

# WEEKLY FOCUS

**Ohio** | Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

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*The mission of the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency is to ensure individuals with disabilities achieve quality employment, independence and disability determination outcomes through integrated services, partnerships and innovation.*



## DisAbility Job Fairs Continue to Pay Dividends

There is nothing like the excitement and energy of a job fair to remind you of what our work is all about. Seeing hundreds of individuals with disabilities connecting with dozens of employers all in the same room creates a level of excitement and energy that is contagious. Last week's job fairs in Independence and Toledo really brought that home!

The rewards of a job fair continue long after the day of the event, as employers interview and hire individuals, job seekers follow up on job leads, discuss their experience with their counselors and job coaches, and continue to network and learn from the process.

I know job fair attendees, and our staff, are working hard to turn the experiences and opportunities of last week, into employment. In fact, the events in Independence and Toledo have already resulted in formal interviews and job offers. We are working with job seekers and employers to track these results so look forward to more details in upcoming issues.



“I think the turnout was excellent. I think a lot of people were pleased with the setup, with the flow, the interpreters, the help that was available, etc. This was my first one [job fair], and I would definitely come back to another event.”

– **Andre L. Mason**



The Columbus area job fair, held in August, resulted in 12 individuals finding employment with four potential placements pending. Placements for seasonal work will likely mean even more employment opportunities for individuals who participated in the job fairs.

Providing individuals with disabilities opportunities to achieve quality employment and independence, is at the heart of our work and it is rewarding to see successful job fairs furthering that mission. Thanks again to the job seekers who attended, the staff whose hard work and dedication made both events come together so successfully, and to the businesses who participated.



# Thank you to all the businesses who participated!



*Job seekers and employers networking at the 2014 DisAbility Job Fair in Toledo.*

## Toledo Job Fair

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|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| FedEx                                 | Lowe's                                       | Republic Services              |
| FifthThird Bank                       | Lowe's Distribution                          | Social Security Administration |
| GE Lighting, Inc.                     | Maritz Research                              | Speedway                       |
| Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio | Ohio Department of Transportation District 2 | The Home Depot                 |
| Harbor Corporation                    | OhioMeansJobs                                | The Manor at Perrysburg        |
| Huntington National Bank              | Online Application Station                   | Walgreens Distribution Center  |
| Kelly Services                        | Primerica Financial                          | The Zepf Center                |
| Libbey, Inc.                          | Principle Business Enterprises, Inc.         |                                |
|                                       | ProMedica                                    |                                |

## Cleveland Job Fair

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| Cardinal Health at Home  | GE Lighting  | Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District |
| Case Western Reserve University                                  | Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland & East Central Ohio | OverDrive                              |
| Cleveland Sight Center   | GrafTech International Holdings, Inc.                        | Parker Hannifin Corporation            |
| Columbus Gas of Ohio   | Homewatch CareGivers   | Rock and Roll Hall of Fame & Museum    |
| Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities              | Horseshoe Cleveland – Caesars Entertainment                  | Cleveland Clinic                       |
| CVS Pharmacy   | Independence of Portage County                               | Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.             |
| Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration | InfoCision Management Corp.                                  | The MetroHealth System                 |
| ExactCare Pharmacy   | Kent State University  | UTC Aerospace Systems                  |
| FedEx Ground   | Koinonia   | Vancive Medical Technologies           |
| FifthThird Bank  | Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center                     | ViaQuest                               |
|  | Manpower   | Walgreens                              |
|  |  | Westfield Group                        |

