



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

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

Join our LinkedIn Group at [www.linkedin.com/groups/SLATE-Missouri-Career-Center](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/SLATE-Missouri-Career-Center)  
and connect with us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/slatemcc](http://www.facebook.com/slatemcc) or Twitter at  
@Slate\_MCC for updates on networking activities throughout the greater St. Louis area.

# ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CALENDAR OF NETWORKING EVENTS & RESOURCES FOR JULY

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*The following is a list of networking events in July 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

### July 1, 2016

**McKnight Place Recruitment Event** (FT/PT CNAs and CMTs)

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

1pm – 3pm

For more information call 314/475-7900

### July 5, 2016

**LGC Hospitality Staffing Service Recruitment Event** (multiple FT/PT hotel and banquet center positions)

STL Workforce Center (4411 N. Newstead, St. Louis, MO 63115)

10am - 1pm

For more information call 314/875-9339

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

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

9am – Noon

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

### July 6, 2016

**Walmart Asset Protection Recruitment Event**

St. Louis Community College – Corporate College (3221 McKelvey Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044)

10am – 1pm

Prior to the event apply online at <http://careers.walmart.com>

For more information call 314/681-6700

### July 6, 2016 (weekly)

**Whelan Security Walk-in Wednesdays Recruitment Event** (security officers)

No appointment necessary. Interviews on-the-spot for qualified candidates.

1699 S. Hanley Road, Suite 125, St. Louis, MO 63144

7:30am – 5pm (every Wednesday)

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

For more information call 314/644-1974

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

Staff Management is scheduling interviews for these positions at

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

8am – Noon (every Wednesday)

Prior to being scheduled for an interview applicant MUST:

Apply online at <http://apply.smjobs.com> and use job code s34 or s33 and click start to begin the application stage (DO NOT TAKE SKILLS TEST)

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

### July 7, 2016

**Advantage Solutions Recruitment Event** (PT product demonstrators)

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

10am – 1pm

For more information call 314/681-6700

**St. Andrew's Senior Solutions Job Fair** (LPNs, RNs, CNAs, laundry, dietary, personal care aides)

St. Andrew's at St. Francis (300 Forby Rd., Eureka, MO 63025)

10am – 7pm

For more information call 636/938-5151

July 7, 14, and 21, 2016**Customer Direct Recruitment Events** (inbound customer contact reps)

Customer Direct (500 Northwest Plaza, St. Ann, MO)

1pm - 4pm

Prior to the attending candidates MUST:

Apply online at [www.customerdirect.com](http://www.customerdirect.com)Register for an interview time by contacting Joel Reinert at [jreinert@stlworks.com](mailto:jreinert@stlworks.com) or 314/657-3503July 7 and 21, 2016**St. Louis Carpenter's Pre-Apprenticeship Seminar**

Develop skills for a career and earn a wage while you learn

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

10am – Noon

Must register with Missouri Job Centers prior to the event or online at [www.jobs.mo.gov](http://www.jobs.mo.gov)For more information contact [nelder@fwca-stl.com](mailto:nelder@fwca-stl.com)July 8, 2016**Healthcare Career Orientation** (nursing, therapists, lab & pharmacy, EMT, health info tech, patient care support, admin support)

Is a healthcare career the path to your future? Training funds are available for multiple healthcare career paths. Come see if you qualify.

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

10am – Noon

For more information call 314/589-8000

**TrueBlue and Labor Ready Job Fair** (multiple PT/FT openings in warehouse, production, food service, housekeeping, janitorial, hospitality)

CAASTLC (2709 Woodson Rd., Overland, MO. 63114)

11am – 2pm

For more information call James Ingram at 314/446-4431

**US Foods Recruitment Event** (warehouse night selectors)

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

11am – 3pm

Prior to the event apply online at [www.usfoods.com](http://www.usfoods.com) (req. 16003971)

For more information call 314/681-6700

**Soft Surroundings Recruitment Event** (customer sales & service representatives)

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

1pm – 3pm

For more information call 314/475-7900

July 8, 19, and 29, 2016**HireLevel (formerly Extra Help) Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

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

7/8 9am – Noon

7/19 1pm – 3pm

7/29 1pm – 3pm

**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at [www.hirelevel.com](http://www.hirelevel.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walk-ins.**July 11 and 12, 2016**Love's Travel Stops Job Fair** (new store opening in Bridgeton area)

La Quinta Inn &amp; Suites St. Louis/ Westport (11805 Lackland Rd, St. Louis, MO 63146)

8am – 6pm

For more information contact [corey.whitman@loves.com](mailto:corey.whitman@loves.com)July 12 and 26, 2016 (bi-weekly)**Whelan Security Recruitment Event** (multiple PT and FT security officer openings, including at Busch Stadium)

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

1pm – 3pm

Prior to the event apply online at [www.greatsecurityofficers.com](http://www.greatsecurityofficers.com)July 13, 2016**Express Employment Professionals Recruitment Event** (PT/FT administrative, professional, production, warehouse)

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

1pm – 4pm

For more information go to [www.expresspros.com](http://www.expresspros.com) or call 314/968-2700

July 14, 2016

**CAA of St. Louis County Job Fair**

St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley Campus, Student Center (3400 Pershall Rd., Florissant, MO 63135)  
10am – 2pm

Includes job search workshops, hiring on-the-spot, and networking opportunities

For more information contact James Ingram at 314/446-4431 or [jingram@caastlc.org](mailto:jingram@caastlc.org)

**St. Louis All Veterans Job Fair**

Chaifetz Arena at St. Louis University (1 South Compton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)

11am – 3pm

For more information go to <https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/st-louis-all-veterans-job-fair-july-14-2016>

July 15, 2016

**2016 American Legion Job Fair** (targeted to military veterans and spouses)

The Prairie Capital Convention Center (1 Convention Center Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701)

Veteran Preview: 10am – 11am

General Public: 11am – 2pm

For more information contact [Sheila.cutright@illinois.gov](mailto:Sheila.cutright@illinois.gov) or 217/524-7837

July 19, 2016

**St. Louis Career Fair**

Sheraton Chalet Hotel (191 Westport Plaza Drive, St. Louis MO 63146)

10am – 1pm

For more information go to <http://www.careerintro.com/jobfair.cfm/476/mo-st.-louis-career-fair-july-19-2016>

July 21, 2016

**2016 Annual St. Louis Teacher Career Fair**

Elementary School k-12 Teacher jobs, Middle School-Junior school jobs, High School Teacher Jobs, Private school teacher jobs, University Professor jobs, Bilingual Teacher jobs, Special Education Teacher jobs, Principal jobs, ParaEducator jobs, Administration, Bus Drivers, Counselors, School Social Worker jobs, School Health Care, Teacher Assistant jobs, all other school Administration Support Staff jobs.

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

12:30pm – 3:30pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.teacherjobfairs.org/usa-educator-career-fair-teacherjobs/St.%20Louis/>

July 23, 2016

**Ferguson 1000 Job Fair**

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

9am – Noon

For more information go to [www.ferguson1000.com](http://www.ferguson1000.com) or call 314/375-6277

July 27, 2016

**St. Louis Job Fair**

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

10am – 2pm

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

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

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

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

July 5, 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)

July 7, 2015

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

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

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

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

July 7 and 21, 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)

July 11, 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

July 13 and 27, 2015

**The Wednesdays After, Beyond Networking –STL Job Search Support Group (West County area)**

Provides assistance to those job seekers over 50 (and over 40) to get past obstacles and perceived obstacles for full (and fulfilling) employment, and an appropriate compensation level.

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

1:30pm – 4:30pm (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays)

No cost to attend (attendance limited to 10-15 participants)

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)

## **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> Flr., St. Louis, MO 63103

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

### **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>

## 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

## 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)
- [Medical Assistant](#) (No-fee Program)
- [Life Science Laboratory Assistant](#) (Low-fee Program)
- [IT Help Desk/End-User Support](#) (Low-fee Program)
- [Precision Machining Technology](#) (Low-fee Program)

To learn more, go to [stlcc.edu/MSWs](http://stlcc.edu/MSWs) or contact Kevin Talbot at 314-539-5722

## Connections to Success

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

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

### 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)

### St. Louis Job Corps Center

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

### Project Xcel

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

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

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

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

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| <b>Business Office Applications Training (BOAT)</b> | <b>HVAC Service Technician</b>                |
| <b>Bioscience Technology Program</b>                | <b>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Program</b> |
| <b>Carpentry/Building Maintenance</b>               | <b>Diesel Technology (DT)</b>                 |
| <b>Precision Machining Technology CNC Program</b>   | <b>Industrial Certification Program</b>       |

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)

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

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

Morning and evening classes offered Monday – Friday at 9am – Noon

For more information call 314679-3500

### Catholic Charities St. Francis Community Services PEOPLE 1<sup>st</sup> Work Readiness and Lifestyle Change Workshops

St. Francis Community Services strives to be a catalyst for change by helping people overcome poverty and work toward a better life.

