



Civic Engagement Initiative: Preparing Ohio's New 50+ for 21st Century Jobs

**Thursday, March 15, 2012
Kickoff: 9:30am-Noon**

SRO Theatre Company
Performance &
Solution Booths (Optional):
12:00pm-1:00pm

Information &
Local Feedback Sessions (Optional):
1:10pm-3:30pm

Attend in person at
Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation
30 West Spring Street/2nd Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Videoconference is available in a community near you.
Find local satellite information and register at
<http://ohiocivicengagement.eventbrite.com>

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Morning Kickoff

- 8:30 - 9:30** **Registration & Solution Booths**
- 9:30 - 9:40** **Welcome**
Bonnie Kantor-Burman, Director, Ohio Department of Aging
- 9:40 - 10:00** **Opening Remarks: Governor’s Workforce Priorities & System Change Benefits for 50+**
Richard Frederick, Assistant Policy Director- Workforce Development, Office of Governor John R. Kasich
- 10:00 - 10:20** **Ohio’s Booming Aging Population– What Does the Employment Picture Look Like?**
Dr. Suzanne Kunkel, Scripps Gerontology Center
- Scripps Gerontology Center specializes in evaluation research, and provides high quality applied research to legislators, public administrators, planners, service providers, gerontology students, academicians, other researchers and the general public.
- 10:20 - 10:25** **SRO Theatre Company: Letters from Ohio’s Older Worker**
- 10:25 - 11:05** **Civic Engagement for Ohio’s 50+ Workforce: Employer Perspective**
Panel Host: Bonnie Kantor-Burman, Director, Ohio Department of Aging
- Ohio employers will share their perspective on the benefit of volunteerism and lifelong learning for Ohio’s 50+ when competing for today’s jobs.
- 11:05 - 11:20** **Break: Solution Booths**
- 11:20 - 11:25** **SRO Theatre Company: Letters from Ohio’s Older Worker**
- 11:25 - 12:00** **50+ Civic Engagement for Ohio’s Education & Community Service Organizations**
Panel Host: Bonnie Kantor-Burman, Director, Ohio Department of Aging
- Ohio leaders will discuss the role for academic institutions and nonprofit organizations in helping prepare Ohio’s 50+ for today’s jobs.

Panel host, Bonnie Kantor-Burman, Sc.D., (right) was appointed director of the Ohio Department of Aging by Governor John R. Kasich in January, 2011.



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SRO Performance & Solution Booths (Optional)



12:00 - 12:10 **SRO: Arts and Civic Engagement**
Frank Barnhart, Board Member, SRO Theatre Company

12:30 - 1:00 **SRO Theatre Company Performance**

SRO is a semi-professional theatre company committed to artistic excellence, wholesome educational and intergenerational family entertainment and community service. The company offers main-stage productions, touring shows and outreach and education programs.

The mission of SRO is to create and enhance positive images of aging that enrich the lives of others and contribute to the richness of the community. To celebrate values, ingenuity, creativity and productivity and dispel myths about aging and to sculpt intergenerational friendship, understanding and compassion in families, communities and cultures.

Located in Columbus, Ohio, SRO was established in 1984, and incorporated as a non-profit 501C3 corporation in 1989. The company has been a pioneer in senior theatre nationally and internationally for 26 years.

Afternoon Information and Statewide Feedback Sessions (Optional)

1:10 - 2:00 **Special Information Sessions on Employment, Lifelong Learning & Volunteerism in Ohio**

Topic One: Special Considerations for 50+ Employment in Ohio
Available in the BWC Main Auditorium & Local Satellite Locations

Topic Two: Special Considerations for Lifelong Learning among Ohio's 50+
Available in Columbus Room 1
Seating is limited to 60

Topic Three: Special Considerations for Volunteerism among Ohio's 50+
Available in Columbus Room 2
Seating is limited to 40

2:00 - 2:35 **Local Breakout Discussions: Local Recommendations for the Civic Engagement Council**

2:40 - 3:30 **Feedback Reports: Suggestions for the Civic Engagement Council from Ohio's Local Communities**

**Civic
Engagement
Council**

Bonnie Kantor-Burman, Director, Ohio Department of Aging (Chair)
 Allison Wallace, Executive Director, Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association
 Amy Brown, Manager of Volunteer Programs, Council for Older Adults of Delaware County
 Andrea Applegate, Workforce Director, Columbus Chamber
 Ann Holaday, Director, College of Lifelong Learning, Sinclair Community College
 Carol Ventresca, Ph.D., Executive Director, Employment for Seniors
 Cheryl Seaton, Director, Mature Worker Program- Urban League of Greater Cincinnati
 Dave Harris, President, Living Through Legacies, Tec4Life
 Delores Lynch, Executive Director, Senior Outreach Services, Inc.
 Duana Patton, Executive Director, Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging
 Harvey Sterns, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, University of Akron
 Janice Aselin, Project Director, AARP Foundation WorkSearch
 Jay A. Morrison, Older Volunteer Advocate, West Side Civitan Club
 Julie Mitchell, Assistant Dean of Special Programs & Continuing Ed., University of Dayton
 Kent Kahn, State Director, Experience Works, Inc.
 Laura Carey-D'Rummo, Administrative Director, Girard Multi-Generational Center
 Laura Koprowski, Director of Public & Government Affairs, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
 Michael Dutle, Director, Coming of Age Greater Cincinnati
 Muriel Williams, Older Worker Advocate
 Nancy Likens, Director, Wadsworth Center for Older Adults
 Pamela Rosado, Outreach Coordinator, Policy Matters Ohio
 Paul Magnus, Vice President- Workforce Development, Mature Services, Inc., Senior Employment Center
 Sally Davies, Director, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
 Sandy Calvert, Aging and Community Needs Advocate
 Stephanie Fallcreek, President/CEO, Fairhill Partners
 Suzanne Burke, CEO, Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio

About ODA

The Ohio Department of Aging is the designated State Unit on Aging, as required by the Federal Older Americans Act. We are a cabinet-level state agency with a director appointed by the governor. We receive and administer funding from a variety of state and federal sources and oversee several programs. ODA's ultimate outcome is to ensure Ohio is on the leading edge of innovation and responsiveness to the growing and changing older population.

To learn more about civic engagement or get involved, contact Tiffany Dixon, Workforce Policy and Program Administrator, at tdixon@age.state.oh.us or (614)728-2042.

SCSEP

A portion of Ohio's Civic Engagement Initiative is supported by the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). SCSEP is a paid job training and work experience program for low-income adults age 55 and older. The Ohio Department of Aging is committed to promoting overall system changes that help recognize SCSEP participants and all older workers as vital members of society who continue to grow, thrive and contribute to Ohio's economy and workforce.

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