Manage Your Own Business**

St. Louis Community College – Meramec Campus, Social Science Bldg, Rm. 108 (11333 Big Bend Road Kirkwood, MO 63122)

8:15am – 3pm

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

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

February 7, 2016 (weekly)**Washington University –STL Session for Commercial and Social Ventures**

Free and open to all, participants may join the Washington U. Startup Training Lab series at any time. All content is suitable for both commercial and social innovators seeking to start a sustainable venture.

Washington University, Bauer Hall, Room 330, Active Learning Lab

1pm – 4pm

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://skandalaris.wustl.edu/events/>

February 8, 2016 (weekly)**Innovation Fridays**

Startup Voodoo's "Innovation Friday" series introduces change agents and thought leaders representing a wide range of industries and activities to tell their story of innovation and answer the big questions that they are trying to solve.

Pi Pizza (610 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63101)

8:30am – 9:30am

For more information and to RSVP go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/1479456225680871/>

February 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

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

**Business Seminar: Fundamentals of Government Contracting – The Bidding Process**

St. Charles SBTDC (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Charles, MO 63304)

9am - Noon

Cost: \$50 per person

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

February 10, 2016**Illinois Innovators & Inventors Monthly Meeting**

Madison Mutual Insurance Company (Mutual Ct., Edwardsville, IL)

7pm – 9pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month)

For more information go to <http://ilinventor.tripod.com>

**Small Business Revenue Roundtable**

Midwest Bank Centre, 1st Floor Conference Room (2299 Technology Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63368)

11:30am – 1pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$47 per person

For more info or to register go to <https://sbrstl.eventbrite.com>

February 11, 2016**Business Seminar: Learn About Email Marketing: Simple Strategies for Success**

RESPONSE! Targeted Marketing (1800 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104)

8:30am – 10:30am

Cost: \$35 in advance (\$45 at the door)

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

**Business Seminar: Selling to the Government: The First Steps**

St. Louis County Extension Office (10650 Gateway Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO)

9am - Noon

Cost: \$50 per person

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

**Information Technology Entrepreneur Network (ITEN) 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays Monthly Networking Event**

This monthly event connects entrepreneurs and emerging tech companies with veteran business leaders, investors and the public.

This month ITEN will unveil its annual St. Louis Tech Startup Report: 2014 Year in Review. Come hear about key trends that emerged in 2014, see key metrics on our St. Louis startups and find out what companies rose to the top this year!

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

3pm – 8pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

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

February 11, 2016**Business Seminar: Succession Planning**

Every business owner needs to develop a plan detailing what will happen to the company in case of owner extended absences, retirement or sale. In this free workshop, you will learn how to plan for your inevitable future exit so that personal goals are met for yourself and your business. A seven step comprehensive strategy program will be presented.

St. Louis County Library Headquarters (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](http://www.slcl.org/events) or call 314/994-3300.

February 15, 2016**Engineers' Club of St. Louis Monthly Fellowship Night**

4359 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

5:30pm – 9pm

Cost: \$20 for members and guests

For more information or to register go to <http://www.engineersclub.net/events/>

February 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 Business: The First Steps**

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

9am - Noon

Cost: \$99 per person (FREE for dislocated or laid-off workers)

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

February 17, 2016**Business Seminar: The Basics of Writing a Business Plan**

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

9am - Noon

Cost: \$99 per person (FREE for dislocated or laid-off workers)

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

**SCORE Business Workshop: Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights**

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

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>

February 18, 2016**Gateway Business Networking (formerly St. Louis Business Networking) Breakfast**

Missouri Athletic Club (405 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63102)

7am – 9am (Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month)

Cost: \$14 per person

For more information or to RSVP contact Andrea at [andrea.johnson@techguardsecurity.com](mailto:andrea.johnson@techguardsecurity.com)

**Biotech Meetup Group**

CIC@CET (4041 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

5:30pm – 6:30pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/saint-louis-biotechnology-meetup/>

**Business Seminar: How to Use LinkedIn to Build Your Business**

RESPONSE! Targeted Marketing (1800 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104)

9am – 11am

Cost: Free

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

**Small Business Webinar: Affordable Care Act 101**

SBA and Small Business Majority will host free Affordable Care Act 101 webinars so small business owners can learn the basics of the Affordable Care Act and how they can enroll in health insurance marketplaces.

1pm – 2pm

For more information or to register go to <https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=17mo22eoyht9>

February 18, 2016**Business Seminar: Financial Plan: Analysis and Projections**

MSBTDC (315 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO)

1pm – 4pm

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)February 19, 2016**Business Seminar: Getting Started with Constant Contact**

RESPONSE! Targeted Marketing (1800 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104)

8:30am – 10:30am

Cost: \$35 in advance (\$45 at the door)

For more information or to register go to [www.responsetargetedmarketing.com](http://www.responsetargetedmarketing.com)**St. Louis Product Management Group Monthly Meeting**

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

7pm – 7:45pm

For more information go to <http://www.stlpm.org/>February 20 and 27, 2016**Starting and Managing a Business (2-day workshop)**

St. Louis Community College – Meramec Campus, Social Science Bldg, Rm. 108 (11333 Big Bend Road Kirkwood, MO 63122)

9am - Noon

Cost: \$59 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)February 23, 2016**SBA Business Seminar: Export Problems and Opportunities in St. Charles**

St. Charles Economic Development Center (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St Charles, MO 63303)

2pm – 4pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)February 24, 2016**SCORE Business Workshop: QuickBooks Basics Desktop**

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

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>February 27, 2016**ProductCamp St. Louis 2016**

ProductCamp St. Louis is the premier event for anyone who builds, designs, markets or manages a product or service. It's a place for professionals, professors and students to teach to, learn from, and network with each other.

Webster University, East Academic Building (545 Garden Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119)

8am – 5pm

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

## SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AND TRAINING

### **MOSourceLink**

MOSourceLink is a statewide referral network which links Missouri small business owners and entrepreneurs to local, regional, and state resources who provide services, programs, classes, and information to help business grow and prosper. MOSourceLink does not offer any business counseling or educational services directly to the entrepreneur. Our role is to facilitate referrals to resources, getting business owners to the right resource at the right time.

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

### **Arch Grants**

Arch Grants seeks to create a more robust startup culture and infrastructure in St. Louis. To increase employment growth and establish St. Louis as a place where entrepreneurs want to start and grow their businesses, Arch Grants offers startups funding in the form of grants and supports the startups as they remain or transition to downtown St. Louis. The Arch Grants Business Plan Competition helps to shape the image of St. Louis among aspiring entrepreneurs and others looking to have a formative role in building a new entrepreneurial climate in St. Louis. For more information go to [www.archgrants.org](http://www.archgrants.org)

### **Capital Innovators Accelerator Program**

The Capital Innovators Accelerator Program, based in St. Louis, MO, provides \$50,000 in seed funding, project-based mentorship from a seasoned pool of knowledgeable experts, stellar perks, networking, and follow-on funding opportunities over the course of 12 weeks

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

### **Cultivation Capital**

Cultivation Capital is a venture capital firm managed by team of serial entrepreneurs. We know what it takes to start, cultivate and grow a successful company. We know the struggles, the challenges, the rewards and the successes. We are harnessing that knowledge to help develop and partner with the next generation of great entrepreneurs. Our funds are focused in the areas of technology and health and life sciences. For more information go to [www.cultivationcapital.com](http://www.cultivationcapital.com)

### **RiverVest Venture Partners**

Established in 2000, RiverVest Venture Partners focuses exclusively on innovations in life sciences, a field in which our team has significant research, clinical, operational and investment expertise. The group identifies, finds and actively incubates promising life science companies, particularly in the medical device and biopharmaceutical industries. Provides practical advice and strategic leadership to help entrepreneurs drive early-stage companies forward. RiverVest also invests in select later-stage life science companies to diversify risk and maximize portfolio returns. In every case, takes a hands-on investment approach, preferring to be represented on the boards of our portfolio companies. RiverVest has funded 30 innovative life science companies and currently has assets under management of more than \$280 million. For more information go to <http://rivervest.com/>

### **Bodley Group**

Bodley Group invests in seed or growth opportunities with compelling teams and a clear potential for out-performance. We seek to invest in companies with new proprietary technology, concept durability, clearly defined customer acquisition strategies, network effects and the potential for rapid growth.

