

Small Business Resource Guide for Morgan County, Ohio



**Small Business
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INTRODUCTION

Regulations governed by the enclosed agencies change frequently. For further assistance, please contact:

The Ohio Small Business Development Center at Marietta

**308 Front Street
Marietta, OH 45750
740-373-5150
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The Small Business Resource Guide was developed by the Ohio Small Business Development Center at Marietta to assist Morgan County residents who have an interest in starting or expanding a small business. While it is nearly impossible to document every resource needed for business start-up or expansion, the following pages include a basic listing that may be of help to you as you embark on your new adventure.

Many of the resources in this guide will assist you in developing a realistic plan prior to entering into business. Take the time to contact these sources of assistance and draw from their skills and knowledge to complement and strengthen your chances of business success.

The guide includes a representative cross-section of what is available. If the particular resource you contact cannot assist you personally with your need, they usually can refer you to someone who can.

This county has a vast and diversified group of professionals who can provide invaluable information regarding the initial stages of your business. Early contact with the following could save you a lot of time, money and wasted effort.

The Ohio Small Business Development at Marietta serves Morgan County by offering one-on-one counseling, on site assessments, referrals, a resource center for research and development, workshops and seminars, and loan resources. The Small Business Development Center can also link you to information concerning statistical data for the county, manufacturers' directories, current economic indicators of the county, local, state and federal legislation affecting the local business community, and lists of area professionals and businesses that can be of assistance to you and your business.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Chambers of Commerce offer opportunities for small businesses to meet and network with other business owners and access a variety of demographic and regional information sources.

Morgan County Tourism & Chamber of Commerce

155 E. Main St., Room 147

P.O. Box 508

McConnelsville, OH 43756

Phone: 740-962-3200

E-mail: grove.68@osu.edu

Website: www.morgancounty.org

- The Morgan County Chamber of Commerce's mission is to serve and support the interests of local businesses. We are committed to fostering a community that cultivates and encourages a positive environment for businesses to thrive
- The chamber provides an online member roster, calendar of events and directory of community resources
- The Chamber also provides information about and promotes tourism in the county
<http://www.morgancounty.org/tourism/default.aspx>

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Educational institutions offer a wide variety of assistance and should be contacted periodically to learn what workshops, seminars, and training programs are scheduled.

Most publish an annual calendar of small business training opportunities.

Morgan County Learning Center

4277 N. St. Rt. 376 NW
McConnelsville, OH 43756
740-962-2079

Email: cshriver@wscc.edu

Website: <http://www.wscc.edu/morgan>

- Provides access to education by offering adult education programs, college courses, certificates and degree programs in Morgan County

Morgan County Ohio State University Extension

155 E. Main Street – Suite 320

P.O. Box 179

McConnelsville, Ohio 43756

Phone: 740-962-4854

FAX: 740-962-6508

E-mail: morg@ag.osu.edu

Website: <http://morgan.osu.edu/>

- Offer a wide variety of entrepreneurial educational materials at the local office. Fact Sheets on almost any topic can be obtained. Additionally, several notebooks from “Entrepreneur®” magazine are available for loan with a deposit
- The fact sheets are also available online at A number of small business fact sheets are available through the state OSU extension service web site at <http://ohioline.osu.edu/lines/busi.html>
- Also provides agriculture, natural resource and consumer science educational events
- Provides access to information and research from the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center and Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environment Sciences
- Provides an online link to county demographic information at <http://morgan-cms.ag.ohio-state.edu/links>

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Washington State Community College
Business and Industry Training/Workforce
Development
710 Colegate Drive
Marietta, Ohio 45750
Phone: 740-568-1918
Fax: 740-568-1912
Email: workforce@wscc.edu
Website: <http://workforce.wscc.edu>

Toastmasters International - Morgan County Communicators

4670 Miles Lane
Waterford, Ohio 45786
E-mail: riksnyder@core.com
Phone: 740-984-2010

- Toastmasters International is the world leader in helping individuals develop and hone their communication and leadership skills
- The local club meets at 7 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at the Kate Love Simpson Library- Meeting Room, 358 E Main Street in McConnellsville
- For business owners, Toastmasters can help hone sales, presentation and networking skills

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The reference and business sections of the library offer a selection of trade publications and statistical information in addition to books on how to go into business.

