

**ESC OF NORTHEAST OHIO BUSINESS ADVISORY
(BAC) COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021
9:00-10:30 A.M. - VIRTUAL MEETING**

Developmental Disabilities and Employability Skills and Opportunities

Learn about the organizations in our region that facilitate and provide job training and community-based programs for individuals with disabilities, at-risk youth, students in transition, and individuals facing challenges to finding employment. Youth in transition are provided opportunities to experience different jobs, refine skills, and adjust activities and training for various work environments. Successful transition may lead to long term employment that supports employer goals and staffing needs. Organizations such as Goodwill Akron and Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities assist individuals toward employment success.



Our Guest Presenters

Jack Friend

**Business Relations Manager
Goodwill Industries of Akron**

Jack Friend has worked with Goodwill of Akron for 20 years in workforce development and talent acquisition.

He is responsible for staffing 15 retail stores, eCommerce, warehouse, assembly, industrial sewing and professional corporate roles. He works with adults and dislocated workers to help them prepare for, find, and retain employment in a 5-county area.

Tiffany Jones

**Community Employment Coordinator
Portage County Board of
Developmental Disabilities**

Tiffany Jones, has worked in the Developmental Disabilities field since 1999. Currently, she focuses her attention on community employment. Previously, she worked in residential services for many years and then spent 11 years as a supervisor for Leeda Northeast, running their Day Program. She is passionate about community inclusion and helping individuals she serves to live their best lives.

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