

Southeast Working-Class Task Force August/September 2018 Newsletter

Poverty in Dayton, OH

Americans Want to Believe Jobs Are the Solution to Poverty. They're Not.

SOURCE River West Entrepreneurship Center's Kauffman Business Ownership Classes

This issue of the Southeast Working-Class Force Newsletter covers the 3 above topics.

Currently, Public Broadcasting System (PBS Channel 20) program called FRONTLINE has produced a series on poverty titled "Left Behind in America." <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/left-behind-america/>

Covering Dayton, Ohio, intimate stories of this Rust Belt city's struggle to recover in the post-recession economy, FRONTLINE and ProPublica reports on the economic and social forces shaping Dayton, a once-booming city where nearly 35% of people now live in poverty. The various programs cover:

How Struggling Dayton, Ohio Reveals the Chasm among American Cities

The plight of small and mid-sized post-industrial cities like Dayton is hardly new, but it's gotten obscured in recent years.

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/how-struggling-dayton-ohio-reveals-the-chasm-among-american-cities/>

How Rust Belt cities can save themselves

A century ago, the city of Dayton, Ohio was a center of industry and innovation that supported a prosperous middle class. But a series of factors, including the decline of manufacturing and outsourcing of jobs led Dayton into a downturn even before the Great Recession hit in 2008.

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/ga-how-rust-belt-cities-can-save-themselves/>

"We Have Families Watering Down Soup": Inside One City America Has Left Behind

What happens when a boomtown goes bust? Companies bolt and people with them, leaving behind rising poverty and food insecurity — even for those that have jobs.

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/we-have-families-watering-down-soup-inside-one-city-america-has-left-behind/>

Also recently published article on poverty was featured in this *New York* story:

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U.S. unemployment is down and jobs are going unfilled. But for people without much education, the real question is: Do those jobs pay enough to live on?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/11/magazine/americans-jobs-poverty-homeless.html>

The SOURCE River West Entrepreneurship Center's Kauffman Business Ownership Classes

The series provides the business education and foundation needed for a business owner to be successful. Ideal if you are looking to move your business idea forward, this multi-week course provides a proven framework to help support you as an aspiring entrepreneur. It is also a great opportunity if you are a seasoned business owner looking to brush up on your business basics and address scaling your business.

This 10-week series meets on Thursdays from October 4 – December 13 and concludes with a Pitch Fest where participants have an opportunity to introduce their concept. Class sessions are on consecutive Thursday evenings from 6p to 9p at SOURCE RW located at 2230 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis (no class on November 22). Enrollment is only \$149 through the generosity of the JPMorgan Chase Foundation (customarily \$500). If you would like more information, call at (317) 737-2155.

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The task force meets the 3rd Wed. of the month at 6:30 on the 2nd floor at 901 Shelby St.