



educational service center
of Central Ohio

Multicultural CommUNITY Resource Fair



October 22, 2025

9 AM - 2:30 PM

**The Ohio State Fawcett Center
Columbus, Ohio**



Fawcett Center Cafe-Menu



Breakfast Selections

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Early Morning Breakfast

Breakfast Sandwich \$3.50 or two for \$5

Sausage patty on an English muffin, with American cheese and a fried egg

Cranberry Turkey Breakfast Sandwich \$6.50

Warm Shaved Turkey, with Cranberry Aioli, Bacon, Fried Egg, Provolone on a toasted Croissant

Seasonal Fruit Box \$5

Artisan Bakery

Daily Fresh Baked Goods \$2.75

Lunch Selections

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Cold Options

Traditional Chicken Cobb \$9.25

Diced chicken, bacon, hard-boiled eggs, green onions, tomatoes, Monterey jack cheese, on crisp lettuce

East Asian Salad with Shrimp \$9.25

Crisp lettuce, cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, red onion, peanuts, sweet chili glazed shrimp and toasted sesame dressing

Hot Options

(include Chips, Side Salad, Cucumber Tomato Salad, Cottage Cheese, Apple Sauce, or Fruit)

Cheese Quesadilla \$5.00

With cheddar cheese in a toasted flour tortilla served with a side of ranch, or sour cream

Add grilled OR buffalo chicken \$4.25

The Fawcett Club \$11.75

Sliced turkey, ham, bacon, swiss cheese, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, mayo on toasted wheat bread

BLT Croissant \$7.50

House Baked Croissant stuffed with Applewood smoked Bacon, Crisp Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, and Mayo

Breakfast Burrito \$5

Choice of sausage or bacon, fried egg, a blend of cheeses, sauteed pepper & onions and fresh scallions and served with a side of salsa

Avocado Toast \$5

Whole grain toast with avocado spread, sliced tomatoes, scallions and dusted with Everything bagel seasoning

Oatmeal \$3

Caesar Salad or Wrap \$8.75

Crisp Romain tossed with grilled chicken, parmesan cheese, tomatoes and House-made classic dressing

Waldorf Chicken Salad on Croissant \$9.00

House Baked Croissant stuffed with Classic Chicken Salad, Lettuce, and Tomato

Buffalo Chicken Wrap \$9.25

Chicken tossed with cheddar lettuce and tomato in a wheat tortilla. Served with ranch or sour cream

Italian Sub \$8.75

Sliced salami, ham and pepperoni with provolone, banana peppers, red onion, lettuce, tomatoes on a hoagie roll

Welcome

Welcome to the 3rd Annual Multicultural CommUNITY Resource Fair!

The Educational Service Center of Central Ohio is delighted to welcome you to this year's Multicultural CommUNITY Resource Fair. Today offers an opportunity to make meaningful connections with fellow educators, community partners, and agencies dedicated to supporting students, families, and school staff across our region.

Make the most of the day by engaging with intention. Connect with others, share ideas, and learn alongside a powerful network of passionate professionals and advocates.

This program book is designed to help you navigate the event with ease. Inside, you'll find information and QR codes for all participating community partners and vendors, along with details to support you in exploring the many resources available. A digital version is also available for your convenience.

Together, we are stronger. We deeply appreciate the vital work each of you does to uplift and empower the students, families, and communities of Central Ohio.

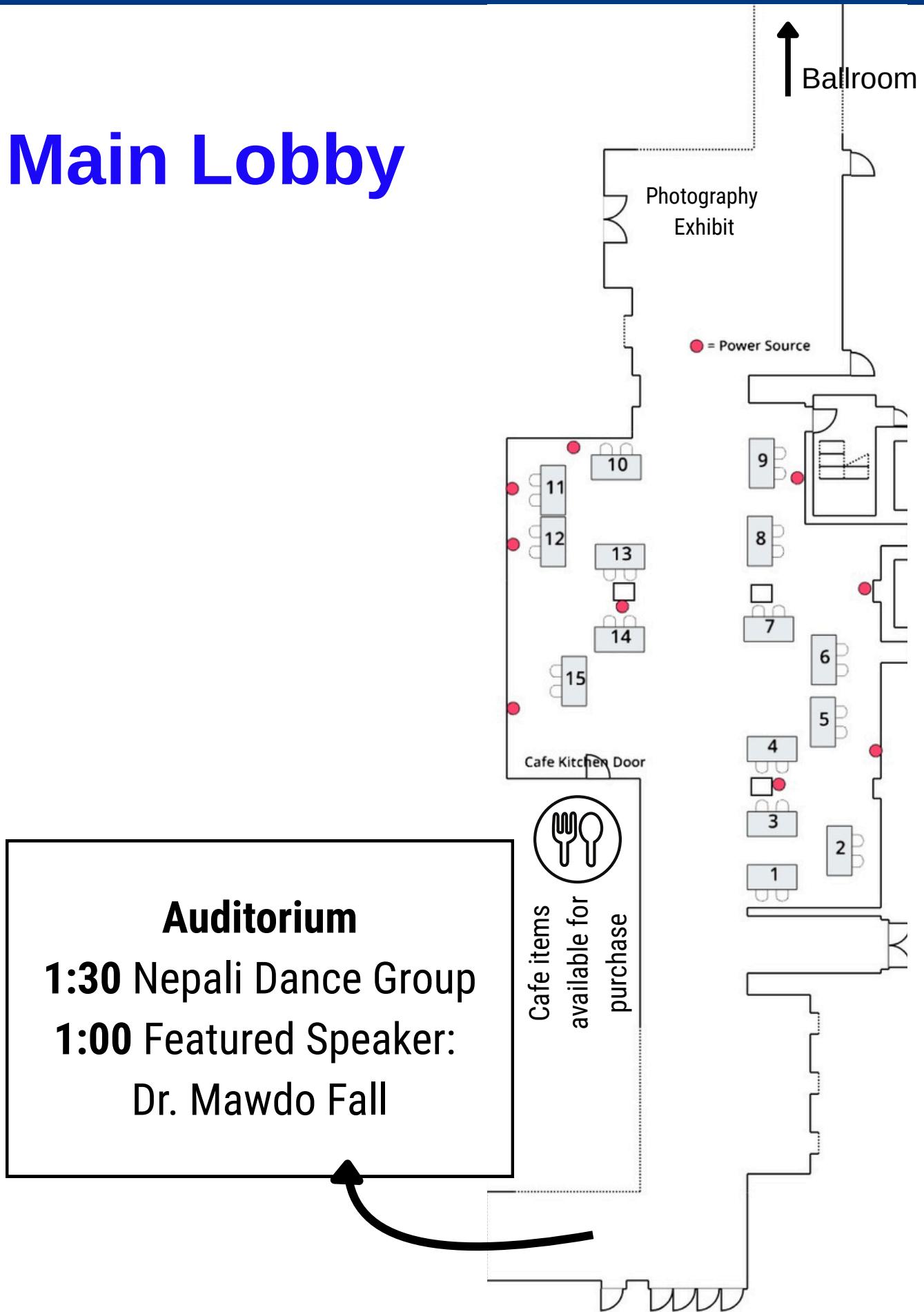
Here's to an inspiring and impactful day!

