Goal 1: Infrastructure

Third Annual DCPG Face to Face Meeting – Monday, September 8th, 2014
Our third annual DCPG Face to Face Meeting will be held at the Fawcett Center from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Monday, September 8th. We are excited to meet with our DCPG partners for the last time in this grant cycle and plan to focus meeting discussion on the topic of sustainability. Lunch, ASL interpretation, and accessible surface lot parking will be provided.

ODHP’s Health Policy Specialist
Our Health Policy Specialist, Anureet Benipal, has moved to South Carolina. Anureet was housed at the Ohio Department of Health and played an instrumental role in developing the infrastructure of ODHP and raising awareness of disability issues at the state health department. ODHP’s health policy specialist position will be posted on the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center website by the end of August.

Goal 2: Health Surveillance

Ohio Youth Tobacco Survey – Disability Identifiers
ODHP is collaborating with ODH’s Ohio Youth Tobacco Survey team to contribute disability identifier questions to the Ohio Youth Tobacco Survey. The addition of these screening questions would allow data showing the rates of tobacco use and other health risk behaviors among youth with disabilities to be collected.

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey – Disability Identifiers
ODHP is collaborating with the Ohio Department of Health’s YRBS committee to contribute two disability identifier questions to the youth risk behavior surveillance survey (YRBSS). ODHP is also working with our data partner, Tim Sahr, to analyze the 2013 YRBSS data to learn more about the trends and health risk behaviors of youth with disabilities and without disabilities.

Goal 3: Health Policy

United Healthcare’s Ohio Member Advisory Council and Connected Advisors Meeting
ODHP participated on United Healthcare’s Ohio Member Advisory Council and Connected Advisors Meeting to learn about the group’s activities, offer disability expertise, and identify policy and healthcare needs in the disability community.
Second HPIO Brief on Disability and Health has been released
ODHP contributed to the content for Health Policy Institute of Ohio’s 2nd brief in a two-part series on the health challenges faced by Ohioans with Disabilities. This brief includes policy recommendations that impact Ohioans with disabilities. Both briefs in the series can be found at the following links:

- Health and disabilities basics: Overview of health coverage, programs and services
- Health and disabilities basics part II: The health challenges facing Ohioans with disabilities

Statewide Health Disparities Collaborative
ODHP presented at the July Ohio Statewide Health Disparities Collaborative meeting to follow up on questions regarding disability disparities and racial/ethnic disparities. ODHP presented data from Willi-Horner Johnson that demonstrates that people with disabilities face distinct health disparities regardless of racial/ethnic group.

Development of Disability and Health GMIS Tab at the Ohio Department of Health
ODHP met with Ohio Department of Health’s grants & contracts division to discuss adding a requirement to their sub-grant RFPs applicants to include in the application how disability will be addressed as it relates to the public health issue/program. We are working to develop a Disability and Health tab that will be added to ODH’s Grants Management Information System (GMIS).

Goal 4: Health Promotion

Healthy Lifestyles Train-the-Trainer Sessions
We are in the process of following up with those who participated in past Healthy Lifestyles trainings to see how the Healthy Lifestyles program is currently being implemented throughout the state. For more information about Healthy Lifestyles, contact Erica Coleman: 513-803-4399, Erica.Coleman@cchmc.org

Ohio Tobacco Quit Line
ODHP met with the Ohio Department of Health’s Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program to discuss on-going strategies to reach and engage people with disabilities who smoke to utilize the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line.

Healthy U in American Sign Language (ASL)
One of the ASL-fluent Healthy U lay-leaders we recruited last fall will be offering the Healthy U workshop in American Sign Language (ASL) in October. Healthy U is a 6-week, peer-based chronic disease self-management program (CDSMP). This evidence based program was developed by Stanford University, and teaches participants to manage their chronic conditions in healthful ways. The ASL Healthy U workshop will be offered in the Columbus area on Monday evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, beginning on October 6th. Anyone interested in participating in this workshop can contact Rosalind Gjessing, rosalind.gjessing@osumc.edu (614) 688-2928.

ODHP is also currently recruiting people who are fluent in ASL to be trained as Healthy U lay leaders to offer future Healthy U workshop in ASL.
Mammography Accessibility Assessment Project
ODHP has conducted 21 accessibility assessments of mammography facilities across the state. We are currently working on following up with these facilities to see how suggested changes have been addressed and to offer continuing technical assistance. Contact Erica Coleman for more information: 513-803-4399, Erica.Coleman@cchmc.org

Goal 5: Access to Care

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Accessibility Assessments
ODHP is working with the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers to recruit FQHCs for accessibility assessments. We are currently scheduling assessments at 6 more sites throughout the state and recently completed an assessment in central Ohio. Please contact Yiping Yang regarding this project, (614) 688-2928 or Yiping.Yang@osumc.edu. Information about the assessment process can also be found on our website: http://nisonger.osu.edu/odhp/accessibilityassessment

Goal 6: Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness Tab for Ohio Benefit Bank
ODHP is working with the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Association of Food Banks, and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency to develop an emergency preparedness tab to reach people with disabilities utilizing Ohio’s benefit bank.

First Responder and Emergency Planner Training Videos
The Ohio Disability and Health Program has released two hour-long disability training videos for First Responders (Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire personnel) and Emergency Planners. We are excited to announce that both trainings have been completed and are publically available on YouTube with closed captions:

- Disability Training for First Responders: Serving People with Disabilities
- Disability Training for Emergency Planners: Serving People with Disabilities

ODHP is currently working with The Ohio State University Center for EMS, who will be hosting the trainings on their website to make them available for Continuing Education (CEU/CPT) credit for EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement, and Nursing personnel. We are currently developing the web platform that will allow first responders to view the training through the OSU Center for EMS website, take a post-quiz, and receive a certificate granting continuing education credit.

Goal 7: Effectively Monitor and Evaluate Program Activities