

Brenda Latanza has been in the position of Economic Development Director of the Preble County Development Partnership for the last 2 ½ years. During this time, Preble County has seen companies such as Silfex, Henny Penny, TimkenSteel, Pratt Lewisburg, and Bullen Ultrasonics invest millions in facility expansions and equipment while creating hundreds of new jobs. She assisted in the update of Preble County's CEDS and Land Use plan and is working with the County on creating the structure for their new Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund. Preble County is first in the State of Ohio to achieve certification as an ACT Work Ready Community.

Brenda came to Preble County with a history of over 18 years with the Ohio Department of Development working in the Governor's Regional Economic Development Office in Cincinnati. She worked along with the Governor's local and state staff and local economic development teams to secure new companies, new investments, and new jobs for Ohio while assisting companies with their growth, retention, and expansion efforts. During this time, she administered over \$160 million of government funded training programs in 14 southern Ohio counties.

Brenda was then recruited by the University of Cincinnati's Professional Development Institute to be Project Director of Business Outreach and Grants.

She came to Preble County in February of 2015 just 2 days after retiring from Sinclair Community College where she worked as Manager of Public Workforce Initiatives for 7 years.