



State Representative, Mobile Technology Labs Flock to Columbus for 9th Annual Community Technology Conference

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In addition, two mobile technology units, provided by both the Akron Urban League and the Columbus Metropolitan Area Community Action Organization (CMACAO), will be showcased outside the St. John's Learning Center throughout the duration of the conference. These revolutionary tech labs utilize wireless Internet technology in order to deliver technology access and training right to the doorstep of communities in need. These labs will also be open to attendees of the conference and used as classroom space for several of the conference workshops.

Ohio State Representative Jon Peterson (R) of Delaware will be in attendance during the afternoon lunch to speak about recently introduced state legislation to establish an Ohio Community Technology Center Fund. Community Technology Centers (CTCs), located in places such as schools, libraries and community action organizations, have been providing technology training to those Ohioans who traditionally did not have access (i.e. low-income, senior, disabled or rural citizens) for more than a decade, and this legislation marks the first attempt to acknowledge the services these centers have provided the Ohio public.

"This initiative is based upon a need to provide equal opportunity for individuals who want to share in Ohio's bright future and is consistent with the economic development objectives of the administration and legislature," Peterson stated.

Conference facilitator, The Ohio Community Computing Network (OCCN), a statewide alliance of Community Technology Centers (CTCs), has been organizing The Ohio Community Technology Conference for the past nine years and has witnessed a developing interest and growth in the movement to provide up-to-date access to computers and information technology.

Angela Stuber, OCCN Executive Director, stated, "The increasing popularity of presenting at and attending the Ohio Community Technology Conference reflects the growing interest in providing an underserved population access to technology. Each year, we see new faces, people and organizations who recognized the technology disparity in their own communities and searched out OCCN for assistance."

This year's conference will feature 16 sessions including CTC staffing, Assistive Technology, Online Distance Learning, Audio/Video Multimedia, Fundraising, and more from 20 respected community



organizations such as the Ohio Learning Network, The Ohio Department of Education, The Cleveland Housing Network and Community Technology CentersÂ Network (CTCNet).

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