



3rd Annual Ohio Urban Resources System Conference ***Let's Get Back to Work***

October 24-26, 2018

Renaissance Toledo Downtown | 444 N. Summit Street | Toledo, OH 43604

The Ohio Urban Resources System (O.U.R.S.) is a statewide network comprised of ten Community Action Agencies in Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Erie-Huron-Richland, Lorain, Youngstown, Toledo and Trumbull. O.U.R.S seeks to strengthen the social and economic security of families and their communities as a recognized leading resource for breaking the poverty cycle in Ohio.

According to the BLS current population survey (CPS), the unemployment rate for Ohio fell 0.1 percentage points in March 2018 to 4.4%. The state unemployment rate was 0.3 percentage points higher than the national rate for the month. The jobless rate inched down despite Ohio losing jobs because the unemployment rate and increase or decrease in jobs are based on different measures.

While Ohio's rural and urban communities share roller coaster statistics, research by Policy Matters Ohio uncovered many urban counties still show unique challenges in areas of broken union structures, race disparities, unemployment compensation and quality job training to name a few.

The 3rd Annual Ohio Urban Resources System Conference, ***“Let's Get Back to Work”*** will focus on ready-to-work strategies by matching skilled workers with career employment and eliminating workforce barriers in Ohio's urban communities. Workshop presenters will provide strategies and tools required to place individuals and families in employment that provides livable wages, creating cradle to career pathways and diversifying the work pool with innovative entrepreneurial and social enterprise ventures.

Who Should Attend:

The conference will benefit attendees from community action agencies, non-profit and for-profit sectors:

- Urban Community Action Agencies
- Government/Public Policy
- Education
- Workforce Development
- Social Justice
- Academia
- Social Work
- Employers with job vacancies
- Community partners

Conference details:

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Conference registration deadline: October 12, 2018 [Click here.](#)

Room reservation deadline: September 24, 2018 at: [Book your group rate for Ohio Urban Resources System 3rd Annual Conference](#)

Keynote Speaker:

Joe Jones, Founder/CEO of the *Center for Urban Families (CFUF)*, a Baltimore, Maryland nonprofit service organization established to empower low-income families by enhancing both the ability of women and men to contribute to their families as wage earners and of men to fulfill their roles as fathers. Prior to founding CFUF, Mr. Jones developed and directed the Men's Services program for the federally funded Baltimore Healthy Start initiative and replicated the Baltimore affiliate of the nationally recognized STRIVE employment services program. His ability to engage and provide hands-on services to fathers garnered him the reputation of trailblazer in the field.

Mr. Jones is now a national leader in workforce development, fatherhood and family services programming, and through his professional and civic involvement influences policy direction nationwide. Mr. Jones has received numerous awards and honors for his leadership and programming including the Johns Hopkins University Leadership Development Program's Distinguished Leadership Award, an honorary Doctorate in Public Service from Morgan State University, the Walter Sondheim Public Service Award, the White House Champion of Change and was a 2013 CNN Hero.

Mr. Jones is a Weinberg Fellow and a graduate of the University of Maryland Baltimore County. He is happily married and has three children. Follow him on Twitter @Joe_dad_Joe



Registration Cost:

O.U.R.S. Members – member discount applied at registration

Non-O.U.R.S. Members - \$175.00

Payments accepted by checks, money orders and/or PayPal (kmcclure@cincy-caa.org).

Send payments to:

Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency

c/o Ohio Urban Resources System

1740 Langdon Farm Road

Cincinnati, OH 45237

Workshop RFP:

We seek workshop submissions in two categories – 1) workforce development under the conference theme and/or 2) strengthen the social and economic security of families in urban communities. If you'd like to submit a workshop proposal, please contact freemanfocus2016@gmail.com with any questions or concerns. Workshop proposals should cover the following areas but not limited to:

- Managing multiple generations in the workplace
- Advocacy 101: Engaging with Legislators
- Best practices in hiring and firing employees
- Succession planning and preparing emerging leaders
- Creating and maintain coping skills for human service professionals
- Incorporating hard to employ and vulnerable populations in the workforce
- Threats of implicit bias and systemic racism in social services
- Identify best practices for implementing cultural competence within agencies and improving workplace culture
- Best practices for engaging with corporate and for-profit employers
- Fair housing and equity in urban communities
- Addressing employment barriers for transitional-aged youth
- Voters rights and registration for disenfranchised communities
- Dislocated workers and the recalibrating professionals
- Protecting Ohio's children through childcare, healthcare and education
- Identifying corporate and for-profit employers who are committed to hiring and training workers of diversity and inclusion

Presenter Summary:

1. Presenter name(s), title(s) and organization(s):

2. Brief biography of presenter(s):

3. Title of workshop:

4. Please provide any additional information about your intended audience. Please be sure to include details about the level of proficiency of your audience (i.e. beginner, intermediate, advanced):

5. Brief description of your workshop as it will appear in the conference program (200 characters or less):

6. Please list 2-3 workshop objectives:

7. Technical support needed:

- Flip Chart/ Markers
- Screen & projector
- Other (please specify):

8. Phone Number:

9. Email Address:

10. Please attach downloadable headshot(s):

Vendor Summary:

The Annual Conference is structured as a 2.5 days event that features a 2-days vendor hall on **October 24-25, 2018**. During this time, vendor companies can set up exhibit tables to feature brands and sell their products. Conference attendees can visit vendor tables from 10:00 AM through 5:00 PM.

Dates: October 24th, October 25th or October 24-25th

Time: 10:00AM – 5:00AM

Location: Renaissance Toledo Downtown

Rates:

- \$145: Non-profit Vendor
- \$200: For-profit Vendor

Inclusions for Vendors:

- Attendance for up to 2 people on Wednesday, October 24, 2018.
- One 6-foot table with 1-2 chairs
- Lunch provided for up to 2 people on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 (O.U.R.S. will not be selling additional lunches)
- Ability to reserve a room at Renaissance Toledo Downtown with the O.U.R.S. discounted room rate
- Booth electricity provided upon request
- A time of networking will all take place in the vendor area, as well as, during the conference reception on Wednesday, October 24, 2018.

Table Information

The vendor hall is from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Each vendor will be provided a 6-foot skirted table and one to two chairs (depending how many are needed), located in the main conference area. In addition to any products for sale, please feel free to display any company branding materials (including table top signs, table cloths, runners, etc.).

Table Set-Up

Your table will be available for set up in the main ballroom on Wednesday, October 24 from 10:00AM to 5:00PM and again on Thursday, October 25, same time.

Vendor Rules

- Participants must register as a vendor prior to the conference. If two people will be working a vendor booth, both names must be submitted for registration.
- Vendor registration must be paid for prior to the conference.
- Vendors will be assigned their booth space prior to the conference.
- Vendors must check-in with the registration desk on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning.
- No more than 2 representatives per company will be allowed unless additional registrations are purchased (standard conference rates apply).
- O.U.R.S. will not be responsible for items shipped to the hotel. Vendors are encouraged to make special arrangements for packages and materials.
- O.U.R.S. will not be responsible for any items or products that are left unattended.

1. Name of company/organization and representative(s):

2. Brief description of company/organization:

**3. Please provide any additional information about your intended audience.
Please be sure to include details about special products, discounts, etc.**

4. Check prefer day(s):

- October 24, 2018
- October 25, 2018
- October 24 & 25, 2018

5. Phone Number:

6. Email Address:

7. Please attach downloadable company/organization logo: