

Weekly Column – Norwalk Reflector

OhioMeansjobs.com, also known as OMJ, was implemented in late October 2008 replacing the SCOTI system for self-service job matching. OMJ, created by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, is built on Monster.com and Indeed.com and expands job search capability for job seekers and widens resume search capacity for employers. The new site offers many more services than SCOTI. The One-Stop staff and partners have adopted the new system and gain proficiency daily.

Ohio resumes posted on OMJ since October has reached 64,000. Employers have free access to search 8 million resumes nationwide.

The mission of OhioMeansJobs.com is to provide all Ohioans with the ability to locate jobs throughout the state and to aid employers in finding qualified employees.

The search capabilities of OMJ have made job searching by job seekers much more efficient. A job seeker can search the OMJ job listing by zip code and set the distance he or she is willing to travel. A search can also be defined by how recently the job has been posted. With the assistance of one-stop staff, a job seeker can job search using a standardized occupation code or by key word. In the same respect, an employer can search the resumes on OMJ by key word and/or most recently posted or by location.

When a job seeker does a search on OMJ they have access to more than 8,000 job boards and employer websites across the State of Ohio. Each job listing is dated so someone searching knows how long the job has been posted. A job seeker not only has the ability to post his or her resume but can update it easily.

Employers can cut hiring costs because OMJ gives Ohio companies the ability to search millions of resumes quickly and free of charge. Employers using OMJ have access to more than 8 million resumes of those seeking employment in Ohio. If a statewide search does not locate a viable candidate, an employer, with the assistance of a One-Stop Business Service Representative, can search Monster.com nationwide for the specific skills, experience, and background required.

Resumes: An Ohio employer can search millions of resumes for FREE utilizing our private partnership with Monster as the data bank provider. As a job seeker, this is one place to make sure you post your resume for Ohio employers to find you for the next career opportunity.

Job Opportunities: Post your job and have it published for FREE on hundreds of other job boards and request assistance for screening, referral and other services from Workforce Professionals all over the state. If you are looking for a job opportunity, the site pulls from over 8,000 job boards and employer websites, making this the one place to search for jobs in Ohio.

Events: Looking for training workshops to enhance your skills or trying to broaden your outreach opportunities? Or looking for job fair opportunities to showcase your talents with many Ohio employers at one time or trying to attract many job seekers to an even to discuss career opportunities? Need a resume builder? Looking for labor market and career information? Post and search them in your local area for FREE by utilizing the other resources available on OhioMeansJobs.com.

Contacts for assistance with OhioMeansJobs.com starts at The Job Store, co-located in the Huron County Department of Job & Family Services – Entrance D, 185 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk, Ohio. Hours of operation for help desk assistance are from 8:00am to 5:00pm EST, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays: 1-888-296-7541 (select option #2) follow the menu, or email OMJ-help-desk@jfs.ohio.gov. Employers can contact the local Business Service Representative, Ohio Department of Development, Workforce and Talent Division, Larry Corn, at 419-522-2296 or Larry.Corn@development.ohio.gov for assistance or on-site visits.