Elizabeth Curtis, Regional School Improvement Facilitator -
EL/Federal Programs

Tracy Massey, EL Program Administrator

Multicultural CommUNITY Resource Fair Map

Main Lobby



Multicultural CommUNITY

Resource Fair Map

Ballroom

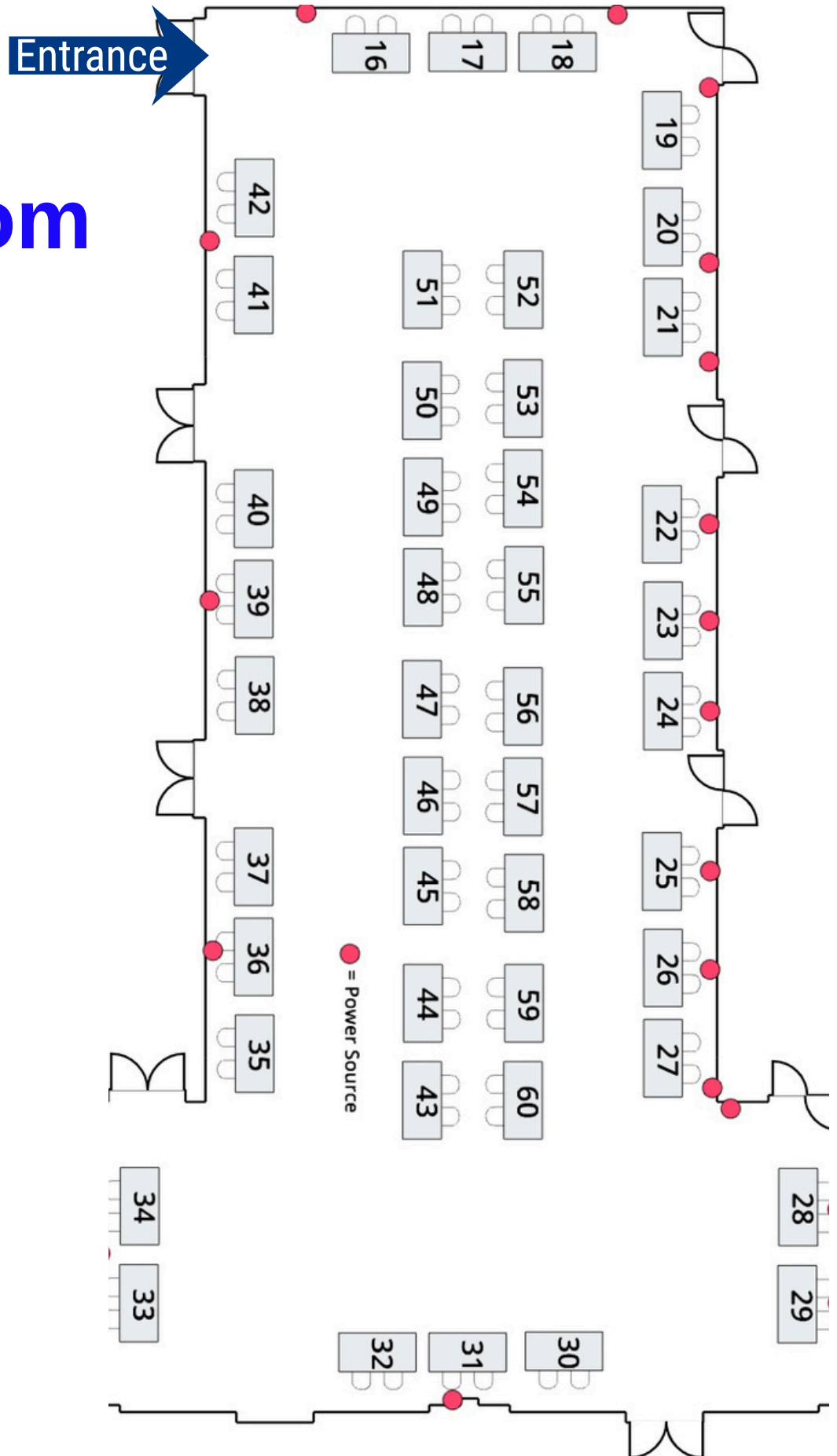


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Table 1



Check-In/ ESC English Learner Services

The ESC offers services to educators who support English Learners (ELs) at all proficiency levels to develop and refine their skills in the English language and succeed academically.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.escco.org/EnglishLearners.aspx>

Contact: Elizabeth Curtis at elizabeth.curtis2@escco.org

Tracy Massey at tracy.massey@escco.org

Table 2



ETSS –Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services

ETSS offers a variety of afterschool youth programs for students K-8, Community Health and Wellness, Family Engagement, and OHIO Kan programs.

Services are grant based and free for clients.

To make a referral or ask questions, email Amanda Lynee, Youth Program and Special Projects Manager.

For more information, go to: <https://ethiotss.org/>

Contact: Lilu Terefe at Lilu.terefe@ethiotss.org or 614-260-0195



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CRIS-Ohio (Community Refugee and Immigration Services)

CRIS is an independent non-profit organization that serves the refugee and immigrant populations in Central Ohio. Among other things, CRIS is a refugee resettlement agency. As an affiliate of Church World Service, they have a cooperative agreement with the Department of State to directly receive and place refugees in our community.

The CRIS staff is as diverse as the populations we serve, consisting of over 100 people from around the world who speak more than two dozen languages.

For more information, go to: <https://www.crisohio.org/>

Contact: Jeremy Hollon at jhollon@cris-ohio.org or 614-273-5618

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Columbus Chamber of Commerce

We are the epicenter of the Columbus Region business community.

It's our job to connect Columbus Chamber members with the resources they need to help their businesses thrive and make our community a better place. We recognize that our members sometimes need help navigating all of our services; we're the savvy, business-minded go-getters that make that happen.

For more information, go to: <https://columbus.org/>

Contact: Kelly Fuller at kellyfuller@columbus.org or 740-412-6686



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Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce is a diverse team of passionate, education-focused professionals responsible for providing the resources and supports essential to raising student achievement and accelerating learning opportunities, advancing the connectivity between K-12 and postsecondary learning, creating programs to support and expand workforce experiences, and ensuring students have the necessary supports to be ready each day to learn.

