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Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities State of the State Events

On Tuesday, April 4th, OOD staff will be traveling to Sandusky for events surrounding Governor John Kasich's State of the State address. While in the region, OOD along with other cabinet-level agencies, will be hosting a variety of events highlighting the work we do with partners and individuals with disabilities. OOD's focus this year is on the different pathways available to help individuals with disabilities achieve quality employment and increased independence.

- EHOVE Career Center Recognition (316 West Mason Rd., Milan OH) – 9:30 a.m. With our state agency partners from the Department of Higher Education, Office of Workforce Transformation and Department of Education, we will recognize EHOVE Career Center and highlight the Ohio Transition Support Partnership (OTSP) and the Adult Basic and Literacy Education initiative (ABLE), specifically bringing attention to the Basic Braille Instructional Services.
- Employer Training and Recognition at Great Wolf Lodge and Resort (4600 Milan Rd., Sandusky, OH) – 10 a.m. Employer Disability Etiquette Training & 11:15 a.m. Employer Recognition. With our state agency partners from the Department of Job and Family Services and the Office of Workforce Transformation, we will recognize and honor Great Wolf Lodge and other local employers for hiring individuals with disabilities.
- Sawmill Creek Employer Recognition (400 Sawmill Creek Drive, Huron) – 1:30 p.m. We will be joined by the Department of Developmental Disabilities to highlight Employment First and recognize Sawmill Creek.
- Steak 'n Shake (4620 Milan Rd., Sandusky) – 3 p.m. We will be joined by the Department of Developmental Disabilities to highlight Employment First and recognize Steak 'n Shake and Ability Works.

We are excited about visiting Sandusky to showcase the great work we are doing in the region, while acknowledging the important work of our partners. Connect to OOD on Facebook and Twitter [#OHSotS](#) as we visit and honor our partners in Sandusky.

OOD is the state agency responsible for assisting individuals with disabilities to gain meaningful employment, to live independently or receive disability benefits through the Social Security Administration. www.ood.ohio.gov.