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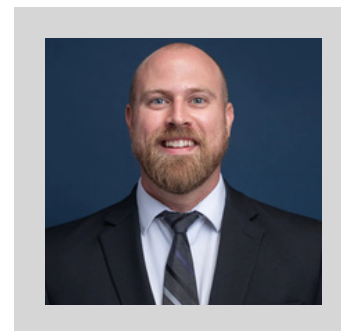
TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Board Member Spotlight

Ben Albright- Treasurer

I am a commercial lender with Park National Bank. As a 4th generation Marionite, I am passionate about anything and everything that benefits my hometown community. In my career as a commercial lender, I am able to help Marion area businesses with financial requests through the startup phase all the way through growth and expansion. As well as with my profession, I take great pride in serving the Marion community as the treasurer for Marion Matters. I also serve as a board member for the River Valley Board of Education, the Marion Family YMCA, The Boys and Girls Club of Marion, as Vice President of Inspire Marion, and as a board member for the Marion County Historical Society and with the Marion Area Chamber of Commerce as an ambassador and a current board member, as well as a 2023 graduate of the chambers Leadership Marion! program. In my personal life, I enjoy spending time with my wife Kai, who is a Marion County deputy sheriff, and my three wonderful children: Gabe who is 14, Connor who is 11, and Parker who is 3.

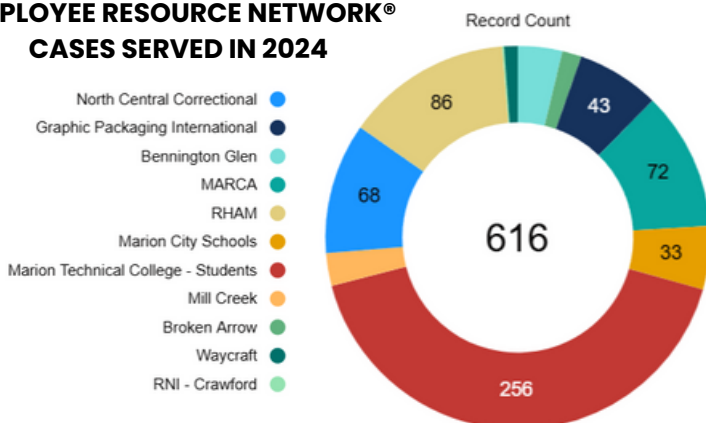


Getting Ahead Graduate Success Story

Michael H. is in an exciting and transformative phase of his life! Balancing education, career goals, and personal growth shows his ambition and drive. His focus on expanding his social capital and mentoring others speaks volumes about his leadership potential and desire to help others succeed. He does all this while stepping outside his comfort zone and it shows a commitment to his personal development.

The goal of launching his own photography business in the next 3-5 years is an exciting long-term vision! His love for photography combined with his mindset for growth will make him really successful. Plus, the idea of exploring the world shows he's open to new experiences and perspectives, which is key for both personal and professional growth. We are excited to follow Michael as he uses his tools from Getting Ahead.

EMPLOYEE RESOURCE NETWORK® CASES SERVED IN 2024



FUNDING PARTNER PILLAR CREDIT UNION

Pillar Credit Union is proud to announce that our credit card partner, Elan Credit Card, has awarded a \$10,000 donation to Marion Matters. Pillar Credit Union had the opportunity to designate a local nonprofit to receive this generous contribution, and Marion Matters was a clear choice for its dedication to strengthening the community through vital resources and opportunities.

"At Pillar Credit Union, we are deeply invested in the well-being and success of our community," said Christine Gibson, CEO of Pillar Credit Union. "We believe in supporting organizations that make a lasting impact, and Marion Matters is doing just that by equipping individuals with the tools they need to achieve financial stability and career success. We are grateful to Elan Credit Card for their commitment to local giving and for helping us make a difference."



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Marion Community Foundation

Marion County Job & Family Services

United Way of North Central Ohio

Ohio Health

EMPLOYER RESOURCE NETWORK® BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

ALCOHOL, DRUG, AND MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (ADAMH)

Marion Matters was approached by the ADAMH board to begin implementing the ERN model at three of their partner facilities to serve individuals receiving services at those locations. Our success coaches will be investing time in each facility twice a week, connecting those individuals to an array of resources to assist with stabilization. We are excited for this opportunity of collaboration!

"I feel that the partnership between the ERN and ADAMH-contracted providers has and will continue to benefit those individuals receiving critical services to treat their mental illness or substance use disorder. The success coaches help our service recipients build additional skills that can help them not only obtain employment but also advance their recovery journey. I also think the coaches expand the reach of clinical teams by giving service recipients another support person."

-Brad DeCamp
Executive Director, Crawford-Marion ADAMH Board

Community Calendar

New Class Starting

Getting Ahead Class

March 4th

Money Matters Financial Wellness

9:30 - 3:30 (Lunch Provided)

March 12th or April 9th

Bridges out of Poverty Training

April 24, 8:30-3:30pm

For more information or to register, Click [here!](#)

Visit our website for more events!