The Department of Education and Workforce is dedicated to promoting educational excellence and ensuring equal access to learning opportunities for all students. The Department is committed to collaborating with schools, districts, educators, students, families, businesses, nonprofits and all stakeholders to achieve our educational goals.

For more information, go to: <https://education.ohio.gov>

Contact: Paula Mahaley at paula.mahaley@education.ohio.gov or 614-466-0217

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Fugees Family

Fugees Family is a nonprofit organization that partners with local school districts to better serve Multilingual learners and help advance educational justice for refugee and immigrant youth.

For more information, go to: <https://fugeesfamily.org/who-we-are/>

Contact: Mac Cordell at mac@fugeesfamily.org or 614-893-0035

Erika Walker at erika@fugeesfamily.org or 304-546-2376



Table 7



North Community Counseling Centers (NCCC)

North Community Counseling Centers (NCCC) has been providing essential services to the Central Ohio community for over 50 years. NCCC is a nonprofit, mental health agency striving to educate and enrich the lives of the people it serves. With five locations and home- and school-based programs, NCCC is able to reach individuals, couples, and families throughout Franklin County and help them with challenges related to mental health and addiction. In addition to therapy, NCCC offers case management, substance use disorder treatment, and youth and adolescent programming.

For more information, go to: <https://www.northcommunity.com/>

Contact: Stacy Adams at sadams@northcommunity.com or
614-639-0313

Stephanie Jackson at Sjackson@northcommunity.com or
614-512-4022

Table 8



TalkingPoints

TalkingPoints is an education technology nonprofit with a mission to drive student success by using accessible technology to unlock the potential of family engagement in children's education.

Our multilingual technology platform connects and empowers families and teachers by using human and AI-powered, two-way translated communication and personalized content. This unique approach eliminates barriers including language, time, mindsets, and capacity to foster strong family engagement in development of students' academic success.

For more information, go to: <https://talkingpts.org>

Contact: Brett Wheeler at brett@talkingpts.org or 312-354-0649



Table 9



Teacher Created Materials (TCM)

Founded more than 45 years ago, Teacher Created Materials develops curriculum solutions for PreK–12 students, educational trade books for children, and professional development resources. Our products are designed to support life long learners and are created by educators and experts to bolster academic achievements, life skills and build educator capacity.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.teachercreatedmaterials.com/>

Contact: Lindsay Stewart at Lindsay.stewart@tcmpub.com or 937-409-1829

Table 10



TranslateLive LLC

An entirely new approach to communication that combines customizable and private AI with human interpretation and translation. ILA allows for real-time, back-and-forth conversation in multiple languages in a single system.

