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An increase in the number of companies signing up for University of Dayton Center for Leader and Executive Development programs is a sign the local economy is starting to recover, center director Lisa Beutel said.

"Employers are focusing on developing their employees again," Beutel said.

The improving economy, the center's new residence in the 1700 South Patterson Building and opening programs to the public have given the center a boost in 2011.

To capitalize on this growth, Robin Brun has joined the center as business development director. Brun will help deepen the University's relationship with the local business community.

"We've brought Robin on board in response to the growth the center is already experiencing," said Pete Luongo, executive director of the center. "The center's new home will afford the center the opportunity to expand its influence locally, as well as regionally. As the University continues to dramatically influence the growth of the region, the center will expand to accommodate the increased need of the region to grow its leaders."

The center's growth has included a new supervisory leadership certificate and senior leader coaching services. The center formerly offered programs only to its nearly 40 partners of the organization; now programs are open to the public and University of Dayton alumni.

"We also anticipate a stronger regional presence that will include Cincinnati, Columbus and Indianapolis," Luongo said.

Brun previously served as vice president for consulting services at Zenith Performance Group and Right Management where she provided career transition consulting to clients and delivered talent management services including recruiting and retention of talent, supervisory training, leadership development, and team building.

She also served as assistant vice president and manager of education and career development at Fifth Third Bank.

The center's 2012 programs kick off in January. For a complete schedule and lists of speakers and topics or to register, call 937-229-3115, or visit the related link.

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