Most importantly, we target inspirational founders who are convinced of their plan for a different future and possess the fortitude to make their vision a reality. For more information go to <http://www.bodleygroup.com/>

### **St. Louis Startup Challenge**

The St. Louis Startup Challenge was created to promote entrepreneurship, innovation and venture development within the region by **highlighting** dynamic startup and early stage companies in the region; **strengthening** those companies through relevant analysis and support; and **rewarding** the best-of-the-best at the end of the Challenge. The Challenge encourages all startups and early stage companies to apply. For purposes of the Challenge, applicants may be pre-launch, operational or pre- or post-revenue. Cash awards are provided by Edward Jones through St. Louis Economic Development Partnership. For more information go to [www.STLStartupChallenge.com](http://www.STLStartupChallenge.com)

### **Metro East Start-Up Challenge**

The Metro East Start-up Challenge is a business plan competition to identify, recognize, and reward excellence in entrepreneurship. SIUE School of Business and the Illinois Metro East Small Business Development Center (SBDC) are the MESC administrators. The 2015 cash prizes are \$25,000 and will be awarded to entrepreneurs and new business start-ups based -- with plans to locate -- in Illinois portion of the St. Louis metropolitan area. For more information go to <http://www.siu.edu/metroeaststartup/>

### **Yield Lab**

The Yield Lab is focused on bridging the critical gap between innovation and fruition of new agricultural technology by supporting early stage companies. The Yield Lab provides new AgTech companies with \$100,000 in funding, mentors, and connections supported by an agriculturally solid framework of organizations and businesses from the St. Louis area. Backed by Cultivation Capital, The Yield Labs selects four to eight agriculturally based technology companies each year with a nine month cohort. Those companies selected to take part in the accelerator program will receive hands-on training, mentoring, and networking opportunities with the top agricultural research and development intuitions in the region. As one of the largest areas of business in the Midwest, agriculture is a leading industry with extensive influence within the region and beyond. The diversity with the central location, along solid business communities and support, makes St. Louis a leading space for AgTech expansion. For more information go to [www.theyieldlab.com](http://www.theyieldlab.com)

### **Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR)**

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program is a highly competitive program that encourages domestic small businesses to engage in Federal Research/Research and Development (R/R&D) that has the potential for commercialization. Through a competitive awards-based program, SBIR enables small businesses to explore their technological potential and provides the incentive to profit from its commercialization. By including qualified small businesses in the nation's R&D arena, high-tech innovation is stimulated and the United States gains entrepreneurial spirit as it meets its specific research and development needs.

STTR is an important new small business program that expands funding opportunities in the federal innovation research and development arena. Central to the program is expansion of the public/private sector partnership to include the joint venture opportunities for small business and the nation's premier nonprofit research institutions. STTR's most important role is to foster the innovation necessary to meet the nation's scientific and technological challenges in the 21st century. For more information about the program go to <http://missouribusiness.net/technology/about-sbir-sttr/#sttr>

**Billiken Angels Network** Our goal as investors is to provide infusions of expertise and capital to firms that show promise to make a difference for our economy and our region. We are willing to look at firms in all industries and we look at firms at all stages, not just start-ups. Our goal as a network is to make a difference through education and advice to all the current and future businesses in the region. We draw on an unmatched set of resources including SLU's Entrepreneurship Center, the Habitat for Neighborhood Business, SLU's nationally ranked Entrepreneurship Program, the John Cook School of Business, and the other resources of Saint Louis University. If you have questions, please contact our director, Professor Jerome Katz, at 314-977-3864 or by email at [katzja@slu.edu](mailto:katzja@slu.edu) or go to [www.billikenangels.com](http://www.billikenangels.com)

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

## St. Louis Arch Angels

The mission of the St. Louis Arch Angels is to provide opportunities for our members to obtain outstanding financial returns by investing in early-stage companies with high growth potential in the St. Louis Region and accelerating them to market leadership. The Arch Angels are a part of the region's seed to later stage equity capital continuum and are targeting an investment range that is generally underserved by institutional venture capital firms. The Arch Angel network is an important addition to the region's capacity to finance innovation emerging from our universities and research institutes, companies, and technology incubators. For more information go to [www.stlouisarchangels.com](http://www.stlouisarchangels.com)

## LINC (Leveraging Information and Networks to access Capital)

This is a new initiative by the SBA. It is an online business matchmaking service to help entrepreneurs get connected with lenders. Phase 1 was rolled out in February to assist with connecting small business owners with nonprofit lenders that offer free financial advice and specialize in microlending, smaller loans, and real estate financing. Phase 2 will add more traditional banks that offer an even wider array of financial products, in the longer term, LINC could be modified to facilitate government contracting by connecting eligible small businesses with procurement officers, prime contractors and federal buyers.

