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Now Hiring – Fairfield County Businesses Seek Employees - While Fairfield County’s unemployment rate continues to decline each month, it is still higher than last year yet there are many local jobs available. In fact, there are currently 1,444 jobs postings within 10 miles of Lancaster posted on OhioMeansJobs.com.

Fairfield County’s OhioMeansJobs Center reopened in May to assist individuals with finding new employment. The Center has resources to connect job seekers with employers, assist with retraining individuals for new careers, and provide job search and basic skills training.

Fairfield County’s unemployment rate has dropped to 4.3% in October. This has declined from a high of 14.0% in April, but there are still an estimated 3,300 individuals in the county that are unemployed. The OhioMeansJobs Center wants to help these individuals find a job and assist local businesses with filling their open positions.

“It’s a dynamic we haven’t seen before,” said Corey Clark, Chief Deputy Director of Workforce Development. “We have high unemployment, yet many jobs are open. The pandemic has contributed to this situation, but we want people to know that there are good paying jobs out there right now for which people can apply.”

Clark said that traffic coming into the Center is much lower than pre-pandemic levels even though the Center fields calls from local employers that have been unsuccessful in filling all their job openings. The Oneida Group (Anchor Hocking), one of the county’s top employers, is one of those businesses. They have more than 100 jobs available starting at \$16.06 per hour plus shift differentials.

“Business has picked up, but we’re struggling finding people to fill these jobs,” said Sean Hussey, Associate Director, Human Resources. “Anchor Hocking is a great place to work. We hire various skill levels, and it’s a great place to start your career. You can find the job postings at www.anchorhocking.com/careers.”

To assist in filling those positions, the Fairfield County’s OhioMeansJobs Center is hosting a hiring event for Anchor Hocking on Wednesday, December 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fairfield County Workforce Center, 4465 Coonpath Rd. NW, 43112.

Manufacturing jobs continue to be in high demand much like they were before the pandemic. SRI Ohio, Delta H, RR Donnelley, Nifco, and Treehouse Foods are other local manufacturers that are currently hiring.

For a list of job openings, please visit www.OhioMeansJobs.com. For information about training and other opportunities available at the OhioMeansJobs Center, contact Jodi Smith at 740-652-7757.

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