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

Contact: Becky Copeland at becky.copeland@translatelive.com or 561-352-6531

Table 11



Columbus Literacy Council (CLC) Works

CLC is a dynamic and innovative agency providing services to individuals, families and neighborhoods across Central Ohio. Our mission is to increase employability, enable future education, encourage civic involvement and promote family stability and support. We service community through offering, ESOL classes, Industry recognized credential programs, Workforce Activities, Emergency Rental Assistance, After School and Summer Camp programs, Youth Development programs.

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

Contact: Tatiana Bogdanova at tbogdanova@columbusliteracy.org or 614-531-7114



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Columbus Literacy Council (CLC) The Hive

We're a local non-profit which aims to provide services to individuals, families and neighborhoods. Our mission is to increase employability, enable future education, encourage civic involvement and promote family stability and support.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.clcworks.org/researchatthehive>

Contact: Katy Olesh at kolesh@columbusliteracy.org or 614-400-7789

Table 13



Lead The Way Learning Academy

Lead The Way is a non-profit youth development and youth work readiness agency. We empower youth to take a meaningful place in the 21st Century workplace by providing youth development and youth work readiness programs & activities. We serve youth in grades K-12.

We provide a continuum of youth development services for children.

For more information, go to:

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

Contact: Frederick Lee Jr. at frederick@leadthewaylearningacademy.org or 614-908-5034

Table 14 & 15



Westerville City Schools-Westerville Central High School

Public School District. At Westerville Central, one of our top priorities is culture. A thriving culture doesn't happen by chance—it's the result of intentional, focused leadership and consistent actions. We believe that you don't get the culture you want—you get the culture you lead. What we practice, permit, and promote shapes our environment. That's why every action, every word, and every person matters in building the culture of WCHS.

For more information, go to: <https://wchs.westerville.k12.oh.us/>

Contact: Pablo Chignolli- chignolp@westerville.k12.oh.us



Table 16



Re:Source Cleveland

Re:Source Cleveland empowers resettled families to grow roots, supporting them in becoming engaged, self-sufficient and contributing members of their new communities.

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

Contact: Patrick Kearns at patrick@resourcecleveland.org or 513-410-5194

Table 17



Adult and Community Education (ACE)- Columbus City Schools

Since 1954, Adult & Community Education has been committed to providing programs for lifelong learning. Adults can prepare for an in-demand career by enrolling in our workforce education programs in health occupations and skilled trades. We also provide pathways for adults to earn their high school diploma/equivalency and classes for foreign-born adults to learn to read, write, and speak English.

For more information, go to: <http://www.ccsch.us/ace>

Contact: Lynn Sosh at Lsosh@columbus.k12.oh.us or 380-997-7637

Table 18



Somali Community Association of Ohio

We advocate and promote self-sufficiency for families through employment, education, cultural and social support, and economic empowerment. We serve elders, adults, teens and children at no charge. Special support and attention goes to recent immigrants who seek to create new lives in the United States. Refugees and other immigrant communities settling in central Ohio face challenges. SCAO is committed to providing support in all these areas.

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

Contact: Hassan Omar at hassan.omar@somaliohio.org or 614-778-1583



Table 19



Somali American Museum

The Somali American Museum was established in the summer of 2021 as a permanent institution dedicated to the exhibition and preservation of Somali and Somali-American tangible and intangible cultural heritage.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Somali-American-Museum/100089741598950/#>

Contact Sahra Abdul at Somaliamericanmuseum@gmail.com or 614-556-7020

Table 20



Communities in Schools

Communities In Schools is a national organization that ensures every student, regardless of race, gender, ability, zip code, or socioeconomic background has what they need to realize their full potential in school and beyond.

Communities In Schools works by bringing community resources directly into schools through embedding a trained local coordinator whose sole focus is helping connect students with additional supports to help them learn, advance in grade level and graduate. CIS has provided services to more than 1.8 million young people and their families in 25 states and the District of Columbia by working directly inside 3,270 schools and community sites across the country.

For more information, go to: <https://www.ciskids.org/>

Contact: Adero Robinson at arobinson@ciskids.org or 614-206-7264



Table 21



Godman Guild

A non-profit focused on enhancing social and economic mobility. Providing services for individuals from kindergarten through career through after school programming, summer camps, workforce development, HSE and ESOL.

For more information, go to: <https://www.godmanguild.org/>
Contact: Jala Durant at jala.durant@godmanguild.org or 380-265-1380

Table 22



ESC of Central Ohio Recruitment

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of students? If you answered “yes”, please visit our table to learn more about open positions at the Education Service Center of Central Ohio. We’re hiring for positions across the Central Ohio region. Open positions include teaching assistants and substitute teachers.

The Educational Service Center (ESC) of Central Ohio offers a wide array of customizable services and programs to help meet the changing needs of classrooms throughout Central Ohio and beyond.

For more information, go to: <https://www.escco.org/careers>
Contact: Tamekia Jackson at Tamekia.jackson@escco.org
Talent Recruitment Specialist

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Open Table for Resources



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Educational Service Center of Central Ohio- College and Career Readiness

College and career readiness is a statewide initiative that is essential in preparing all students for success in postsecondary education and careers. The primary purpose is to expose students to future options and provide opportunities for skill development.

