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## Business Community

### [Lake County Development Council](#)

The Lake County Development Council works to enhance the quality of life in Lake County across diverse sectors. The Council provides a forum for the interchange of ideas on county issues to develop long- and short-term solutions to issues facing the county. The Council keeps the community apprised of these issues, and brings together the appropriate people and organizations to address them.

### [Alliance for Working Together](#)

The Alliance for Working Together was started to address issues, challenges and best practices related to the manufacturing industry in Lake County. Recognizing the development of a skilled workforce as one of the most important issues, AWT decided to work to develop a degree program that would meet the needs of the manufacturers and partnered with Lakeland Community College to develop an Associate of Applied Science degree in Manufacturing. Students not only learn the skills necessary to succeed in a manufacturing career, but they also have the opportunity to build relationships with AWT member companies to apply their knowledge in a practical setting.

### [Lakestart](#)

Lakestart is a non-profit organization committed to providing Lake County and Northeast Ohio with a conduit for ideas and economic development to connect. Formally called the Raymond C. Kralovic Center for Entrepreneurship, the goal is to keep a local, transparent, and realistic approach to opportunities through the utilization of voluntary mentors and board members who collectively have had significant local and regional impact through entrepreneurship.