Community Services provides legal aid, refugee resettlement, homeless services, youth programs, meals for older adults, bilingual mental health counseling, case management and more. This is a four week long workshop series 9am – 1pm.

For more information contact Kirsten Weaver at [kweaver@ccstl.org](mailto:kweaver@ccstl.org) or 314/534-1180

### People's Community Action Corporation (PCAC) HireSmart Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

[www.slpl.org/events/calendar.asp](http://www.slpl.org/events/calendar.asp)

### Electro Savings Credit Union Financial Seminars

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

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

### **Workshops**

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

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

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

### **Sign up Now for Boeing Pre-Employment Composites Mechanic Training that starts on July 25, 2016 (208 hours long)**

This accelerated job training program is offered at the Florissant Valley campus of St. Louis Community College in partnership with Boeing. The 208-hour program prepares individuals for entry-level employment as a composites mechanic in the aerospace industry. Students who successfully complete the training program will have an opportunity to interview with Boeing. All interested applicants must meet the eligibility requirements including the required scores on specific WorkKeys assessment tests. The first step for any interested applicants is to email or fax a resume to [Boeingtraining@stlcc.edu](mailto:Boeingtraining@stlcc.edu) or 314/513-4604. In order to be selected for the program, and possibly hired by Boeing, students must meet stringent program requirements such as scoring at or above the cut-off on the WorkKeys assessments, maintaining a grade of 80% or higher throughout the program, and earning a certificate of completion for the entire 208 hours of composites mechanics training.

St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley campus

For more information call the program's hotline at 314/539-5921.

### **Sign up Now for FREE Environmental Remediation Training that starts on July 11, 2016 (6 weeks long)**

St. Louis Community College, in partnership with Saint Louis University, is offering a free six-week training program for those interested in a career in environmental remediation. The program helps residents take advantage of the jobs created by the assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of environmentally impacted properties and structures in the St. Louis Metro region, as well as other environmental remediation sites.

St. Louis Community College – Forest Park Campus (St. Louis, MO)

For more information go to <http://workforcesolutions.stlcc.edu/2016/apply-now-no-cost-environmental-job-training-program-starts-july-11/>

### **Sign up Now for Precision Machining Technology Training that starts on August 22, 2016**

This accelerated job training program is offered at the Florissant Valley campus of St. Louis Community College in partnership with Boeing. The 208-hour program prepares individuals for entry-level employment as a composites mechanic in the aerospace industry. Students who successfully complete the training program will have an opportunity to interview with Boeing. All interested applicants must meet the eligibility requirements including the required scores on specific WorkKeys assessment tests. The first step for any interested applicants is to email or fax a resume to [Boeingtraining@stlcc.edu](mailto:Boeingtraining@stlcc.edu) or 314/513-4604. In order to be selected for the program, and possibly hired by Boeing, students must meet stringent program requirements such as scoring at or above the cut-off on the WorkKeys assessments, maintaining a grade of 80% or higher throughout the program, and earning a certificate of completion for the entire 208 hours of composites mechanics training.

St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley campus

To register, complete an online application at [www.stlcc.edu/MSW/](http://www.stlcc.edu/MSW/), attend an information session on Wednesdays at the Forest Park campus to learn how to get started, then call 314-384-7777 to register to attend an information session.

For more information go to

<http://workforcesolutions.stlcc.edu/2016/precision-machining-technology-open-house-connects-prospective-students-current-students-faculty/>

### **July 5, 2016**

#### **Business Seminar for Entrepreneurs: Legal Clinic for Entrepreneurs**

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

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

2pm – 4pm

Cost: Free but appointments are required to participate.

For more information call 314/381-6700

### **July 6 - 30 , 2016**

#### **Weekly Job Search Workshops/Presentations**

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

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

No cost to attend

7/6 Online/Manual Applications

7/7 Marketing Yourself

7/13 Resume Writing/Coaching

7/14 Interviewing Skills

7/15 MOCK INTERVIEWS

7/20 Online/Manual Applications

7/21 Marketing Yourself

7/27 Resume Writing/Coaching

7/28 Interviewing Skills

7/29 MOCK INTERVIEWS

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

July 6, 2016 (weekly)**Career Planning Workshop**

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

9am – 10am

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

For more information or to register call 618.277.8491

**LaunchCode Coder Girl 2.0**

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

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

6pm – 8pm

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

July 7, 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>

**Business Seminar for Entrepreneurs: Legal Clinic for Entrepreneurs**

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

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

2pm – 4pm

Cost: Free but appointments are required to participate.

For more information or to register contact 314/657-3768

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

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

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

Participants must be computer literate to attend this workshop.

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

July 8, 2016**Job Search Workshop: Cyber Resume**

This workshop will aid you in understanding the rules and strategies for emailing and posting your resume on the Internet. You will learn, in this session, how to format a resume for privacy and online posting. You will also learn rules and strategies for effective emailing to potential employers.

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

9:30am – 12:30pm

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

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

Hear about immediate training opportunities with St. Louis Community College

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

10am – 11am

For more information about all programs go to [www.stlcc.edu/accelerated/](http://www.stlcc.edu/accelerated/)

July 11, 2016 (weekly)**LaunchCode's Mentor Mondays**

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

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

5:30pm – 8pm

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

July 12, 2016**Information Seminar: No-Cost or Low-Cost Accelerated Training Programs**

Hear about immediate training opportunities with St. Louis Community College

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

10am – 11am

For more information about all programs go to [www.stlcc.edu/accelerated/](http://www.stlcc.edu/accelerated/)

July 12 -14, 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)

July 14, 2015

**Professional Job Search Workshop Series – Part 2: Employer/Employee Interaction**

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

8:30am – 11:30am

Participants must be computer literate to attend this workshop.

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

July 19, 2016

**Entrepreneurial Seminar: Starting a Business in Missouri**

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

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)

**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)

July 20, 2016

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

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

9am - Noon

Cost: \$49 per person (Free for dislocated or laid off workers)

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

July 22, 25 – 28, 2016

**Starkloff Disability Institute Career Academy Summer Bootcamp**

This week-long seminar is designed for people with disabilities seeking mainstream employment. Participants will learn critical job search skills, gain confidence, and network with recruiters. This summer program is the perfect way to advance your career whether a recent college graduate or a professional looking to further a career.

St. Louis University School of Law (100 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101)

9am – 3pm

For more information or to register go to [www.starkloff.org](http://www.starkloff.org) or call 314/588-7090

July 26 - 28, 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)

July 28, 2015

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

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

8:30am – 11:30am

Participants must be computer literate to attend this workshop.

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

July 29, 2016

**Job Search Workshop: Using Google to Find Your Next Job**

Learn how to use non-traditional methodology to find your next job. Learn how to use Google and Google's Chrome browser to target companies and find jobs within the "Hidden Job Market".

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

9:30am – 12:30pm

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

July 30, 2016

**Community Resource & Health Fair**

People's Community Action Corporation (5701 Delmar, St. Louis, MO 63112)

10am – 4pm

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

## 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

#### **Corporate America Supports You (CASY)**

[www.CASY.us](http://www.CASY.us)

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

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

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

#### **Disabled Veteran Outreach Center**

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

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

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

[www.esgr.mil](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.

#### **Job Opportunities for Disabled Veterans**

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

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

#### **The Mission Continues**

[www.missioncontinues.org](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.

#### **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. 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. 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 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.scottafr.com](http://www.scottafr.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 Center**<http://www.umsi.edu/veterans/>**Washington U. Veterans Services**<http://ucollege.wustl.edu/yellowribbon/>**Webster U. Student Veterans Organization (SVO)**<http://involved.webster.edu/organization/svo/>**US Dept. of Veterans Affairs/Voc Rehab & Employment**<http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/>

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

**U.S. Vets – Missouri**[www.usvetsinc.org/stlouis/](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.

**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 Employment Center (VEC)**[www.vets.gov/veterans-employment-center](http://www.vets.gov/veterans-employment-center)

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

**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.

**Warriors to Work**[www.warriorstowork.org](http://www.warriorstowork.org)

The Warriors to Work program provides our wounded warriors expert career guidance and support services needed to set an achieve career goals. W2W matches your skills and experience to the needs of companies actively seeking employees. If you already have a career W2W can provide guidance to help you advance in your organization. For more information contact [w2w@woundedwarriorproject.org](mailto:w2w@woundedwarriorproject.org)

**Wounded Warrior Project Resource Center (WWP)**[www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)

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

July 1, 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)

July 8, 2016**Veterans Muster of the Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce**

Providing area Veterans a platform for business synergy and community involvement

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

11am – 1pm

For more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com) or contact Mike LeBlanc at [stlveteran@yahoo.com](mailto:stlveteran@yahoo.com)

July 11, 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

July 12, 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

July 12 - 13, 2016**Scott Air Force Base Transition Summit**

Join us for a free hiring fair and transition summit for service members, Veterans, and military spouses with access to Scott AFB. The two-day event will feature informative and interactive panel events, recruiter training, and facilitated discussions focused on improving competitive employment for service members, veterans, and spouses in addition to a networking reception for employers, senior leaders, and job seekers.