For more information go to <https://www.sba.gov/tools/linc?herobox>

## Missouri Technology Corp

The Missouri Technology Corporation is a public-private partnership created by the Missouri General Assembly to promote entrepreneurship and foster the growth of new and emerging high-tech companies. MTC focuses on 21st Century bioscience industries. Our vision is to transform Missouri through the power of entrepreneurship by serving as a catalyst for technology-based innovation to achieve sustainable economic growth. Our mission is to provide leadership and make strategic investments that help entrepreneurs create and grow technology-based Missouri businesses. MTC focuses on 21st Century bioscience industries that build on Missouri's rich history in agriculture. For more information go to [www.missouritechnology.com](http://www.missouritechnology.com)

## T-Rex

T-REX is a world class venue providing the startup entrepreneur with low cost & flexible enterprise space, while serving the region with quality programming and inspiring community. Two years after its inception, T-REX occupies 5 floors of Lammert on Washington and growing. It is now home to 80+ startups, iTEN, Capital Innovators, Cultivation Capital, SixThirty, Arch Grants and home to many other entrepreneurial activity including Startup Weekend and StartLouis. For more information go to [www.downtowntrex.com](http://www.downtowntrex.com)

## BioGenerator

BioGenerator is a privately funded, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization created to facilitate the formation of successful, sustainable bioscience companies in the St. Louis region. BioGenerator is an affiliate of BioSTL. BioGenerator's mission is to support economic development and job growth in the St. Louis region. To accomplish this, BioGenerator identifies promising technologies and services, and works with the researcher or entrepreneur to build a successful and sustainable company. BioGenerator provides assistance, possibly with pre-seed or seed funding and access to lab space with specialized equipment, at the early stages of new company formation, with continued support to milestones of follow-on funding or sustainable revenue.

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

## Prosper Women Entrepreneurs

Prosper was created to address the entrepreneur gender gap in the St. Louis region. We are a group of business leaders, thinkers, doers, innovators and students who want to make sure that our community is well positioned in the new economy and, more specifically, that women entrepreneurs are a vital part of its future. Prosper Women Entrepreneurs is working with the Golden Seeds, the largest angel group in the US that focuses on women entrepreneurs, to establish an angel network in the St. Louis region dedicated to investing in women-owned and women-led businesses. The Prosper Angel Network will increase women entrepreneurs' access to growth capital and the number of women investing in early stage capital markets. Prosper Accelerator provides female-lead startups with \$50K in funding, mentors, and connections to the top business leaders in the country. Backed by venture capital firm Cultivation Capital, Prosper selects ten female-lead startup companies each year, five for the Fall class and four in the spring. These companies have access to our innovative curriculum, our incredible connections, and the resources they need to take their businesses to the next level.

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

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> week where participants may receive cash awards.

For more information go to <http://www.bedprogram.com/>

## Innovative Technology Enterprises (ITE) at UMSL

ITE at UMSL is a university incubator for community as well as university technologies. With office and laboratory space, ITE offers the ideal environment for chemistry, life science, nanotechnology and IT companies. Amenities include access to university resources, use of professional common areas, shared office and laboratory equipment, and a great location with easy access to major highways. For more information go to <http://www.ite-stl.org/>

### **Cortex (Center of Research and Technology Exchange) Innovation Community**

Cortex is the Midwest's premiere innovation hub of bioscience and technology research, development and commercialization, serving as the anchor of St. Louis' growing ecosystem for innovative startup programs and established companies. Cortex provides state-of-the-art biomedical science and overall technology research facilities to hatch some of the nation's most promising technological advances. Cortex offers customizable lab and office space for rent, proximity to world-class research institutions, availability of a highly-trained workforce, and access to venture capital.

