



Director's Edge

Perry JFS strives to administer and create programs that strengthen Perry County, one family at a time whether that family consists of a single individual or a multi-generational unit. We want to share the ways we are doing this with you!

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When it Comes to Work, Your Time is Now

If you or someone you know is waiting to get back to work or to get into a better job, I have a message for you: Your time is now.

There is a new equilibrium in place between labor demand and supply, and while it is much more favorable for workers than it has been for a generation, it won't last forever.

If you want a job, or you want more hours, more pay, better benefits, more flexibility or more career growth potential, your time is



now. Employers are going further than ever in meeting new expectations of workers for their jobs, working conditions and compensation.

Call us. Our OhioMeansJobs Center is your partner in finding a new job or getting the training needed for a better one. We know the best job opportunities for Perry County people, we can help you apply for these jobs and we can support you in growing in your new work or career. You can reach us at (740) 721-0674 or perryss@jfs.ohio.gov.

We know you may be challenged by barriers in returning to work, but it is our business to help you overcome them.

If you lack the skills or training, we can help you acquire them. You can be eligible for up to \$20,000 in job training courses or college learning support, depending on your situation. Don't leave this investment in your future on the table! It is our business to connect you to this funding.

If the job you want starts off at lower wages, but it offers good salary growth over time, you could get from OhioMeansJobs a return-to-work incentive. Our return-to-work incentive pays you up to \$3,000 over 18 months of new or current employment if you are working over 32 hours a week.

Your dream job might be in Licking County or somewhere else that's a good drive away. Until your paychecks start coming and you can rebuild your bank account, you can take advantage of up to \$800 in gas vouchers to cover the cost of getting to work over your first four months on the job.

If you were to take advantage of both programs now, they'll help you get back to work by adding up to another \$2.25 an hour to the pay of your new job.

But you can look to us for more than just pay. Our OhioMeansJobs Center has countless tools and services to help you find the job you want. All the services provided are free and without obligation. Your Perry County OhioMeansJobs team helps provide everything a job seeker needs to be successful in their job search beginning with resume building, through completing applications (especially those online ones), high speed internet, and even copy and fax machines.

Your biggest advantage in making this moment to be your time to return to work is your Perry County OhioMeansJobs team. Our Perry County people, working right from our Center in New Lexington, have ready for you the counseling, support and guidance you can trust and depend on. It might be our own Lisa, one of our career specialists whose readiness to help you get back to work is spotlighted below.

Your time is now to get back to work, and your OhioMeansJobs team is ready to help you. Act now by calling us at (740) 721-0674, emailing us perryss@jfs.ohio.gov or dropping in at our Center at our Perry County Home Farm campus building just across from the county fairgrounds.

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Service Spotlight: Lisa Eing, Community Outreach Specialist



This week we are spotlighting Lisa Eing who has been working for Perry County Job and Family Services (PCJFS) helping Perry County families maximize their resources and create opportunities for great careers over the past four years.

A little about Lisa: she earned her bachelor's degree from Muskingum University and has experience working in the schools, recovery agencies, and now, we're lucky to have her here at PCJFS.

Lisa is our community outreach specialist, and you can see her and our Mobile Service Unit in town squares, shopping areas and job sites across the county. Whenever you come across her meeting with people, feel free to stop and talk to Lisa about all of the many tools and services we have at PCJFS and OhioMeansJobs.

She'll be ready to work with you. "I truly do find enjoyment in being able to help people in the community to find a new job, get into a better career or getting ends to meet," says Lisa.