All work-based learning experiences involve in person and virtual interactions with industry or community professionals that are linked to school based instruction, which extend and deepen classroom work and to make progress toward learning outcomes that are difficult to achieve through classroom learning alone.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.escco.org/WorkforceReadinessCollaborative.aspx>

Contact: Jama Cobb at jama.cobb@escco.org

Table 25



The Buckeye Ranch - Somali Outreach Program

The Somali Program provides culturally-specific intensive and non-intensive clinical and case management services. Through the use of Somali-speaking case managers, we provide support for Somali youth and families struggling with symptoms related to loss, trauma and resettlement, as well as issues that are common to the process of merging cultures. The outreach component of the program connects Somali families to community resources specific to their needs and provides acculturation services to the Somali community and in Franklin County and service providers with a large Somali clients and patrons.

For more information, go to: <https://www.buckeyeranch.org/our-services/education/somali>

Contact: Nafiso Jamale at njamale@buckeyeranch.org or 614-390-1164



Table Ohio TESOL

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Ohio TESOL is a statewide professional organization dedicated to supporting educators, administrators, and advocates who work with English learners. Through conferences, workshops, networking, and resources, Ohio TESOL promotes research-based practices, professional development, and policies that advance equity and excellence in education for multilingual learners across Ohio.

For more information, go to: <https://ohiotesol.org/web/>
Contact: Rebecca Levitt at ohiotesol@gmail.com or 614-745-9471

Table SJL Educational Consultants

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We provide professional development, coaching and consulting services to educators, school districts, and educational service centers to help them support English learners and other diverse populations. We help build EL programs and conduct needs assessments and program audits.

For more information, go to:
<https://www.sjleducationalconsultants.com>
Contact: Sara Levitt at sjledcon@gmail.com or 614-403-8541

Table The P.E.E.R Center

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The P.E.E.R. Center is a nonprofit peer recovery organization, providing drop-in wellness, recovery, and support services for persons living with mental health, addiction, and trauma concerns. We offer zero cost adult peer recovery support, individual or group, services in two locations in Columbus. We also offer a daily Warm Line for those desiring peer support by phone.

For more information, go to: <https://www.thepeercenter.org>
Contact: Juliet Dorris-Williams at jdorris-williams@thepeercenter.org or 614-453-4826



Table 28 & 29



Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA (HSS)

Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA (HSS or HSS USA) is a 501(c)(3), voluntary, non-profit, social, educational, and cultural organization. Sangh, as the organization is popularly known, aims to coordinate the Hindu American community to practice, preserve, and advance ideals and values of Hindu Dharma. HSS conducts regular values-based education programs for children, youth and adults through more than 242 branches nationwide. We also organize service activities and community outreach projects.

For more information, go to: <https://www.hssus.org/>

Contact: Deep Nema at deep.nema@gmail.com or 614-316-9539

Table 30



TECH CORPS

TECH CORPS is a non-profit that provides free career-connected technology programs to K-12 students across Ohio.

For more information, go to: <https://www.techcorps.org/>

Contact: Jacqueline Fritz at jfritz@techcorps.org or 614-779-3129

Table 31



Vista Higher Learning

Vista Higher Learning's singular focus is developing print and digital solutions that meet the needs of all language learners—those learning a new language, improving a second language, or perfecting their native language.

We are committed to partnering with educators around the world to raise teaching and learning of languages, literacy, and culture to a higher level.

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

Contact: Kristy Nystrom at knystrom@vistahigherlearning.com or 463-268-5707

Table Turkish American Society of Ohio (TASO)

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TASO Columbus is committed to: Introducing Turkish culture and establishing bridges between different cultures, Meeting cultural, educational and social needs of Turkish/Muslim-Americans who live in the State of Ohio, Establishing dialogue among the communities to serve global peace, Creating a welcoming environment for newcomers and helping them to adapt the life in the US.

For more information, go to: <https://tasocolumbus.org/>
Contact: Eslem Kucuker at eslem.kucuker@gmail.com or 586-782-2459

Table Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio (BCCO)

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Our mission is to serve community members -- Bhutanese Community Residing in Central Ohio -- with culturally appropriate social services and empower them through education and advocacy. The Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio (BCCO) is a community-based non-profit organization founded in 2009. It became a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in 2012. The BCCO is dedicated to helping the newly resettled refugee population in Central Ohio. along with those new Bhutanese Americans who have been in the U.S. for several years. We are a vibrant, open, and very diverse community. The BCCO wants to build a relationship with other communities through cultural exchange, language and learning, and through partnership building.

For more information, go to: <https://www.bccoh.org/>
Contact: Bhakta Giri at bgiri@bccoh.org or 614-649-3089



Table **Bhutanese American Chamber of Commerce**

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We work with Bhutanese American Business owners and entrepreneurs to help them understand the system and be a better business owner.



For more information, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Bhutanese-American-Chamber-of-Commerce/100093168196221/>

Contact: Bhuwan Pyakurel at Bhurefame@gmail.com or 720-422-9978

Table **Columbus Futsal**

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Columbus Futsal is a minority-owned sports organization that houses men's and women's semi-professional teams, accredited youth academy, and local leagues right here in Columbus. We reach families all over Central Ohio through fun fan experiences, youth training, competitive events, free play and community clinics.