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

### **Cambridge Innovation Center at the Center for Emerging Technologies (CIC@CET) St. Louis**

The CIC @CET occupies more than 30,000 square feet of space on the second floor of the @4240 building, located in the heart of the Cortex innovation district in Midtown. CIC is now managing operations at the CET, adding another 87,000 square feet to its St. Louis space, which will now total more than 110,000 square feet. It will use the added space to help accelerate startup companies. Entrepreneurs can lease space at the CIC for as few as 30 days, which gives startups the ability to scale up or down at a rapid pace. More co-working space, a revamped conference room and reception area are also planned for the CIC@CET. For more information go to <http://stl.cic.us/>

### **Cambridge Innovation Center at 4240 (CIC@4240) St. Louis**

@4240 offers a unique environment for a range of companies including those involved in life sciences, research, technology, legal, innovation and entrepreneurship... conveniently located within the CORTEX district in St. Louis' popular Central West End. @4240 provides 183,000 square feet of office or lab space built out to tenant specifications. Flexible tenant solutions include customized labs for both large and small molecule research, dry labs for electronic, medical device or IT or software research, and modern office space. A Certified LEED Platinum building, @4240 is surrounded by what employees want most including walking distance to green spaces, cafes and living areas.

For more information go to <http://at4240.com/>

### **TechArtista Collaborative Working Center**

The TechArtista Collaborative Working Environment is a professional workplace that combines private office suites, coworking space, conference rooms and a host of unique amenities. Located in the cosmopolitan Central West End, our members are creative and business professionals with growing enterprises. Our mission is to create a Collaborative Working Environment that fosters personal and business development. Through a model of facilitated cooperation – sharing networks, ideas, and resources – we aim to take the struggle out of startups. We believe that investing in the St. Louis community to create economic opportunity and promote retention can be both profitable and fun. For more information go to [www.techartista.org](http://www.techartista.org)

### **Lab 1500**

Lab1500 is an entrepreneurial center founded on the principle that collaboration drives innovation. It's a cool, comfortable place where members can utilize co-working space; network with likeminded entrepreneurs; and attend classes, workshops and events. For more information go to [www.lab1500.com](http://www.lab1500.com)

### **Nebula Coworking**

Nebula Coworking, located in the heart of the Cherokee Business District provides space for creative professionals, small businesses, independent contractors, artists and non-profits looking for a place to build, create, develop, and collaborate. For more information go to <http://nebulastl.com>

### **OPO Co-Working Center**

OPO is a co-working center for digital Startups. Located in the newly renovated "Old Post Office" building in St. Charles, MO, the 10,000 square foot facility provides regional startups with affordable workspace and access to mentors, potential investor, programming, educational resources and a community of local entrepreneurs. For more information go to [www.opostartups.com](http://www.opostartups.com)

### **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>

### **Stadia Accelerator Sports Business Accelerator**

Located at the Cambridge Innovation Center in Cortex, Stadia will invest \$100K in up to 5 of the best sports related startups twice a year and pair them with mentors in the region. Stadia Accelerator will be a 10-week business development program. For more information go to [www.stadiaventures.com/accelerator](http://www.stadiaventures.com/accelerator)

### **Create Space Generator**

The Create Space Generator is a creative entrepreneurship incubator dedicated to birthing, growing, and sustaining creative businesses. Create Space Generator, located in the Delmar Loop area, merges the creative process with technology by training and empowering creators and makers from the St. Louis community through a 6-month or 1-year training program, complete with curriculum, classes, advisors and speakers from the local and national business communities. For more information go to [www.createspacestl.com](http://www.createspacestl.com)

### **SixThirty Accelerator Program for Financial Technology Startups**

SixThirty provides \$100K in seed investment and mentorship for fintech startups that are in the early stages of funding and development. Backed by the St. Louis Regional Chamber and venture capital firm Cultivation Capital. SixThirty selects eight financial-based technology startup companies each year, four for the Fall class and four in the spring. Those companies selected to take part in the accelerator program will receive hand-on training, mentoring, and networking opportunities with the top financial services companies in the region. For more information about the program or to apply go to [www.sixthirty.co](http://www.sixthirty.co)

### **IT Entrepreneur Network (ITEN)**

The catalyst for Tech startups, ITEN provides a foundational system for entrepreneurs to work together towards building strong startups and a vibrant tech ecosystem. Access to investors, key service providers and qualified talent means lower barriers to rapid growth. Designed by entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs, requiring neither payment nor equity, ITEN is a unique community asset and a proven route to venture success.

