

WHAT MATTERS

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

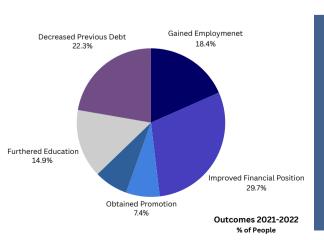


Staff Spotlight

We are excited to welcome **Sherry Jones** to the team! She is our new Community Resource Navigator (CRN). The goal of this position is to assist individuals and families by connecting with vital services and resources in our community. The CRN will serve as a valuable link between our organization and the community we serve by identifying resources, building relationships, and sharing resources to help individuals & families overcome challenges and barriers they may face accessing resources in the community.

Some may think the saying, "you sit at decision-making tables is just a spill to be used in conversation to get you in the class" but I sit at some of those tables making decisions impacting the lives of others daily. I'm grateful to everyone who has supported or continues to support my journey, thank you all!





Getting Ahead Grad Story

"I CAME IN NEGATIVE AND NOW I'M LEAVING WITH A NEW OUTLOOK ON LIFE." - REGINA, GETTING AHEAD 2023 GRADUATE

On Regina's first day of class, she admitted she wasn't sure why she was there or if this class would make her life better. However, Since graduation in December, Regina has obtained two jobs, one of them at an ERN business, improved her housing situation, opened a bank account and started saving money for a car and her own home!



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Dostal & Kirk is an independent insurance and financial services agency with office locations in Marion, Bucyrus, Galion and Powell. We prepare and protect our clients throughout life's milestones by providing insurance and financial service solutions! A vital part of our mission is to make a positive impact on the lives of our clients and communities we serve.

To help facilitate this, our agency makes numerous monetary donations to support nonprofit organizations that are key to the success of our communities. We are a proud supporter of Marion Matters and the positive impact they have on their participants in maximizing their potential. Healthy, happy, and successful community members are what shape the community as a whole; we are thankful to have Marion Matters in Marion to aid in that effort!

FUNDING PARTNERS

Thank you to all our funding partners! We cannot do the work without your continued support. Marion Community Foundation United Way of North Central Ohio Ohio Health Pillar Credit Union

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NORTH CENTRAL CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX

The North Central Correctional Complex (NCCC) is a minimumand medium-security prison for men in Marion, Ohio. The facility is overseen by Warden Tom Watson and Deputy Warden James Craig. The prison opened their doors in 1994 and has a working population of 2,893 state inmates. The state owns the facility and has been managed by Management & Training Corporation since the end of 2011.

NCCC is a great community partner and in 2022 started collaborating with Marion Matters, Inc to provide the Employer Resource Network to their employees. This program helps aide with employee retention efforts.

"The ERN has fit perfectly as part of a formula for success that involves not only fiscal capital, but human capital. When we introduced the ERN to our employees, it came on the heels of a significant pay raise, Then came the ERN and staff, while hesitant at first, appreciated the investment. The number of contacts/services has risen steadily. Our success coach has done a great job of engaging with our staff and he has held up his end of things with regard to follow through and confidentiality." – Deputy Wardon James Craig



Community Calendar

<u>Money Matters</u> <u>Financial Wellness</u> 9:30 - 3:30 (Lunch Provided) April 10 ● May 8 ● June 12

Getting Ahead Fall Session

Classes Start Tuesday, September 10

<u>Upcoming Fundraisers</u> April Mailer August Online Giving

Website Link to Events