7/12

1pm Industry overviews for job seekers

4pm Interactive forums & panel discussions for employers and uniformed leaders

5:30pm Networking reception for employers, senior leaders, and job seekers

7/13

9am Workshops, interactive forums & panel discussion for job seekers

1pm Hiring fair and career forum

Scott Air Force Base, Scott Event Center (47-51 Ward Dr., Scott AFB, IL 62225)

For more information or to register go to [www.hiringourheroes.org](http://www.hiringourheroes.org) or contact [trnsitionsummits@uschamber.com](mailto:trnsitionsummits@uschamber.com) or call 202/463-5807

July 13, 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)

July 14, 2016**St. Louis All Veterans Job Fair**

Chaifetz Arena at St. Louis University (1 South Compton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)

11am – 3pm

For more information go to <https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/st-louis-all-veterans-job-fair-july-14-2016>

**St. Louis Veterans Curation Program Hope House Meet and Greet**

Robert A. Young Federal Building, room 6.309 (1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103)

10am – 2pm

For more information or to RSVP contact Tim Taylor at [ttaylor@newsouthassoc.com](mailto:ttaylor@newsouthassoc.com) or go to [www.veteranscurationprogram.org](http://www.veteranscurationprogram.org)

July 15, 2016**2016 American Legion Job Fair** (targeted to military veterans and spouses)

The Prairie Capital Convention Center (1 Convention Center Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701)

Veteran Preview: 10am – 11am

General Public: 11am – 2pm

For more information contact [Sheila.cutright@illinois.gov](mailto:Sheila.cutright@illinois.gov) or 217/524-7837

July 19, 2016**Work-Ready Employment Assistance Program (WREAP) Workshop for Transitioning Veterans and Spouses**

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

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

9am - Noon

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

July 20, 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

## **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.

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

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

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

**Department of Mental Health – Employment First**

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

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

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

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

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

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

<https://www.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.

### Workforce Recruitment Program

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

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

### MERS/Goodwill Industries Mission in Action

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

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

### BJC Behavioral Health

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

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

### Easter Seals Midwest Employment Services

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

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

### St. Patrick's Center – Worknet

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

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

### Boone Center (BCI) Community Employment Program

<http://boonecenter.com/employment/opportunities-for-adults-with-disabilities/community/>

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

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

### Center for Head Injury

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

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

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

### UCP (United Cerebral Palsy) Heartland Employment Resources

<http://www.ucpheartland.org/services/st-louis-adult-services/employment-resources>

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

### St. Louis ARC Employment Services

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

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

### Next Step for Life Employment Services

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

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

### Preferred Family Healthcare (formerly known as Alternative Opportunities)

<http://aoinc.org/category/employment-services/>

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

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

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

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

### Places for People

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

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

### Independence Center

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

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

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT & ACCOMODATIONS

### DOL Office of Disability Employment Policy and Technical Assistance Resources

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

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

### Relay Missouri

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

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

### Deaf Way Interpreting Services

<http://deafway.net/>

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

### National Collaboration on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth)

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/>

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

### The Employment Collaborative

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

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

### Partnership on Employer Accessible Technology (PEAT)

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

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

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

[www.stlcc.edu/access](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.

### Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

<http://askjan.org/>

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

### EARN (Employer Assistance Resource Network)

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

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

### Empower Missouri

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

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

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

### Employment Incentives

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

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

## EMPLOYER-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS

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

### Project SEARCH St. Louis

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

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

### Talent Connect

[www.talentconnectstl.org](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.

## 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).

## PROFESSIONAL/INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

### Eastern Missouri Chapter of Missouri Rehabilitation Association

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Down Syndrome Association

<http://dsagsl.org/>

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

## DISABILITY & DIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

### LEAD Center

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

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

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

### State Employment Leadership Network (SELN)

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

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

### St. Louis Diversity Initiative

<http://stlbizdiversity.com/>

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

### Missouri Governor's Council on Disability

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

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

## EMPLOYMENT WEBSITES FOR DISABILITY COMMUNITY

### TalentWorks

<http://peatworks.org/talentworks>

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

### JOBAccess and ABILITYJobs

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

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

## **LIME Network**

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

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

## **disABLEDPerson**

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

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

## **GettingHired**

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

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

## **One More Way**

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

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

## **Hire Disability Solutions**

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

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

## **Recruit Disability**

The first step for any job seeker with a disability

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

## **Our Ability**

The leading national disability organization on employment

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

## **Enable America**

Enable America's objective is to increase employment among people with disabilities in the United States. To accomplish this goal, we are taking a two-pronged approach that reaches out to all members of the disability community and the business community. The first prong of our approach is to host a series of Community Connection Meetings across the nation. These meetings are the first step in creating a national information-sharing network comprised of local community task forces devoted to eliminating the barriers to employment for disabled individuals. The second prong of our approach is to host a series of business breakfast meetings as a follow-up to the Community Connection Meetings. These meetings will include business leaders, managers, resource professionals, and inspirational speakers. The goal of the Business to Business Meetings is to encourage prospective employers to hire disabled job seekers by demonstrating the many benefits of hiring disabled employees and by answering questions that businesses may have about issues such as personnel policies, taxes and insurance. Our goal with this two-pronged approach is to embrace not only individuals with disabilities and the many organizations and service providers that support them, but also business leaders in their communities as well.

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

## **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.](#)

## **July 21, 2016**

### **PEAT Talk Monthly Webinar: Social Media and Job Recruiting – Leveling the Playing Fields**

In this webinar, digital marketer Eliza Greenwood will discuss steps to ensure that your social media recruiting efforts for active and passive talent can successfully reach candidates with disabilities.

1pm – 1:30pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month)

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

## **July 22, 25 – 28, 2016**

### **Starkloff Disability Institute Career Academy Summer Bootcamp**

This week-long seminar is designed for people with disabilities seeking mainstream employment. Participants will learn critical job search skills, gain confidence, and network with recruiters. This summer program is the perfect way to advance your career whether a recent college graduate or a professional looking to further a career.

St. Louis University School of Law (100 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101)

9am – 3pm

For more information or to register go to [www.starkloff.org](http://www.starkloff.org) or call 314/588-7090

## **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.

July 6, 2016

### **Hispanic Leadership Group Membership Meeting: Better Together/Cities Strong Panel Discussion**

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

6pm – 8pm

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

July 12, 2016

**The Latino Roundtable of Southwestern Illinois Monthly Networking Meeting**

Location TBA

Noon – 2pm

For more information or to RSVP go to [www.latinoroundtable.org](http://www.latinoroundtable.org) or contact Lea Maue at [thelatinoroundtable@gmail.com](mailto:thelatinoroundtable@gmail.com)

July 13, 2016

**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Diversity and Inclusion Training: Minority Certification – Is It Right for You?**

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

7:30am – 9pm

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

July 21, 2016

**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**

Commerce Bank (8000 Forsyth Blvd., Clayton, MO 63105)

6pm – 8pm

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

July 26, 2016

**Business Smart Workshop: Starting a Business**

Learn what it takes to have a successful start-up In this workshop you will gain a basic understanding of the key steps to getting your business off the ground. Learn about various financing options and what banks look for when lending money. Learn about the local resources available to assist you in starting and growing a small business. This workshop is tailored to foreign-born entrepreneurs, but everyone is welcome.

World Trade Center (7733 Forsyth Blvd., Ste. 200, St. Louis, MO 63105)

7am - 10:30am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to <https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/mo/st-louis>

July 28, 2016

**Asian American St. Louis Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**

Edward Jones (12555 Manchester Road, Manchester East Tower Atrium, St. Louis, MO 63131)

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Cost: members free, guests \$10 per person

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

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NETWORKING EVENTS & SEMINARS

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

July 5 and 19, 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)

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

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

8am – 9am

Cost: Free

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

July 6, 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)

**Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Lunch**

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

11am – 1pm

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

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

July 7, 2016**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting**

Homewood Suites – Riverport (13639 Riverport Drive, 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**

Barat Academy (17815 Wild Horse Creek Road, 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)July 7, 2016 (weekly)**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Networking Happy Hour**

Location TBD

4:30pm – 6:30pm (Thursdays)

No cost

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)July 8, 2016**West County Chamber of Commerce Second Friday Coffee Networking Event**

The Assistance League of St. Louis County

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Friday Coffee Networking Event**

Midwestern Braille Volunteers (104 W. Adams, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.kirkwooddesperes.com](http://www.kirkwooddesperes.com)July 8 and 22, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Leads 2 Success Group Networking Events**

Mercy (300 Winding Woods, Ste 212, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

Noon – 1:15pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)July 11 and 25, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Elite Leads Group Networking Events**

Mercy (300 Winding Woods, Ste. 212, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

Noon – 1:15pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)July 12, 2016**West County Chamber of Commerce Social Buzz Club**

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

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

8am – 9am

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

Sunset 44 Bistro (118 W. Adams, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1:15pm