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

### **ITEN Corporate Engagement Program (CEP)**

The mission of CEP is to bring together tech startup ventures and regional corporations in innovative, structured ways to help both overcome barriers to rapid growth. Ventures wishing to participate in the CEP are asked to update key data; and by applying to the program agree that ITEN may share that data with the CEP's corporate partners. For more information go to <http://itenstl.org/corporate-engagement-program/>

**Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers** The Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers (MO SBTDC) help businesses in every stage. From concept to startup, growth to renewal, mature to succession. We are here to help you succeed at every point. MO SBTDC experts are located statewide providing help on a variety of business topics through:

- Professional business analysis
- Business consultation and access to technology resources
- Educational training seminars on a variety of business topics: financial analysis, strategic planning, technology commercialization, management, HR, social media, marketing, taxes, customer service, business plan, startup and more.

For more information about the programs and how to register for training seminars go to <http://www.missouribusiness.net/>

**AAIM Employers' Association** provides cutting-edge resources which help its members manage their people and processes. AAIM partners with company leadership and management in human resources by providing topical research and information, technical guidance, training and HR consulting, pre-employment services, small business training courses, seminars, roundtable discussions, and webinars on a variety of topics including computer skills, negotiating skills, customer service, interpersonal communication, PowerPoint presentations, and more. For a complete schedule of upcoming programs or to register for any of the programs go to [www.aamea.org](http://www.aamea.org) or call 314/968-5360

### **St. Louis Minority Business Development Center**

The MBDA Business Center located in St. Louis, MO is operated by the Chicago Minority Business Development Council, Incorporated. The center is part of a national network of funded centers located in major cities throughout the United States. The center works with minority business enterprises to generate increased financing and contract opportunities and to create and retain jobs. The mission of the center is to strengthen the US economy by helping ethnic minority businesses create or retain jobs, and build economically vibrant socially responsible entrepreneurs, businesses, and communities.

For more information go to <http://www.mbda.gov/businesscenters/stlouis>

### **Direct Impact Business Education Center**

Direct Impact Business Education Center (DIBEC) is the first privately owned business enterprise center in the state of Missouri designed to improve the entry of new business startups for Women and Veterans. The role of DIBEC is to offer an environment that supports the start-up phase of businesses, provide resources to increase their success rate and graduate from our program financially viable and freestanding. Overall, these companies will create jobs and strengthen the Saint Louis Region. DIBEC Mission is to serve as a driving force for business existence combining best practice processes, technical assistance, coaching and training so small businesses can improve through the stages of initial growth from sustainability to job creation.

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

### **Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)**

Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) mission is to build, sustain, and grow small businesses; as well as to promote small business development and enhance local economies by creating businesses and fulfilling its mission of creating jobs. SBDCs offer existing and future entrepreneurs free one-on-one expert business counseling and low-cost training by qualified small business professionals.

**St. Louis Minority Business Council (SLMBC)** provides ongoing growth opportunities, financial support, and training and education for its corporate members and for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs). For more information go to [www.slmhc.org](http://www.slmhc.org)

**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>

### **The Young Entrepreneur Council**

The **Young Entrepreneur Council (YEC)** is an invite-only organization comprised of the world's most promising young entrepreneurs. In partnership with Citi, YEC recently launched **StartupCollective**, a free virtual mentorship program that helps millions of entrepreneurs start and grow businesses. For more information or to join go to <http://yec.co/>

### **The BALSAs Foundation**

The BALSAs Foundation was founded to support anyone wishing to pursue new business ideas but who may not have the background, resources, or funds needed to get started. Our mission is to make entrepreneurship accessible – and success attainable – to everyone. We aim to cultivate an inclusive entrepreneurial culture in St. Louis by preparing any inventor or creative thinker to enter the St. Louis entrepreneurial community. The BALSAs Foundation is the philanthropic arm of The BALSAs Group focused on helping individuals start businesses. We provide informational resources, peer-to-peer advising, and non-dilutive funding to people wanting to get their business dreams off the ground. We support individuals who may not have access to such expertise or financial capital and who are in the process of starting their first business. For more information go to [www.thebalsafoundation.org](http://www.thebalsafoundation.org)

### **St. Louis Economic Development Partnership**

The St. Louis Economic Development Partnership (formerly St. Louis County Economic Council) marks a new era of collaboration within St. Louis by aligning regional efforts in business development, business finance, entrepreneurial support and international trade services. The mission of St. Louis Economic Development Partnership is to lead in the development and growth of long-term diversified business and employment opportunities by creating innovative solutions that generate increased wealth and enhanced quality of life for the citizens, businesses and institutions of the St. Louis region.

