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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Because of its success, the free Entrepreneurship Training Program (ETP) at Youngstown State University will begin a series of new training programs Sept. 2 for displaced workers in Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties.

The University's Cushwa Center for Industrial Development, which coordinates ETP, reports 161 men and women enrolled in the program after it opened last December, and a number of others have inquired about participating this fall.

ETP gives participants comprehensive training in the basics of small business ownership and operation, plus interpersonal skills. It is aimed at training and assisting dislocated workers in becoming owners/operators of small businesses, thus creating jobs for themselves and others.

Dr. David L. McBride, director of Cushwa Center, said operating efficiencies lowered anticipated expenditures for the program and the substantial funds that remain from the initial \$500,000 grant will be used to provide training to additional dislocated workers in the tri-county area.

Funding for the program at YSU was from a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor's Job Training Partnership Act and is administered by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services/JTP Ohio.

Those eligible for the free entrepreneurship training include persons who may now be working full-time or part-time, but who lost a job or were laid off and have little chance of going back into that occupation or industry.

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