Kate Love Simpson Library

358 E. Main Street

McConnelsville, Ohio 43756

Phone: 740-962-2533

Fax: 740-962-3316

Website: <http://www.morgan.lib.oh.us/>

- The library offers free Internet within the library with access to some subscription databases
- The library is usually able to order books and publications for you from other libraries.
- A book mobile serves rural areas of the county
- The library staff will assist you in finding necessary information, much of it available on the Internet
- The library is a good source for demographic information about the Morgan County area

Chesterhill Branch, Public library

7520 Marion

Chesterhill, Ohio 43728

Phone: 740-554-7104

- The library offers free Internet within the library with access to some subscription databases

State Library of Ohio - Online Learning Center

<http://www.learnatest.com/LEL/index.cfm/>

- Free online training available on computer (Excel, Word, and PowerPoint), reading and math skills

Ohio Web Library

<http://www.oplin.lib.oh.us/databases/>

- Offers many databases to Ohio Library cardholders

COUNTY GOVERNMENT & REGULATIONS

County Government, in many instances, administers licenses and taxes for Ohio.

- **Be sure to fulfill your county responsibilities. Failure to do so may result in the loss or delay in receiving a necessary state license to operate your business**
- **Depending on your particular business and situation, additional requirements may exist**
- **Be sure to check with each area after you have outlined your particular situation for any additional applicable licenses, permits, or taxes**

Morgan County Auditor's Office

155 East Main Street Room 217

McConnelsville, Ohio 43756

Phone: 740-962-4475

Fax: 740-962-2014

Email: gary.woodward@morgancounty-oh.gov

Website: <http://morgancountyauditor.org/>

Vendor's License

- Required of each person with a fixed place of business in Ohio from which taxable sales are made. Required of most retail businesses and service businesses that provide automatic data processing, computer services and electronic information services; telecommunications service; lawn care and landscaping services; private investigation, security services, building maintenance and janitorial services, employment placing services, employment services, exterminating services, satellite broadcasting services and snow removal services
- This is a state license, issued by the county that pertains to the Ohio Sales Tax (see State Sales Tax). The charge for this is \$25
- Be prepared to supply standard information (name and address, phone) and social security number or federal tax ID number. Corporations will need their charter number

Other Licensing

The Morgan County Auditor's Office also issues cigarette licenses.

Morgan County Commissioners

155 East Main Street

McConnelsville, Ohio 43756

Phone: 740-962-1301, 1302, 1303

Website: <http://www.morgancounty-oh.gov/Morgan%20County%20Commissioners.htm>

- Can provide general information on county business requirements and referrals to other appropriate economic and small business development offices and personnel

COUNTY GOVERNMENT & REGULATIONS

Morgan County Engineer

155 E. Main Street, Room 208

McConnelsville, Ohio 43756

Phone: 740-962-3171

Fax: 740-962-3703

<http://www.morgancoengineer.com/>

- Can provide information on county tax maps, building permits, road maintenance, flood plain issues and property transfers
- County tax maps are available online

Morgan County Health Department

4275 N. State Route 376 N.W.

McConnelsville Ohio 43756

Phone: 740-962-4572

Fax: 740-962-3271

Website:

<http://www.morgancountyhealthdepartment.org/about-us.html>

Licenses, Permits & Registrations

- The County Health Department inspects food service operations, including vending, mobile and temporary as well as retail food establishments such as grocery stores and drug stores
- They are also responsible for inspections of sewage systems, wells, cisterns, water haulers, pools, spas and public bathing facilities, campgrounds, manufactured home parks, schools and playgrounds
- The County Health Department also provides public health programming
- Fees for the food service and other licenses vary
- There is an inspection and a waiting period so be sure to apply early