**Business Development Division** provides a broad range of incentives, resources and customized services to help you lay the foundation for your company's move to or expansion in St. Louis. For more information go to <http://www.stlpartnership.com/business-development-resources.html>

**AccelerateSTL** helps startups and investors connect with each other and find resources. For more information go to [www.acceleratestlouis.org](http://www.acceleratestlouis.org)

**STLVentureWorks** is the place to be for new ideas and the next generation of successful, high-potential companies. The STLVentureWorks team can put your business on the fast track with on-site support, fresh insights, networking and customized mentoring.

Our incubator network includes five locations:

- Grand Center (3830 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108)
- South County (315 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis MO 63125)
- Wellston (6439 Plymouth Ave., Wellston, MO 63133)
- West County (743 Spirit 40 Park Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005)
- Helix Center Biotech Incubator (1100 Corporate Square, Creve Coeur, MO 63132)

For more information go to <http://www.stlpartnership.com/stventureworks.html>

### **International Institute Business Development Corp.**

The IISTL Economic Development Department provides workshops for entrepreneurs, for start-ups, businesses that need strengthening or that are looking to expand their goods and services. The focus is on helping businesses be successful. The workshops serve to strengthen our TA to immigrant entrepreneurs by formalizing some of the TA topics currently offered one-on-one into a structured workshop program. Language assistance is available as needed from the bilingual and multi-lingual staff in the Economic Development department. For more information go to <http://www.iistl.org/smallbizcenter.html>

**St. Louis Community College Corporate College** The Corporate College 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>

### **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](http://www.mvfSTL.org)

### **Innovate St. Louis**

Innovate Saint Louis strives to educate innovators, entrepreneurs and the public about how great ideas become viable business endeavors and to better collaborate and help build the entrepreneurial 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](http://www.innovatestl.org)

**St. Louis SCORE** offers free business counseling and resources, low-cost workshops, and free business scan services. If you're starting a business, preparing for a loan, or have existing business issues or opportunities, SCORE mentors can help. offers many small business seminars and webinars workshops. To learn more about the programs go to <http://stlouis.score.org/>

### **Gateway Venture Mentoring Service (VMS)**

Gateway Venture Mentoring Service is an entrepreneur support organization whose primary goal is to “facilitate a successful environment for entrepreneurship in the Greater St. Louis region.” We do this in one of two ways:

- Through networking and team based volunteer mentoring
- Through referrals to the most appropriate Entrepreneur Support Organization (ESO)

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

### **St. Louis Makes**

St. Louis Makes is a private nonprofit organization devoted to independent research and innovative growth solutions which result in developmental opportunities across the region's middle market manufacturing sector. St. Louis Makes is focused on bettering the region's economy through shared best practices in product management and business development. For more information go to [www.stlouismakes.org](http://www.stlouismakes.org)

**St. Louis Community Credit Union** offers FREE small business training workshops through **CU Excel Center**. To get more information about the workshops or to register contact [center@stlouiscommunity.com](mailto:center@stlouiscommunity.com) or go to [www.cuexcelcenter.com](http://www.cuexcelcenter.com)

**Enterprise Bank & Trust** offers FREE small business training workshops through **Enterprise University**. To get more information about these workshop or to register online go to [www.enterprisebank.com](http://www.enterprisebank.com) and click on the icon for Enterprise University. Or you can send an email to [enterpriseuniversity@enterprisebank.com](mailto:enterpriseuniversity@enterprisebank.com) or call 314/512-7203

**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](mailto:ppettey@escu.org) or 314/4343-6470 x1406

### **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](http://www.blue1647.com)

### **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>

### **Worknet**

Worknet has a unique community based program that works with employers who want access to a highly productive workforce that is prized for its reliability, diligence, and job skills.. We are looking to develop a mutually beneficial partnership with your business organization

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

### **Justine Petersen**

The nation's second-largest SBA microlender and one of its strongest advocates for first-time homebuyers. They have a dedicated loan pool for businesses located throughout the greater St. Louis region. Justine Petersen supports small businesses through funding and technical assistance. For more information go to [www.justinpetersen.org](http://www.justinpetersen.org)

**Kauffman Founders School**

The Founders School is an online educational resource dedicated to entrepreneurship. Through lectures and a rich curriculum, we'll give you the skills and tools to build your idea into something big. For more information go to <http://www.entrepreneurship.org/Founders-School.aspx>