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

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

Apex Financial Credit Union (18 Mullanphy Garden Shopping Center, Florissant, MO 63031)

5pm – 7pm

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

July 12, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Bristol Seafood Grill (2314 Technology Dr., 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)July 12 and 26, 2016**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Tuesday Morning Coffee & Networking Group Meeting**

Sweet Spot Café (3586 Adie Road, St. Ann, MO 63074)

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)July 13, 2016**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

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

11:30am – 1pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Revenue Roundtable Workshop**

Midwest Bank Centre, 1st Floor Conference Room (2299 Technology Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63368)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)July 13 and 27, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Masters of Business Networking Event**

Christy Banquet Center (9000 Veterans Memorial Pkwy., O'Fallon, MO 63366)

Noon – 1pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)July 14, 2016**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Bash Connection Event!**

Logan College, Purser Center (1851 Schoettler Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63017)

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Cost: \$20 in advance (by 7/12), \$50 at the door

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

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

Cost: \$25, walkins \$30

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)**West County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Meeting**

The Fox and the Hound (17416 Chesterfield Airport Road, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

5pm – 7pm

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Women's Entrepreneurial Empowerment Group Meeting**

Kirkwood Public Library (140 E. Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to [www.kirkwooddesperes.com](http://www.kirkwooddesperes.com)**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Group Coaching Workshop**

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

9am - Noon

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)**Affton Community Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon**

Orlando Gardens Banquet Center (4300 Hoffmeister, St. Louis, MO 63125)

11:15am – 1pm

Cost: members \$15; non-members \$20

For more information go to [www.afftonchamber.com](http://www.afftonchamber.com)**Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce Meet and Greeting Networking Event**

St. Louis Community College Meramec Campus, Humanities Building (11333 Big Bend Blvd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1pm

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

July 16, 2016**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Meeting**

Location TBA

4:30pm – 6:30pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)July 19, 2016**Crestwood - Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Lindbergh High School (4900 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63127)

11am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to [www.ourchamber.com](http://www.ourchamber.com)July 20, 2016**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Doubletree Hotel - Great room at the 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 12 @ 12 Networking Meeting**

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

Walnut Grill (1386 Clarkson-Clayton Shopping Center, Ellisville, MO 63011)

Noon – 1:30pm

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Group Coaching for Leadership Excellence Workshop**

AdviCoach-DARMILL GROUP (17295 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Ste 200, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

9am - Noon

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)July 20, 2016**Greater North County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

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

11am - 1pm

Cost: \$20 per person

For more information go to [www.greaternorthcountychamber.com](http://www.greaternorthcountychamber.com)July 21, 2016**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting**

LaQuinta Inn &amp; Suites St. Louis Airport/Riverport (13615 Riverport Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free for members, \$5 for guests

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Morning Schmooze Networking Event**

Rendezvous Cafe &amp; Wine Bar (217 South Main, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business Roundtable Meeting: Leasing and Contract Issues**

Chesterfield chamber Office (Chesterfield, MO 63017)

7:30am – 9am

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)**Crestwood - Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

LiUNA Event Center (4532 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)July 22, 2016**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Women in Networking (WIN) Meeting**

The Post (763 Old Ballas Rd., St. Louis, MO 63141)

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

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

July 25, 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)July 26, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Whitmoor Country Club (1100 Whitmoor, St. Charles, MO 63304)

11:30am – 1pm

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

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

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

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: Chamber members \$26, \$36 for non-members who pre-register 7/21(\$10 late fee is charged after 7/21)

For more information or to register go to [www.claytoncommerce.com](http://www.claytoncommerce.com)**Affton Community Chamber of Commerce Meet and Greeting Networking Event**

Affton Fire Protection District (9282 Gravois Road, Affton, MO 63123)

8am – 9am

For more information go to [www.afftonchamber.com](http://www.afftonchamber.com)July 27, 2016**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Lunch n Learn**

CATCO (2685 Metro Boulevard, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: members free, guests \$20 per person

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Business-to-Business Networking Event**

Patrick's @ Westport (342 Westport Plaza Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146)

11:30am – 1pm

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

Corner Pub (Clarkson/Clayton, Ellisville, MO 63011)

11:30am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)July 28, 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)**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Meeting**

The Brass Rail (4601 Hwy K, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

11:30am – 1pm

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

Parc Provence (605 Coeur De Ville Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141)

5pm – 7pm

Cost: members free, guests \$15

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

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)**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum (516 S Kirkwood Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

5pm – 7pm

Cost: FREE

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

July 28, 2016

**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Group Coaching Workshop**

AdviCoach-DARMILL GROUP (17295 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Ste 200, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

9am - Noon

Cost: Free

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

**Crestwood - Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Meeting**

Red Lobster (9838 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63126)

5pm – 7pm

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

**South County Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon (NEXT EVENT IN AUGUST)**

Location TBA

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$15 per person

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

**BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

July 1 and 15, 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)

July 1, 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/)

July 5, 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: \$9 for attendance

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

**St. Louis Networking Geniuses Monthly Meeting**

Duffy's Bar & 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)

July 5, 2016 (weekly)

**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)

**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/>

July 6, 2016 (weekly)**BNI Chapter Meetings**

BNI Business Network International has 30 area chapters meeting every Wednesday. 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)

July 7, 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)

**Enhanced Networking “St. Charles” (NO MEETING IN JULY)**

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

12:15pm – 1:30pm

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

**Chesterfield/Missouri Networking Event**

The Old Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield

11:30am - 1:30pm

The networking is free but if you want a great lunch it will cost you \$8-\$15

For more information contact Joel Kirk at <https://www.linkedin.com/grp/post/1636537-6065230831641702400>

**Women 2.0 City Monthly Meetup**

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

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/>

**National Association for Professional Women St. Louis Chapter Coffee Networking Meeting**

The Mud House (2101 Cherokee St., St. Louis, MO 63139)

7am – 8:30am (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month)

No charge to attend

For more information go to <http://www.napw.com/chapter/59/st-louis/>

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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@acoladekb.com](mailto:Richard@acoladekb.com) or 314/458-3397

July 8, 2016**Midwest Manufacturing Leaders (MML) First Friday Meeting**

The Lodge Des Peres (1050 Des Peres Rd., 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/>

**The Engineering Center of St. Louis Second Friday Seminar: Property Acquisition from A to Z featuring staff from MSD**

The Engineer Center of St. Louis (4359 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)

8am – 1pm

Cost: members \$30, non-members \$75

For more information or to register call 314/533-9336

July 9, 2016**FENG Monthly Tabletop Networking Event**

The primary purpose of the monthly meetings is to provide an opportunity for you to meet, network, and learn from your FENG friends. We normally break into small groups for two or three 20-to-30 minute Tabletop Networking sessions.

UHT Advisors (15 Sunnen Drive, Ste. 108, St. Louis, MO)

8am – 10am (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month)

Cost: FREE for members

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

July 11, 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

July 11, 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/>

July 12, 2016**NABE Presentation: St. Louis Fed President James Bullard Address to NABE Gateway Chapter**

The Gateway Chapter of the National Association for Business Economics (NABE) will host a talk on the St. Louis Fed's new characterization of the outlook for the U.S. economy.

St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank (1 Federal Reserve Bank Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63102)

7:45am – 9:30am

Cost: FREE (but registration is required to attend)

For more information or to register go to:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-louis-fed-president-james-bullard-address-to-nabe-gateway-chapter-tickets-26080580719?utm\\_source=cpd&utm\\_medium=discovery&utm\\_content=attendeeshare&utm\\_term=listing](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-louis-fed-president-james-bullard-address-to-nabe-gateway-chapter-tickets-26080580719?utm_source=cpd&utm_medium=discovery&utm_content=attendeeshare&utm_term=listing)

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

Laredo on Lafayette Restaurant (2001 Park Ave., 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/>

**Business Event: Raising the Bar**

Join Reporter Greg Edwards for a discussion on his coverage of banking and finance in St. Louis business community.

Seven Gables Inn (26 N. Meramec Ave., Clayton, MO 63105)

5:30pm – 6:30pm

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

**South County Business Neighbors Business Networking Happy Hour**

Firehouse Bar & Grill (3500 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63125)

5pm – 7pm

For more information or to register contact Gill Wagner at 314/416-1440 or [yellow-tie@mvsend.com](mailto:yellow-tie@mvsend.com)

July 13, 2016**St. Louis Green Business Challenge July Seminar**

Webster University (545 Garden Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119)

7:30am - 9:30am

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

**NAWBO Roundtable: Boost Your Productivity: Tips and Tricks for Effective Calendar Management**

City Place 3 Conference Center (3 Cityplace Drive, Creve Coeur, MO 63141)

7:30am – 9am

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

July 13 and 27, 2016**Highland People in Business Networking Meeting**

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

8am – 9:30am (usually 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/>

July 14, 2016**St. Louis Business Journal: 30 Under 30 Awards and Reception**

Palladium St. Louis (1400 Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104)

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Cost: \$60 per person

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

**Network After Work St. Louis**

Mandarin Lounge (44 Maryland Plaza St., Clayton, MO 63105)

6pm - 9pm

Cost: \$15 per person, \$20 at the door

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

July 15, 2016**Illinois Public Affairs Network Meeting: Panel Discussion on Issues in Higher Education**

Doubletree Hotel Collinsville (1000 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to

<https://stregionalchamberevents.com/illinois-public-affairs-network-meeting-education-panel-with-leaders-from-the-illinois-community-july-15th/>

**St. Louis Regional Chamber Connect at Breakfast****Topic: Driving Business Growth through IT – How Companies Embrace the Digital Age**

7:30am – 9am

St. Louis Regional Chamber (One metropolitan Square, Suite 1300 (211 North Broadway, St. Louis, MO)

Cost: \$15 per person

For more information or to RSVP go to [www.stregionalchamber.com/events/](http://www.stregionalchamber.com/events/)

July 19, 2016**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.