For more information: <https://www.columbusfutsal.us/>

Contact: Malissa Galiffo Garcia- malissa@columbusfutsal.us or 614-769-1276

Table **Foundation for a Drug-Free World**

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The Foundation for a Drug-Free World is a nonprofit public benefit corporation that empowers youth and adults with factual information about drugs so they can make informed decisions and live drug-free. We provide the facts that empower youth to choose not to take drugs in the first place. Our Truth About Drugs campaign consists of activities that they can join which popularize drug-free living.



Through a worldwide network of volunteers, materials and activities have helped people around the world learn about the destructive side effects of drugs and thereby make the decision for themselves to not use them.

For more information, go to: <https://www.drugfreeworld.org>

Contact: Neal Oxman at neal.oxman@gmail.com or 614-327-4296



Table 37



Dr. Mawdo Fall - Reynoldsburg City Schools

Dr. Mawdo M. Fall—author, educator, and speaker—committed to telling stories and sharing ideas that inspire resilience, growth, and transformation.

His debut novel, Unshattered, introduces readers to a journey of hope and self-discovery in 1990s Senegal. His mission is to create spaces where people can connect, reflect, and reimagine what's possible in their own lives and communities.

For more information, go to: <https://drmawdofall.com>

Contact: Dr. Mawdo Fall at author@drmawdofall.com

Table 38



The Village Network

Mental Health Agency that focuses on behavioral health services as well as OhioRISE. The Village Network continues to develop tools and opportunities to help youth rise above adverse childhood experiences and lead healthy, positive lives.

For more information, go to: <https://thevillagenetwork.org/>

Contact: Travis Porter- tporter@thevillagenetwork.com or 614-893-1705



Table 39



Acoust-A-Fiber, Inc

Acoust-A-Fiber is a growing thermal and acoustical solutions provider for the automotive industry with our corporate office located in Delaware, Ohio. Manufacturing is our core business. Our Niche: we make your car lighter wherever you need it. We are a TS16949 certified company.

We strongly believe that the combination of our people and the practice of our three core values guarantee our success in the future.

1. Get Things Done
2. Treat Others With Respect And Trust
3. Promote a fun, happy workplace

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

Contact: Daniela Villaca at daniela.villaca@mwaaf.com or 614-506-0181

Table 40



XCEPTIONAL Media LLC.

As a social enterprise, XCEPTIONAL Media LLC is committed to empowering and inspiring teenagers, providing them with impactful content via XCEPTIONAL Teen Magazine and through dynamic motivational events. Our mission is to foster a generation of confident, compassionate, and capable young individuals who are equipped to navigate their world, embrace their unique potential, and contribute positively to their communities.

For more information, go to: <https://www.xceptionalmedia.org/>

Contact: Shola Adebuga at XceptionalWoman@gmail.com or 614-782-1011



Table 41



Vineyard Columbus Community Center

We serve our community with a variety of activities; health clinics, after school programs, immigration clinics, food pantry/mobile food pantry and Help Form

For more information, go to: <http://www.vineyardcommunitycenter.org>
Contact: Jerome Smith at jerome.smith@vineyardcolumbus.org or 614-935-1036

Table 42



Vineyard Pickerington

We serve our community with ESL classes.

At Vineyard Columbus – Pickerington Campus we exist to develop multi-ethnic communities of disciples who experience God, love one another and partner with Christ to heal the world. Here you can get connected deeper into relationships through small groups, serve our city through various volunteer opportunities and gather together as a church family on Sunday mornings.

For more information, go to:
<https://www.vineyardcolumbus.org/pickerington>
Contact: Gina Burdett at giburdett62@outlook.com or 843-697-0745

Table Action for Children

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Action for Children is the local childcare resource and referral agency for central Ohio. We serve the greater Columbus area, including Franklin, Delaware, Fairfield, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union counties. We are committed to transforming the lives of children by supporting the adults who support them. We provide programs and services for both Childcare Providers and Families. Our services, aimed at assuring quality early learning experiences for all children, include:

- Free child care referrals and access to community resources for parents and families;
- Parenting education classes, seminars and workshops;
- Training, coaching, and technical assistance for early childhood programs and practitioners;
- Child care resources and data for workforce development, public awareness and advocacy.

For more information, go to: <http://www.actionforchildren.org>
Contact: Keith Wollenberg at kwollenberg@actionforchildren.org or 614-271-3855

Table Rising Youth

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Rising Youth's mission is to strengthen a healthier and safer community for students and families by guiding them through education and leadership while fostering an emotionally supportive environment. We offer mentoring, leadership training, tutoring, and emotional support through comprehensive personal and academic development sessions, with our Adulting programs for youth and Kids for Peace programs for families.

For more information, go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/RisingYouthDSOP/>
<https://domlearningcenter.org/services/>
Contact: Ixalia Ortiz at ixalia.ortiz@oppeace.org 614-603-6744



Table 45



Proyecto Mariposas

Mission: We inspire Latina girls and women to nurture their spirit, raise their voice and invest in their growth by providing opportunities for mentorship, advocacy and belonging that vitalizes themselves, their relationships and their communities.

For more information, go to: <https://proyectomariposas.org/>
Contact: Yahaira Rose at info@proyectomariposas.org or 614-906-4706

Table 46



Immigrant Connections

Immigrant Connections improves the lives of immigrant children and families by helping educators and other professionals better serve this population through training, coaching, and consultative services.

