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OOD Joins Others in Bringing Awareness to NDEAM *State Agency Asks For Your Help Spreading National Disability Employment Awareness Month Theme #InclusionWorks*

COLUMBUS, OH – Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) is promoting National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), an annual informational campaign that takes place during the month of October to educate the community about disability employment issues and celebrate the contributions of workers with disabilities.

OOD's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired actively work with more than 41,000 consumers each year. Services range from preparing students with disabilities for employment and on-the-job training to permanent employment. Additionally, Ohio's vocational rehabilitation program assisted more than 6,300 individuals with disabilities to obtain employment during the last twelve months.

Throughout October, OOD will be involved in a variety of activities to highlight disability employment. This will include a series of regional job fairs and the business recognition Opportunity Awards, as well as highlighting success stories of individuals with disabilities and employers who are making positive differences.

"Ohio is fortunate to have a workforce that is inclusive and diverse, including those with disabilities. NDEAM gives us a chance to celebrate successes and focus on making sure that everyone who desires to work can find their opportunity," said OOD Executive Director Kevin L. Miller.

This year, NDEAM's theme is #InclusionWorks. OOD will be posting regular messages on NDEAM and #InclusionWorks and encourages organizations, businesses and individuals to spread the messages.

OOD encourages employers, families and individuals to learn more about how OOD helps individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs by visiting www.ood.ohio.gov or by calling 1-800-282-4536.

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.

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