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)

**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

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

**National Association for Professional Women St. Louis Chapter Meeting**

Location TBD

5pm – 6:30pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

No charge to attend

For more information go to <http://www.napw.com/chapter/59/st-louis/>

July 20, 2016**Professional Organization of Women Monthly Meeting**

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

6:30pm – 8:30pm (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)

**Enhanced Networking "The Post Sports Bar & Grill - Maplewood" (NO MEETING IN JULY)**

The Post Bar & Grill (7372 Manchester, St. Louis, MO)

12:15pm – 1:30pm

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

July 21, 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/>

July 22, 2016**St. Louis Business Journal: Corporate Counsel Awards Breakfast**

Sheldon Concert Hall (3648 Washington Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: \$50 per person

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

**Ferguson 1000 Reception & Lecture: Empowerment through Entrepreneurship & Employment**

UM-St. Louis (1 University Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63121)

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to RSVP contact [Rmwf1000@gmail.com](mailto:Rmwf1000@gmail.com) or go to [www.ferguson1000Jobs.com](http://www.ferguson1000Jobs.com)

July 27, 2016**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/>

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**July 7, 2016**Inventors Association of St. Louis (IASL) Monthly General Meeting**

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

5pm - 8pm (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month)

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

July 8, 2016**St. Louis PMI Monthly Breakfast Meeting (NO MEETING IN JULY)**

Join us for a morning filled with discussions around strategy, tying business processes to strategy, the projects associated with the business processes and change management. So many terms, but it doesn't have to be so black and white.

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

7:15am – 8:45am

Cost: members \$20 at the door; non-members, \$25 at the door

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

July 12, 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)

July 13, 2016**St. Louis Publishers Association Monthly Meeting**

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

6:30pm – 8:30pm (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)

July 20, 2016**Human Resources Management Association (HRMA) Summer Symposium**

Fontbonne University, Lewis Room in the Jack C. Taylor Library Building (6800 Wydown Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63105)

7:30am – 9:15am

Cost: members free, guests \$25

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

**National Human Resources Association (NHRA) - St. Louis Monthly Meeting (Annual Networking Event)**

Third Degree Glass Factory (5200 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)

5:30pm – 7pm

Cost: Free

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

July 21, 2016**St. Louis Quality Assurance Association (STLQAA) Bi-Monthly Meeting**

SSM Health (St. Louis, MO)

5pm – 8:30pm

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

**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Monthly Dinner Meeting (NO MEETING IN JULY)**

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

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Cost: members \$30; non-members, \$35

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

July 21, 2016

**American Marketing Association St. Louis Chapter Monthly Meeting (NO MEETING IN JULY)**

Maggiano's Little Italy (2 The Blvd., Richmond Heights, MO 63117)

11:30am – 1pm

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

July 26, 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)

## SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES AND EVENTS

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

This two-year intensive program offers emerging designers the tools, connections, and guidance to take their businesses to the next level.

For more information or to apply go to <http://www.saintlouisfashionincubator.org/>

**Arch Grants is now accepting applications for its Fall 2016 cohort through August 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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

For more information or to apply go to <http://archgrants.org/competition/>

**Capital Innovators is now accepting applications for its Fall 2016 Accelerator Program**

The Capital Innovators Accelerator Program, based in St. Louis, MO, provides \$50,000 in seed funding, project-based mentorship from a seasoned pool of knowledgeable experts, stellar perks, networking, and follow-on funding opportunities over the course of 12 weeks (Sept. 14 – Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>)

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

**GlobalHack VI is now accepting applications for the Fall 2016 3-Day event**

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

For more information go to <https://globalhack.org/globalhack-vi/>

**Applications are now being accepted for Techstars Internet of Things through July 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Techstars IoT, located in NYC at Barclays Rise, brings additional focus on the “Industrial Internet” and connecting the infrastructure of business and industry. The accelerator unites IoT industry leaders with a select group of the most innovative emerging startups for a 15 week, mentorship-driven program.

The Techstars IoT Accelerator is for startups who are focused on the infrastructure of the future with specific emphasis on software and artificial intelligence, connected enterprise, smart cities and energy, advanced manufacturing, health and wearables, logistics and automotive, VR, AR, drones and robotics, agriculture, and the connected home. Applications close July 10 and the program takes place in NYC.

For more information go to <http://www.techstars.com/content/accelerators/iot/applications-open-techstars-iot/>

**Grace Hill is now accepting applications for the Fall Workshop in Business Opportunities (WIBO) 16-week training**

Information sessions are scheduled throughout July to learn about WIBO, a 16 week business class designed to take blooming and established business owners to the next step in their entrepreneurial journey. If you anticipate signing up for the Fall 2016 cohort at the orientation, please bring a deposit of \$50 (CASH, CHECK or MONEY ORDER ONLY).

For more information or to register for a 1-hour information session go to <http://www.gracehillwbc.org/events/>

July 5, 2016 (weekly)

**OPO Try It Tuesdays**

Curious about OPO? Wonder what it's like to work here? Register to try it out!

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

9am – 5pm

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

July 6, 2016

**SCORE Business Workshop: Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights**

Webster U. Walker School of Business, East Academic Hall, Room 138 (545 Garden Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119)

6pm – 9pm

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

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

July 6, 2016 (weekly)

**Danforth Weekly Scientific Seminar Series**

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

11am - Noon

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

July 6, 2016 (weekly)**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.

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

11:30am – 1:30pm (every Tuesday)

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

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

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

7/6 Community 6:30pm – 9pm

7/13 Founders 7pm – 10pm

7/20 Mentors 6:30pm – 9pm

7/27 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)

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

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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/>

**Product Management Group Monthly Meeting: (NEXT MEETING IN AUGUST)**

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

7pm – 7:45pm

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

**Business Seminar: Social Media Marketing Made Simple**

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

8:30am – 10:30am

Cost: Free

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

**Business Seminar: Starting a Small Business in Illinois**

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

SIUE Campus, MUC International Room (Edwardsville, IL)

3pm – 4:30pm

Cost: \$10

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

July 7, 2016 (weekly)**St. Louis Entrepreneurs Meetup**

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

11:30am – 1pm (every Thursday)

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

**Venture Café Networking Events**

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

3pm – 8pm (every Thursday evening)

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

July 8, 2016**MVF Business Builder Breakfast Meeting (NO MEETING IN JULY)**

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)

July 8, 2016

**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/>

July 9, 2016

**SCORE Business Workshop: How to Start and Manage Your Own Business**

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

8:15am – 3pm

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

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

July 12, 2016

**Business Seminar: Using Personal Credit as Business Credit**

Understanding how your personal credit effects your business growth is a POWERFUL tool when starting a business. First time entrepreneurs often think that their business credit and personal credit are separate entities, when in fact they are one in the same when it comes to receiving loans from a bank. Come gain solutions to improve your credit and learn about the importance of a sound financial history in order to progress your business!

US Bank Tower (505 N. 7th St., St. Louis, MO 63101)

8am – Noon

To register go to <http://www.gracehillwbc.org/events/>

**Fall 2016 Workshop in Business Opportunities (WIBO) Information Sessions**

Join us to learn about Workshop in Business Opportunities (WIBO), a 16 week business class designed to take blooming and established business owners to the next step in their entrepreneurial journey. If you anticipate signing up for the Fall 2016 cohort at the orientation, please bring a deposit of \$50 (CASH, CHECK or MONEY ORDER ONLY).

Grace Hill Water Tower Hub (2125 Bissell St., St. Louis, MO 63109)

There are four 1-hour timeslots offered at 11am, Noon, 5pm and 6pm

To register go to <http://www.gracehillwbc.org/events/>

**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/>

July 13, 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>

July 13, August 24, Sept. 14, 2016 (5-part series)

**SCORE Business Seminar Series: Simple Steps for Starting Your Own Business**

A five-part series of pre-business workshops to help you reach a “go or no-go” decision for a start-up. The program is not designed to provide all of the information needed to start a business, but rather to help you decide whether you are ready to take the next step towards becoming an entrepreneur.

Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors (1928 Lebanon Ave., Belleville, IL 62221)

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Part 3 – Jul 13 - Marketing Your Business

Part 4 – Aug 24 – Financial Matters

Part 5 – Sep 14 – Funding & Next Steps

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

6:30pm – 8:30pm

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Alton Square Library (132 Alton Square Mall, Media Room, Alton, IL 62002)

6pm – 9pm

Part 3 – Jul 13 - Marketing Your Business

Part 4 – Aug 24 – Financial Matters

Part 5 – Sep 14 – Funding & Next Steps

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Jefferson County Library, Arnold Location (1701 Missouri State Road, Arnold, MO 63010)

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Economic Development Center of St. Charles (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, SSM Room, St. Charles, MO 63304)

6pm – 8pm

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July 14, 2016**Business Seminar: Selling to the Government: The First Steps**

St. Louis County Extension Office (132 East Monroe Ave., Kirkwood, Mo 63122)

9am – Noon

Cost: \$50

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

July 19, 2016**Business Seminar: Starting a Business in Missouri**

Small Business Development Center (260 Brown Road, St. Charles County, MO)

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)

**St. Louis Business Institute Seminar: “Making Your Business Bankable”**

MOKAN Building (4666 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO 63115)

8am - 11am

For more information nor to register contact Kabir, Director, at 314/464-9675

**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/>

July 20, 2016**Business Seminar: The Basics of Writing a Business Plan**

Small Business Development Center (260 Brown Road, St. Charles County, MO)

9am - Noon

Cost: \$49 per person (Free for dislocated or laid off workers)

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

July 20, 2016**Business Seminar: Developing an Export Finance Plan**

St. Charles County Business Develop Center (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., St. Peters, MO)

9am – 11am

Cost: \$25

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

**Business Seminar: Starting a Small Business in Illinois**

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

E. St. Louis Higher Education Campus-Bldg. D, Rm. 2002 (601 James R. Thompson, E. St. Louis, Illinois 62201)

4pm – 5:30pm

Cost: \$10

For more information go to <http://www.siu.edu/business/sbdc/>

**SCORE Business Workshop: Introduction to QuickBooks**

Webster U. Walker School of Business, East Academic Hall, Room 138 (545 Garden Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119)

6pm – 9pm

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

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

July 21, 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/>

**NXT@4240**

NXT@4240 is a celebration of the innovation community that aligns and amplifies corporate and startup engagement. Discover what happens NXT.

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

4:30pm – 5:30pm

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

July 22, 2016**Fall 2016 Workshop in Business Opportunities (WIBO) Information Sessions**

Join us to learn about Workshop in Business Opportunities (WIBO), a 16 week business class designed to take blooming and established business owners to the next step in their entrepreneurial journey. If you anticipate signing up for the Fall 2016 cohort at the orientation, please bring a deposit of \$50 (CASH, CHECK or MONEY ORDER ONLY).

Grace Hill Water Tower Hub (2125 Bissell St., St. Louis, MO 63109)

There are two 1-hour timeslots offered at 11am and Noon

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

July 22 – 23, 2016**Launchout Conference**

Already in the launch process and need information to equip your dream? Can you see your plans becoming a reality but you need a platform to embark on your dream? Then the Launch Out Conference is for you.

St. Louis University High School (4970 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

9am – 5pm

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

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Grace Hill Water Tower Hub (2125 Bissell St., St. Louis, MO 63109)

There are three 1-hour timeslots offered at 9am, 10am, and 11am

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

July 26, 2016

### **Business Smart Workshop: Starting a Business**

Learn what it takes to have a successful start-up In this workshop you will gain a basic understanding of the key steps to getting your business off the ground. Learn about various financing options and what banks look for when lending money. Learn about the local resources available to assist you in starting and growing a small business. This workshop is tailored to foreign-born entrepreneurs, but everyone is welcome.

World Trade Center (7733 Forsyth Blvd., Ste. 200, St. Louis, MO 63105)

7am - 10:30am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to <https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/mo/st-louis>

July 27, 2016

### **SCORE Business Workshop: Using Social Media to Get New Clients & Customers**

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

5:30pm – 8:30pm

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

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

## **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AND TRAINING**

### **STL STARTUP/ENTREPRENEUR SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS**

**AAIM Employers' Association** provides cutting-edge resources which help its members manage their people and processes. AAIM partners with company leadership and management in human resources by providing topical research and information, technical guidance, training and HR consulting, pre-employment services, small business training courses, seminars, roundtable discussions, and webinars on a variety of topics including computer skills, negotiating skills, customer service, interpersonal communication, PowerPoint presentations, and more. For a complete schedule of upcoming programs or to register for any of the programs go to [www.aamea.org](http://www.aamea.org) or call 314/968-5360

**Enterprise Bank & Trust** offers FREE small business training workshops through **Enterprise University**. To get more information about these workshop or to register online go to [www.enterprisebank.com](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 [ppetty@escu.org](mailto:ppetty@escu.org) or 314/4343-6470 x1406

### **Gateway Venture Mentoring Service (VMS)**

Gateway Venture Mentoring Service is an entrepreneur support organization whose primary goal is to "facilitate a successful environment for entrepreneurship in the Greater St. Louis region." We do this in one of two ways:

- Through networking and team based volunteer mentoring
- Through referrals to the most appropriate Entrepreneur Support Organization (ESO)

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

### **Innovate St. Louis**

Innovate Saint Louis strives to educate innovators, entrepreneurs and the public about how great ideas become viable business endeavors and to better collaborate and help build the entrepreneurial eco system necessary to make the greater St. Louis region an international hub of innovation and entrepreneurship. As a 501(c)3 public charity, Innovate Saint Louis offers all services free of charge. Organizational programs match innovative new business ideas with volunteer mentors who can help these ideas grow into companies by coaching emerging entrepreneurs through the steps of starting, growing and maintaining a business. For more information go to [www.innovatestl.org](http://www.innovatestl.org)

### **Inter City Capital Connections**

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

For more information go to <http://icic.org/inner-city-capital-connections/>

### **International Institute Business Development Corp.**

The IISTL Economic Development Department provides workshops for entrepreneurs, for start-ups, businesses that need strengthening or that are looking to expand their goods and services. The focus is on helping businesses be successful. The workshops serve to strengthen our TA to immigrant entrepreneurs by formalizing some of the TA topics currently offered one-on-one into a structured workshop program. Language assistance is available as needed from the bilingual and multi-lingual staff in the Economic Development department. For more information go to <http://www.iistl.org/smallbizcenter.html>

### **Justine Petersen**

The nation's second-largest SBA microlender and one of its strongest advocates for first-time homebuyers. They have a dedicated loan pool for businesses located throughout the greater St. Louis region. Justine Petersen supports small businesses through funding and technical assistance. For more information go to [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>

### **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>

## 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)

## 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/>

## 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)

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

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

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

## St. Louis Community College - Workforce Solutions Group

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

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

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

**St. Louis Community Credit Union** offers FREE small business training workshops through **CU Excel Center**. To get more information about the workshops or to register contact [center@stlouiscommunity.com](mailto:center@stlouiscommunity.com) or go to [www.cuexcelcenter.com](http://www.cuexcelcenter.com)

## St. Louis Economic Development Partnership

The St. Louis Economic Development Partnership (formerly St. Louis County Economic Council) marks a new era of collaboration within St. Louis by aligning regional efforts in business development, business finance, entrepreneurial support and international trade services. The mission of St. Louis Economic Development Partnership is to lead in the development and growth of long-term diversified business and employment opportunities by creating innovative solutions that generate increased wealth and enhanced quality of life for the citizens, businesses and institutions of the St. Louis region.

**Business Development Division** provides a broad range of incentives, resources and customized services to help you lay the foundation for your company's move to or expansion in St. Louis. For more information go to <http://www.stlpartnership.com/business-development-resources.html>

**AccelerateSTL** helps startups and investors connect with each other and find resources. For more information go to [www.acceleratestlouis.org](http://www.acceleratestlouis.org)

**STLVentureWorks** is the place to be for new ideas and the next generation of successful, high-potential companies. The STLVentureWorks team can put your business on the fast track with on-site support, fresh insights, networking and customized mentoring.

