

Media Release

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**New OODWorks.com Portal
Helps Individuals with Disabilities Apply for Services**

COLUMBUS, OH – OOD has a new job portal called OODworks.com. The site allows potential consumers to learn about OOD’s Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services and complete an online application, allowing a more streamlined process in their pursuit of employment.

Individuals who are interested in VR services are encouraged to visit www.OODWorks.com where they can watch an orientation video about the employment process, take a brief self-assessment and apply right online. In an effort to reduce roadblocks for many who could benefit from VR services, such as transportation, OODWorks.com can help a person start the process without having to visit an office.

The OODWorks video addresses the key qualifying components. It asks, “Do you have a disability that makes it hard to get or keep a job? Do you want to work but don’t know where to start? Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities can help! OOD helps people with all types of disabilities who are ready to work, find and keep a job.”

Once the individual completes the online application, the individual will be contacted by an OOD staff member in their area to schedule an appointment. VR services involve deciding if a person is eligible for services, setting an employment goal, putting the goal into a plan, and getting the necessary job services and training.

If you are an individual with a disability, want to work and are willing to commit to the process, the next step is yours! Visit www.OODWorks.com to get started.

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

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