Immigrant Connections envisions a world where educators and other professionals understand the backgrounds, strengths, and needs of the immigrant children and families they are working with and have the information and tools needed to engage and support them as they integrate into their new country.

For more information, go to:
<https://www.immigrantsrefugeesandschools.org/>
Contact: Laura Gardner at
laura@immigrantsrefugeesandschools.org or 202-997-8545



Table 47 **Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence, Inc. (MACC)**



MACC has become the statewide leader for cultural competence training and education in the behavioral health sector, and we have expanded our services into the government, criminal justice, higher education, healthcare, nonprofit, and business sectors in response to demand. We have supported hundreds of organizations through thousands of trainings and hours to empower them to create more culturally competent working environments and offer more equitable service delivery options to their patients, clients, and other stakeholders.

For more information, go to: <https://www.maccinc.net/>
Contact: Kimberli Anding at maccadmin@maccinc.net or 614-221-7841

Table 48 **Tolles Career & Technical Center**



Tolles provides World Class Career Technical Education to high school students in Madison County and surrounding areas. We work in partnership with your high school to enhance your academic education with hands-on instruction that is focused on each individual student's area of interest.

Adult Education: Adult students can expand their career options at Tolles through advanced training that can increase their employability or give them a fresh start on a new career.

For more information, go to: <https://www.tollestech.com/>
Contact: Kevin Prenger at kprenger@tollestech.com or 614-893-2775



Table ESC-Tutor Ohio

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Tutor Ohio kids is a new statewide tutoring program that provides your school with paid and volunteer tutors to give students an academic boost in reading, math, science, or social studies.

For more information go to,
<https://www.esc.co.org/TutorOhioKids.aspx>
Contact Melanie McGue at melanie.mcgue@esc.co.org

Table Columbus State Community College

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Columbus State Community College is a large, open-access public community college located in Columbus, Ohio, serving more than 41,000 students annually. The college offers associate degrees and certificate programs, along with strong transfer pathways to four-year universities. Known for its affordability, diversity, and partnerships with local industries and universities. The college recently launched its first bachelor's degree program, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN-Completion), to help meet the growing demand for highly skilled nurses in Ohio. Columbus State provides high-quality education, workforce training, and support services to help students achieve their academic, career, and personal goals.

For more information, go to: <http://www.csc.edu>
Contact: JoYin Tang at jtang4@csc.edu or 614-287-5374

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Simakovsky Immigration Attorneys

Our professional team is focused on helping with comprehensive immigration services. When you need an immigration lawyer to fight for you, contact our law firm today.



- removal defense
- affirmative asylum applications
- family-based immigration
- DACA applications
- naturalization
- violence against women act
- employment-based immigration
- temporary protected status
- disability waiver

For more information, go to:

<https://www.immigrationattorneycolumbus.com/>

Contact: Inna Simakovsky at service@simakovsyllaw.com or 614-695-4605

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US Together

Our Mission: To coordinate, organize, and initiate services to refugees and immigrants through education, advocacy, support services, information, referrals, and networking opportunities in to strengthen the community that we live in and to promote international understanding through intercultural exchange. US Together, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) mutual assistance agency founded in 2003 as a response to the needs of refugees and immigrants in Ohio. We welcome newcomers from all over the world who are seeking a better life in another country. Services are provided in our Columbus, Cleveland, and Toledo offices.



For more information, go to <https://www.ustogether.us/>

Contact Khaled Abdelbaki at habdelbaki@ustogether.us or 614-809-8337



Table 55



Jewish Family Services

Jewish Family Services offers a unique combination of career development and community services, including counseling and case management.

We serve a diverse client base from both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities and tailor our services to meet the complex needs of the people who come through our doors. We are here for you.

For more information, go to: <https://www.jfscolumbus.org>
Contact: Tariq Mohamed at tmohamed@jfscolumbus.org or 614-286-5344

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The Family Adolescent & Child Community Engagement Services -FACCES

FACCES promotes the wellness of adolescents and children by being a hub that connects the lifestyle essentials contributing to thriving families. Accomplished holistically WITH COMMUNITY through 5 pillars: Food, Physical Health, Mental Wellness, Education, Legacy Development

For more information, go to: <https://thefacces.org/>
Contact: Melissa Johnson at coordinator@thefacces.org or 614-319-6070

Table **Global Health Education and Development**

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At Ghead, we are a nonprofit driven by a mission to empower communities by addressing health and education disparities through service advocacy, engagement, and policy reform, fostering a future where all individuals have equitable access to essential resources and opportunities

Our purpose focuses on health and education development for underserved communities, placing emphasis on health and nutrition awareness, reducing youth risk behaviors, preventing suicide, and building community capacity through empowering training programs. Together, we are committed to creating a world where everyone has access to high-quality health and education services, ensuring a future filled with compassion, understanding, and unity.

For more information, go to: <https://ghead.org/>

Contact: Maryan Dualle at mdualle@ghead.org or 614-591-3571

Table **St. Vincent Family Services**

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SVFS delivers trauma-informed behavioral healthcare for children of all ages and their families across central Ohio. SVFS offers individual and family counseling, day treatment programming, early childhood mental health consultation, community-based support and other behavioral health intervention services.