Our incubator network includes five locations:

- Grand Center (3830 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108)
- South County (315 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis MO 63125)
- Wellston (6439 Plymouth Ave., Wellston, MO 63133)
- West County (743 Spirit 40 Park Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005)
- Helix Center Biotech Incubator (1100 Corporate Square, Creve Coeur, MO 63132)

For more information go to <http://www.stlpartnership.com/stlventureworks.html>

## St. Louis 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 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 SCORE** offers free business counseling and resources, low-cost workshops, and free business scan services. If you're starting a business, preparing for a loan, or have existing business issues or opportunities, SCORE mentors can help. offers many small business seminars and webinars workshops. To learn more about the programs go to <http://stlouis.score.org/>

**St. Louis Small Business Administration** offers FREE online courses and webinars for small businesses and entrepreneurs, including "Affordable Care Act 101 webinars, starting a small business, managing a small business, financing a business, and contracting. For more information about these online courses go to <http://www.sba.gov/content/st-louis-district-office>

### **Techli**

Techli delivers innovation news and in-depth editorial on the technology, businesses and ideas that are changing the way we live, work, and play. We know cutting edge technologies and vanguard businesses are emerging around the world, not just in Silicon Valley. Techli covers technology and innovation news wherever it happens, whenever it happens. For more information go to [www.techli.com](http://www.techli.com)

### **Worknet**

Worknet has a unique community based program that works with employers who want access to a highly productive workforce that is prized for its reliability, diligence, and job skills. We are looking to develop a mutually beneficial partnership with your business organization  
For more information go to [www.worknetnow.com](http://www.worknetnow.com)

### **The Young Entrepreneur Council**

The **Young Entrepreneur Council (YEC)** is an invite-only organization comprised of the world's most promising young entrepreneurs. In partnership with Citi, YEC recently launched **StartupCollective**, a free virtual mentorship program that helps millions of entrepreneurs start and grow businesses. For more information or to join go to <http://yec.co/>

## **STARTUP CAPITAL SOURCES**

### **Advantage Capital Partners**

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

### **Arch Grants**

Arch Grants seeks to create a more robust startup culture and infrastructure in St. Louis. To increase employment growth and establish St. Louis as a place where entrepreneurs want to start and grow their businesses, Arch Grants offers startups funding in the form of grants and supports the startups as they remain or transition to downtown St. Louis. The Arch Grants Business Plan Competition helps to shape the image of St. Louis among aspiring entrepreneurs and others looking to have a formative role in building a new entrepreneurial climate in St. Louis. For more information go to [www.archgrants.org](http://www.archgrants.org)

### **Arsenal Capital Management**

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

### **Ascension Ventures**

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

### **BALSA Foundation**

The Balsa Foundation was founded to support anyone wishing to pursue new business ideas but who may not have the background, resources, or funds needed to get started. Our mission is to make entrepreneurship accessible – and success attainable – to everyone. We aim to cultivate an inclusive entrepreneurial culture in St. Louis by preparing any inventor or creative thinker to enter the St. Louis entrepreneurial community. The Balsa Foundation is the philanthropic arm of The Balsa Group focused on helping individuals start businesses. We provide informational resources, peer-to-peer advising, and non-dilutive funding to people wanting to get their business dreams off the ground. We support individuals who may not have access to such expertise or financial capital and who are in the process of starting their first business. For more information go to [www.thebalsafoundation.org](http://www.thebalsafoundation.org)

**Billiken Angels Network** Our goal as investors is to provide infusions of expertise and capital to firms that show promise to make a difference for our economy and our region. We are willing to look at firms in all industries and we look at firms at all stages, not just start-ups. Our goal as a network is to make a difference through education and advice to all the current and future businesses in the region. We draw on an unmatched set of resources including SLU's Entrepreneurship Center, the Habitat for Neighborhood Business, SLU's nationally ranked Entrepreneurship Program, the John Cook School of Business, and the other resources of Saint Louis University. If you have questions, please contact our director, Professor Jerome Katz, at 314-977-3864 or by email at [katzja@slu.edu](mailto:katzja@slu.edu) or go to [www.billikenangels.com](http://www.billikenangels.com)

### **BioGenerator**

BioGenerator is a privately funded, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization created to facilitate the formation of successful, sustainable bioscience companies in the St. Louis region. BioGenerator is an affiliate of [BioSTL](http://www.bioSTL.org). BioGenerator's mission is to support economic development and job growth in the St. Louis region. To accomplish this, BioGenerator identifies promising technologies and services, and works with the researcher or entrepreneur to build a successful and sustainable company. BioGenerator provides assistance, possibly with pre-seed or seed funding and access to lab space with specialized equipment, at the early stages of new company formation, with continued support to milestones of follow-on funding or sustainable revenue.

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

### **Bodley Group**

Bodley Group invests in seed or growth opportunities with compelling teams and a clear potential for out-performance. We seek to invest in companies with new proprietary technology, concept durability, clearly defined customer acquisition strategies, network effects and the potential for rapid growth.

Most importantly, we target inspirational founders who are convinced of their plan for a different future and possess the fortitude to make their vision a reality.

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

### **Capital Innovators Accelerator Program**

The Capital Innovators Accelerator Program, based in St. Louis, MO, provides \$50,000 in seed funding, project-based mentorship from a seasoned pool of knowledgeable experts, stellar perks, networking, and follow-on funding opportunities over the course of 12 weeks

For more information or to apply go to [www.capitalinnovators.com](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)

### **iSelect Fund**

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

### **Lewis & Clark Ventures**

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

### **LINC (Leveraging Information and Networks to access Capital)**

This is a new initiative by the SBA. It is an online business matchmaking service to help entrepreneurs get connected with lenders. Phase 1 was rolled out in February to assist with connecting small business owners with nonprofit lenders that offer free financial advice and specialize in microlending, smaller loans, and real estate financing. Phase 2 will add more traditional banks that offer an even wider array of financial products, in the longer term, LINC could be modified to facilitate government contracting by connecting eligible small businesses with procurement officers, prime contractors and federal buyers. For more information go to <https://www.sba.gov/tools/linc?herobox>

### **Metro East Start-Up Challenge**

The Metro East Start-up Challenge is a business plan competition to identify, recognize, and reward excellence in entrepreneurship. SIUE School of Business and the Illinois Metro East Small Business Development Center (SBDC) are the MESC administrators. 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/>

### **Missouri Technology Corp (MTC) Idea Fund**

The Missouri Technology Corporation is a public-private partnership created by the Missouri General Assembly to promote entrepreneurship and foster the growth of new and emerging high-tech companies. MTC focuses on 21st Century bioscience industries. Our vision is to transform Missouri through the power of entrepreneurship by serving as a catalyst for technology-based innovation to achieve sustainable economic growth. Our mission is to provide leadership and make strategic investments that help entrepreneurs create and grow technology-based Missouri businesses. MTC focuses on 21st Century bioscience industries that build on Missouri's rich history in agriculture. For more information go to [www.missouritechnology.com](http://www.missouritechnology.com)

### **Monsanto Growth Ventures (MGV)**

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

### **Missouri STEP=UP Grant Program**

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

For more information go to [https://www.ded.mo.gov/docs/default-source/export\\_missouri/mostep-guidelines22a7daefc1576ce29f33ff0000939b41.pdf?sfvrsn=2](https://www.ded.mo.gov/docs/default-source/export_missouri/mostep-guidelines22a7daefc1576ce29f33ff0000939b41.pdf?sfvrsn=2)

### **Oakwood Medical Investors**

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

### **Prolog Ventures**

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

### **Prosper Women Entrepreneurs**

Prosper was created to address the entrepreneur gender gap in the St. Louis region. We are a group of business leaders, thinkers, doers, innovators and students who want to make sure that our community is well positioned in the new economy and, more specifically, that women entrepreneurs are a vital part of its future. Prosper Women Entrepreneurs is working with the Golden Seeds, the largest angel group in the US that focuses on women entrepreneurs, to establish an angel network in the St. Louis region dedicated to investing in women-owned and women-led businesses. The Prosper Angel Network will increase women entrepreneurs' access to growth capital and the number of women investing in early stage capital markets. Prosper Accelerator provides female-lead startups with \$50K in funding, mentors, and connections to the top business leaders in the country. Backed by venture capital firm Cultivation Capital, Prosper selects ten female-lead startup companies each year, five for the Fall class and four in the spring. These companies have access to our innovative curriculum, our incredible connections, and the resources they need to take their businesses to the next level.

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

### **Regional Growth Capital**

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

### **RiverVest Venture Partners**

Established in 2000. RiverVest Venture Partners focuses exclusively on innovations in life sciences, a field in which our team has significant research, clinical, operational and investment expertise. The group identifies, 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/>

### **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)

### **SixThirty Accelerator Program for Cyber Security Startups**

SixThirty Cyber, over the next 5 years, plans to provide \$10 million in seed investment and mentorship for cyber security startups that are in the early stages of funding and development. Backed by the St. Louis Regional Chamber and venture capital firm Cultivation Capital. SixThirty Cyber selects ten technology startup companies each year, five for the Fall class and five in the spring. Each of those startup companies selected to take part in the accelerator program will receive a \$100,000-\$200,000 investment and take part in a fourteen-week accelerator program, which will offer hands-on training, mentoring and business development support. For more information about the program or to apply go to <https://sixthirtycyber.com/>

### **St. Louis Startup Challenge**

The St. Louis Startup Challenge was created to promote entrepreneurship, innovation and venture development within the region by **highlighting** dynamic startup and early stage companies in the region; **strengthening** those companies through relevant analysis and support; and **rewarding** the best-of-the-best at the end of the Challenge. The Challenge encourages all startups and early stage companies to apply. For purposes of the Challenge, applicants may be pre-launch, operational or pre- or post-revenue. Cash awards are provided by Edward Jones through St. Louis Economic Development Partnership. For more information go to [www.STLStartupChallenge.com](http://www.STLStartupChallenge.com)

### **Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR)**

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program is a highly competitive program that encourages domestic small businesses to engage in Federal Research/Research and Development (R/R&D) that has the potential for commercialization. Through a competitive awards-based program, SBIR enables small businesses to explore their technological potential and provides the incentive to profit from its commercialization. By including qualified small businesses in the nation's R&D arena, high-tech innovation is stimulated and the United States gains entrepreneurial spirit as it meets its specific research and development needs.