Ohio Department of Transportation –District 10

338 Muskingum Dr.

Marietta, Ohio 45750

Phone: (800) 845-0226

Fax: (740) 373-7317

Website:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/d12/Pages/default.aspx>

- Can provide information related to regulations on signage and right of way on state highways



COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office

155 E Main St Room 218

McConnelsville, Ohio 43756

Phone: 740-962-1322

Email: shannon.wells@morgancounty-oh.gov

Website: <http://www.morgancounty-oh.gov/>

- Administers Community Development Block Grants and other economic and community development programs
- Provides general community and demographic data, information on tax and financial incentive programs, and sites and building inventory
- Houses the Small Business Development Center outreach center

Morgan County Improvement Corporation

Mike Workman, Director

P. O. Box 577

McConnelsville, Ohio 43756

Phone: 740-962-6772

Website: <http://www.morgancounty.org/CIC/>

- Assists in new business development, funding programs and site selection

Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District

(Physical Address: 1400 Pike St. Marietta)

(Mailing Address :) P.O. Box 520

Reno, Ohio 45773
Phone: 740-374-9436
Fax: 740-374-8038
Email: info@buckeyehills.org
Website: <http://www.buckeyehills.org>

- Administers a number of federally funded loan programs available to businesses
- Maintains a listing of available sites and buildings
- Maintains an online data center of maps, census data and other information on the region

COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Governor's Regional Office

308 Front St.
Marietta, OH 45750
Phone: 740-373-5150
Fax: 740-373-2984
Website: <http://www.development.ohio.gov>

Washington-Morgan County Community Action Agency

218 Putnam Street
P.O. Box 144
Marietta, OH 45750
Phone: 740-373-3745
Website: <http://www.wmcap.org>

- Administers Washington-Morgan Microenterprise Loan Program

Child Care Resource Network - Early Care & Education Program

COAD-CCRN SDA #10 District Office

1500B Greene Street
Marietta, OH 45750-9813
Phone: 740-373-6996
Fax: 740-373-6829
Email: ece10@coadinc.org

- Maintains a database of in-home and center-based childcare providers

OTHER RESOURCES

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- <http://www.coadinc.org/Main.php?page=programs-ece-1>
 - Provides technical assistance to child care providers.
<http://www.coadinc.org/Main.php?page=provider-services>

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELLSVILLE

Municipal Government requirements are as important as the requirements imposed by any other level of government. If you are locating a business within village limits contact the appropriate office to ask about zoning, permits, taxes or other requirements. Be sure to ask each agency you contact if they know of any additional requirements for which you are responsible. Local regulations vary a great deal from community to community.

VILLAGE OF MALTA

VILLAGE OF STOCKPORT

Village of McConnellsville

9 W. Main Street
McConnellsville, OH 43756
Phone: 740-962-3163
Fax: 740-962-6127
Email: villageofmcconn@yahoo.com

- The village levies a 1% income tax. Businesses are required to file an annual tax return and file withholding tax payments quarterly
- There is no local sales tax rate
- Contact the office for information on building permits and water and sewer rates and hook-up

McConnellsville Fire Department

77 S Fourth St,
Phone: 740-962-3444

Village of Malta

449 Main Street
P. O. Box 307
Malta, Oh 43758
Email: malta@embargmail.com
Phone: 740-962-4971
Fax: 740-962-4254

- The village levies a 1% income tax
- There is no local sales tax rate
- Contact the office for information on building permits and water and sewer rates and hook-up
- Village served by the McConnellsville Fire Department

Village of Stockport

1685 Broadway Street
P.O. Box 158
Stockport, Ohio 43787
Phone: 740-559-2411

- The village levies no income tax
- There is no local sales tax rate
- Contact the office for information on building permits and water and sewer rates and hook-up

**VILLAGE OF
CHESTERHILL**

Village of Stockport Volunteer Fire Department

Corner of Main Street & White
Stockport, Ohio 43787

740-559-2311 (nonemergency)

Village of Chesterhill

7380 Marion Street

P.O. Box 191

Chesterhill, Ohio 43728

Phone: 740-554-6994

- The village levies no income tax
- There is no local sales tax rate