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

Contact: Sara Russell at srussell@svfc.org or 614-255-5768



Table LifeSmart Education

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We develop life skills educational programs for under-resourced youth that expand their potential, providing them with the tools that encourage their self-confidence and make a positive impact in their communities.

LifeSmart Education is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that enhances the availability of nontraditional educational classes and resources for underserved youth and communities. We help those who need unwavering, positive life management skills. Youth aren't born knowing the life skills that we wish they did; they must be taught and molded into productive members of society.

At LifeSmart Education, we teach youth how to be socially and emotionally successful and enable them to achieve their highest potential as law-abiding global citizens.

For more information, go to: <http://www.lifesmarteducation.org>
Contact: Patricia Demetriou at patriciad@lifesmarteducation.org

Table Aspyr- Healthcare Career Collaborative of Central Ohio

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The Healthcare Career Collaborative is a partnership between five major healthcare organizations in the greater Columbus area that is facilitated by workforce professionals at Aspyr. Our mission is to empower emerging talent to uncover diverse and stable healthcare career paths by offering insights, valuable resources and caring mentorship. Together, we're working across the healthcare ecosystem to build a community dedicated to compassionate and innovative care.

For more information, go to: <https://www.healthcarecareersohio.org/>
Contact: Becca Alexander at balexander@aspyrworkforce.org or 380-900-8977



Auditorium

Nepali Culture Dance Club

We provide life skills and global educational experiences through travel.



For more information, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/p/Nepali-Cultural-Dance-Club-100086119926785/>

Contact: Yogita Khanal at nepaliculturaldancegroup@gmail.com or 614-441-7184

Lobby

Tariq Tarey

Tariq Tarey is a distinguished documentary photographer and filmmaker, celebrated for his deep commitment to storytelling and advocacy through the visual arts. Through his multifaceted work, Tariq continues to make a profound impact, using art and storytelling to bridge communities, preserve memory, and advocate for social justice.



For more information, go to: <https://tariqtarey.com/about>

Contact: Tariq Tarey at tariqtarey@gmail.com



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The Movement to Transform
Children's Mental Health



**NATIONWIDE
CHILDREN'S®**

10 Ways to Combat Bullying

We know bullying can happen anywhere: at school, online or in the community. But to prevent bullying, adults must be proactive in teaching children positive social and emotional skills.



Why School Belonging Matters

At the start of the school year, read and share this article on how educators and families can help kids feel like they belong at school.



Encouraging Student Friendships

Healthy friendships are the key to mental wellness. However, more kids are feeling isolated more than ever. Learn how you can help students build friendships.



Trauma Responsive Care - Impacts and Supports for Immigrants and New American Citizens



November 18, 2025 - 10:00AM to 11:30AM

2 CEUs offered for Ohio Residents

Presented by Amy Harcar, TRCC, RA, CA

This training explores the complex ways trauma affects individuals and communities within Ohio's diverse immigrant and New American populations. Participants will deepen their understanding of trauma and trauma-informed care approaches, learning to recognize the cultural and systemic factors that shape how trauma is experienced and expressed.

Building on foundational trauma-informed principles, the session guides participants toward becoming trauma-responsive—emphasizing practical strategies for creating safety, trust, and empowerment within care settings. Attendees will gain insight into how migration, displacement, acculturation stress, and historical or collective trauma influence behavioral health outcomes and engagement with services.



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Advancing Ohio's English Learners: Federal Requirements



Tasks for Creating, Enhancing, and Sustaining an English Learner Program



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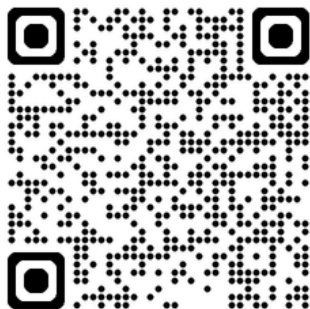
English Learner Resources

The Office of English Language Acquisition Toolkits for: Families, English Learners, and Newcomers



Highest Aspirations Podcast

Hear conversations with experts and thought leaders in the field of multilingual education and find key episode resources and takeaways from our Highest Aspirations podcast.





English Learner Resources

Advancing Ohio's English Learners Roadmap



Literacy



EL Program Basics



Creating Partnerships



STAY *IN THE* GAME!

KEEP LEARNING, EVERY DAY

**I PLEDGE TO STAY IN THE GAME AND
GET TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY, SO I HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE.**

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- Lesson preparation
- interaction
- building background
- practice & application
- comprehensible input
- lesson delivery
- strategies
- review & assessment



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Mar. 12, 2026**

**9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
ESC of Central Ohio**

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Charting the Path: EL Matrix

Using the EL Matrix for Making Informed Decisions

This workshop guides school teams through the powerful English Learner (EL) Matrix, a collaborative tool that helps teams make more informed decisions for struggling EL students.

You'll learn to move beyond basic test scores and analyze critical data—including parent input, academic testing, and observations—to get a deeper understanding of a student's needs. By the end of this workshop, you'll be able to use the EL Matrix to determine if an EL student requires a specific intervention or if a special education referral is a more appropriate path.

This workshop is intended for district and building leadership, EL teachers, school psychologists, and anyone who works with EL students.

The ELL Critical Data Process book and lunch will be provided.

April 14 & 15, 2026

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ESC of Central Ohio

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