STTR is an important new small business program that expands funding opportunities in the federal innovation research and development arena. Central to the program is expansion of the public/private sector partnership to include the joint venture opportunities for small business and the nation's premier nonprofit research institutions. STTR's most important role is to foster the innovation necessary to meet the nation's scientific and technological challenges in the 21st century. For more information about the program go to <http://missouribusiness.net/technology/about-sbir-sttr/#sttr>

### **St. Louis Arch Angels**

The mission of the St. Louis Arch Angels is to provide opportunities for our members to obtain outstanding financial returns by investing in early-stage companies with high growth potential in the St. Louis Region and accelerating them to market leadership. The Arch Angels are a part of the region's seed to later stage equity capital continuum and are targeting an investment range that is generally underserved by institutional venture capital firms. The Arch Angel network is an important addition to the region's capacity to finance innovation emerging from our universities and research institutes, companies, and technology incubators. For more information go to [www.stlouisarchangels.com](http://www.stlouisarchangels.com)

### **Twain Financial Partners**

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

### **Vectis Healthcare & Life Sciences Fund**

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

### **The Yield Lab**

The Yield Lab is focused on bridging the critical gap between innovation and fruition of new agricultural technology by supporting early stage companies. The Yield Lab provides new AgTech companies with \$100,000 in funding, mentors, and connections supported by an agriculturally solid framework of organizations and businesses from the St. Louis area. Backed by Cultivation Capital, The Yield Labs selects four to eight agriculturally based technology companies each year with a nine month cohort. Those companies selected to take part in the accelerator program will receive hands-on training, mentoring, and networking opportunities with the top agricultural research and development intuitions in the region. As one of the largest areas of business in the Midwest, agriculture is a leading industry with extensive influence within the region and beyond. The diversity with the central location, along solid business communities and support, makes St. Louis a leading space for AgTech expansion. For more information go to [www.theyieldlab.com](http://www.theyieldlab.com)

## **STARTUP COMMUNITIES/INCUBATORS/CO-WORKING SPACE**

### **Blue 1647**

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

### **Create Space Generator**

The Create Space Generator is a creative entrepreneurship incubator dedicated to birthing, growing, and sustaining creative businesses. Create Space Generator, located in the Delmar Loop area, merges the creative process with technology by training and empowering creators and makers from the St. Louis community through a 6-month or 1-year training program, complete with curriculum, classes, advisors and speakers from the local and national business communities. For more information go to [www.createspacestl.com](http://www.createspacestl.com)

### **Cortex (Center of Research and Technology Exchange) Innovation Community**

Cortex is the Midwest's premiere innovation hub of bioscience and technology research, development and commercialization, serving as the anchor of St. Louis' growing ecosystem for innovative startup programs and established companies. Cortex provides state-of-the-art biomedical science and overall technology research facilities to hatch some of the nation's most promising technological advances. Cortex offers customizable lab and office space for rent, proximity to world-class research institutions, availability of a highly-trained workforce, and access to venture capital. For more information go to [www.cortexstl.com](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/>

### **Direct Impact Business Education Center**

Direct Impact Business Education Center (DIBEC) is the first privately owned business enterprise center in the state of Missouri designed to improve the entry of new business startups for Women and Veterans. The role of DIBEC is to offer an environment that supports the start-up phase of businesses, provide resources to increase their success rate and graduate from our program financially viable and freestanding. Overall, these companies will create jobs and strengthen the Saint Louis Region. DIBEC Mission is to serve as a driving force for business existence combining best practice processes, technical assistance, coaching and training so small businesses can improve through the stages of initial growth from sustainability to job creation.

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

### **Innovative Technology Enterprises (ITE) at UMSL**

ITE at UMSL is a university incubator for community as well as university technologies. With office and laboratory space, ITE offers the ideal environment for chemistry, life science, nanotechnology and IT companies. Amenities include access to university resources, use of professional common areas, shared office and laboratory equipment, and a great location with easy access to major highways. For more information go to <http://www.ite-stl.org/>

### **IT Entrepreneur Network (ITEN)**

The catalyst for Tech startups, ITEN provides a foundational system for entrepreneurs to work together towards building strong startups and a vibrant tech ecosystem. Access to investors, key service providers and qualified talent means lower barriers to rapid growth. Designed by entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs, requiring neither payment nor equity, ITEN is a unique community asset and a proven route to venture success.

For more information go to [www.itenstl.org](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/>

### **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)

**Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers** The Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers (MO SBTDC) help businesses in every stage. From concept to startup, growth to renewal, mature to succession. We are here to help you succeed at every point.

MO SBTDC experts are located statewide providing help on a variety of business topics through:

- Professional business analysis
- Business consultation and access to technology resources
- Educational training seminars on a variety of business topics: financial analysis, strategic planning, technology commercialization, management, HR, social media, marketing, taxes, customer service, business plan, startup and more.

For more information about the programs and how to register for training seminars go to <http://www.missouribusiness.net/>

### **Nebula Coworking**

Nebula Coworking, located in the heart of the Cherokee Business District provides space for creative professionals, small businesses, independent contractors, artists and non-profits looking for a place to build, create, develop, and collaborate. For more information go to <http://nebulastl.com>

### **OPO Co-Working Center**

OPO is a co-working center for digital Startups. Located in the newly renovated "Old Post Office" building in St. Charles, MO, the 10,000 square foot facility provides regional startups with affordable workspace and access to mentors, potential investor, programming, educational resources and a community of local entrepreneurs. For more information go to [www.opostartups.com](http://www.opostartups.com)

### **Stadia Ventures Sports Business Accelerator**

Located at the Cambridge Innovation Center in Cortex, Stadia will invest \$100K in up to 5 of the best sports related startups twice a year and pair them with mentors in the region. Stadia Accelerator will be a 10-week business development program. For more information go to [www.stadiaventures.com/accelerator](http://www.stadiaventures.com/accelerator)

### **Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)**

Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) mission is to build, sustain, and grow small businesses; as well as to promote small business development and enhance local economies by creating businesses and fulfilling its mission of creating jobs. SBDCs offer existing and future entrepreneurs free one-on-one expert business counseling and low-cost training by qualified small business professionals.

### **St. Louis Minority Business Development Center**

The MBDA Business Center located in St. Louis, MO is operated by the Chicago Minority Business Development Council, Incorporated. The center is part of a national network of funded centers located in major cities throughout the United States. The center works with minority business enterprises to generate increased financing and contract opportunities and to create and retain jobs. The mission of the center is to strengthen the US economy by helping ethnic minority businesses create or retain jobs, and build economically vibrant socially responsible entrepreneurs, businesses, and communities.

For more information go to <http://www.mbd.gov/businesscenters/stlouis>

**St. Louis Small Business & Technical Development Centers (SBTDC)**

The Missouri Small Business Development Center Program delivers up-to-date counseling, training and technical assistance in all aspects of small business management, assisting small businesses with financial, marketing, production, organization, engineering and technical problems and feasibility studies. Special SBDC programs including:

- International trade, technical, and procurement assistance
- Venture capital formation and rural development
- Assistance to small businesses applying for Small Business Innovation and Research (SBIR) grants from federal agencies

The SBDC also makes special efforts to reach members of socio-economically disadvantaged groups, e.g., veterans, women, and the disabled. Assistance is provided to both current or potential small business owners. For more information go to <https://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/slbc/economic-development/business-services/Missouri-Small-Business-Development-Center.cfm>

**TechArtista Collaborative Working Center**

The TechArtista Collaborative Working Environment is a professional workplace that combines private office suites, coworking space, conference rooms and a host of unique amenities. Located in the cosmopolitan Central West End, our members are creative and business professionals with growing enterprises. Our mission is to create a Collaborative Working Environment that fosters personal and business development. Through a model of facilitated cooperation – sharing networks, ideas, and resources – we aim to take the struggle out of startups. We believe that investing in the St. Louis community to create economic opportunity and promote retention can be both profitable and fun. For more information go to [www.techartista.org](http://www.techartista.org)

**T-Rex**

T-REX is a world class venue providing the startup entrepreneur with low cost & flexible enterprise space, while serving the region with quality programming and inspiring community. Two years after it's inception, T-REX occupies 5 floors of Lammert on Washington and growing. It is now home to 80+ startups, iTEN, Capital Innovators, Cultivation Capital, SixThirty, Arch Grants and home to many other entrepreneurial activity including Startup Weekend and StartLouis. For more information go to [www.downtowntrex.com](http://www.downtowntrex.com)