



Opportunities for Ohioans
with Disabilities

Are You Experiencing Vision Loss?

Losing your vision can be stressful and difficult. You may be worried about finding a job or keeping your current job; losing your independence; and/or losing access to important information and services because of reduced mobility or other barriers.

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) can help!

OOD is a statewide agency ready to partner with you if you are working, or looking for work, and experiencing challenges due to impaired or lost vision or another disability. We have decades of experience overcoming barriers from transportation and mobility issues to computer access and on the job accommodations.

MOST OOD SERVICES ARE FREE

Visit ood.ohio.gov or call 1-800-282-4536 today!



How we can help:

- Connect eligible Ohioans with free vocational rehabilitation counseling that can keep them on the job despite the onset or progression of vision impairment or loss
- Provide access to services that allow workers to address their disability and restore or even increase their productivity
- Assist Ohioans 55 and older with vision loss to make the home safer & maximize their independence

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For purposes of the Supported Employment (SE) Program, the DOE SE grant funded 90% of the costs for the Supported Employment for Youth with a Disability Program up to the grant amount and 100% of the costs of regular Supported Employment program costs up to the grant amount. In FFY 2020, OOD received \$369,584 for SE Youth with a Disability, and State appropriated funds paid the remaining 10%, or \$41,065 of the total costs. In FFY 2020, OOD received \$369,584 in regular SE grant funds.

For purposes of the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who are Blind (OIB) Program, the federal grant received from DOE in FFY 2020 paid 90% of the total costs incurred under the program. In FFY 2020, OOD received \$1,148,413 in federal grant funds. Funds appropriated by the State paid over the 10% required match, or \$127,601 of the total costs incurred under the OIB program. For purposes of the Independent Living (IL) Program, the federal grant received from HHS paid 90% of the total costs incurred in FFY 2020. In FFY 2020, OOD received \$641,721 in federal grant funds. Funds appropriated by the State paid over the 10% of the match required or \$71,302 of the total costs incurred under the IL Program.

OOD Office Locations

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