

# 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.*

## Biennial Budget Process Moves to the Senate



### BLUEPRINT FOR A NEW OHIO

GOV. JOHN R. KASICH'S FISCAL YEARS 2016-2017 BUDGET

Ohio's biennial operating budget legislation, HB 64, was passed by the Ohio House of Representatives on Wednesday, and now the process moves on to the Ohio Senate. OOD's funding and program priorities remained unchanged through the process in the House, so our message remains the same. We have begun meeting with Senators and continue to highlight the significant progress OOD has made in delivering services to more people in a more timely and cost effective manner. We continue to outline the initiatives included in the budget that will allow the agency to build on this success.

I am scheduled to offer testimony on OOD's budget and priorities next Thursday, before the Senate Medicaid Committee. The Senate will continue its deliberations throughout April and May. After passage by the Senate, the bill will be taken up by a conference committee of both Houses. The budget must be finalized by the end of the state fiscal year, on June 30.

I will keep you updated as the process continues.

### Changes Coming to the Weekly Focus

In an effort to more effectively communicate with and grow our audience, we will be introducing a new communications tool, called GovDelivery. This new email subscription service will allow you to continue to subscribe to the *Weekly Focus*, but also allow you to manage your subscription(s) and to sign up for additional content that might be of interest.



If you have visited our website recently, you may have already noticed the subscription options, but look for an introductory email outlining the changes soon. We are confident that this new system will be a convenient tool for keeping up-to-date with OOD and receiving the information that is important to you.



OOD staff attended the career fair to educate job seekers about OOD services.

## OhioMeansJobs Erie County 2015 Annual Spring Career Fair

OOD was excited to participate in the OMJ Erie County 2015 Annual Spring Career Fair at the Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky last week. Over 100 employers participated and 38 OOD consumers were in attendance.

### Individuals in Job Ready Status by County



**Total Statewide:**  
**3,746**

\* Job Ready Status Individuals have received Vocational Rehabilitation services and are ready and seeking employment.

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