Goal 1: Infrastructure

Disability Representation on Public Health Committees

ODHP has been actively recruiting individuals with disabilities, their caregivers, guardians and disability advocates to participate on standing public health committees at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Contact Anureet Benipal (614.644.9848, Anureet.Benipal@odh.ohio.gov) for more information.

Disability Community Planning Group Quarterly Call

ODHP held a quarterly DCPG call on May 14th to inform the group of ODHP activities, goals, and strategies while eliciting feedback and collaboration for the program. Meeting Minutes were sent out following the call. This was our last Quarterly DCPG Call for the fiscal year – Our next DCPG meeting will be the face to face meeting this fall. More information will be coming soon.

ODHP APHA Conference Submissions Accepted

ODHP’s 3 APHA Conference Submissions have all been accepted in their disability section. 1) Mammography Assessments for Women with Disabilities was accepted for an Oral Presentation. 2) Public Health Needs Assessment – Health Disparities/Status of PWD was accepted for an Oral Presentation. 3) Smoking Disparities – Using Data to Inform Policy was accepted for a Poster Presentation.

Goal 2: Health Surveillance

Goal 3: Health Policy

Second HPIO Brief on Disability and Health to be Released Summer 2014

ODHP has been working with the Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) to put together a series of two briefs on people with disabilities and health in the state of Ohio. The first in the series of the briefs was released in March (Health and disabilities basics: Overview of health coverage, programs and services). This brief has been getting a lot of attention around the state health department and other state level agencies as it is very easy to read and provides information on a variety of topics related to disability, health, and health coverage.

The 2nd, and final, brief in the series will be released this summer. ODHP is helping with content of the Health Policy Institute of Ohio’s 2nd policy brief on people with disabilities and their access to healthcare.
ODHP Attended State Food Policy Summit

ODHP attended a State Food Policy Summit held at OSU’s John Glenn School of Public Affairs to learn about food policy initiatives in Ohio. The Ohio Chronic Disease Collaborative, which ODHP is a member of, also presented at this summit.

Goal 4: Health Promotion

Healthy Lifestyles Train-the-Trainer Sessions

ODHP offered a Healthy Lifestyles train-the-trainer workshop on June 9th and 10th in Shaker Heights, Ohio in the Cleveland area. As of June 6th, 21 people had RSVP’d for this train-the-trainer workshop. Trainees are being asked to sign an organizational commitment form to ensure that their training will be put to use to improve the health of people with disabilities in Ohio.

Education Seminars for Breast Sonographers

ODHP offered a Women with Disabilities Seminar for Mammography Technologists on June 7, 2014 in Northeast Ohio in partnership with the Ohio Susan G. Komen Affiliates. As of June 6th, 35 people had RSVP’d for the seminar.

Mammography Accessibility Assessment Project

ODHP has conducted 4 mammography accessibility assessments this past month in Northwest, Southwest, and Northeast, Ohio. Four more are scheduled for a total of 23 mammography assessments so far. ODHP is also creating a follow-up tool for sites that have been assessed to see if any changes have been made related to ODHP recommendations. Please contact Erica Coleman (513-803-4399, Erica.Coleman@cchmc.org) if you know of a mammography facility that would like to have a free accessibility assessment.

Goal 5: Access to Care

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Accessibility Assessments

Two FQHC Assessments were conducted this past month in Southwest Ohio. ODHP is working on the reports for these two sites. ODHP is working with Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC) to reach the FQHCs regarding our assessment offerings. We are utilizing positive testimonials from FQHC sites that have already done an assessment with us.

We have also developed a F.A.Q. sheet about the accessibility assessment process and a webpage with more information to help with recruiting interested sites. This page and F.A.Q. can be found at www.nisonger.osu.edu/odhp/accessibilityassessment. Please contact Yiping Yang regarding this project, (614) 688-2928 or Yiping.Yang@osumc.edu.
Goal 6: Emergency Preparedness

Ohio EMA hosted Functional Needs Summit on May 29th

ODHP attended Ohio EMA’s State of Ohio Functional Needs Summit in Worthington on May 29th. This summit brought in several hundred partners, agencies, and stakeholders in Ohio to identify gaps in functional needs preparedness and commit to a plan of action to address these gaps to better serve the functional needs community during emergencies. The summit also provided networking opportunities among service providers in Ohio. ODHP shared our First Responder and Emergency Planner video training resources, and a Nisonger staff member spoke about disability to the group. The materials from the 2014 Functional Needs Summit, and additional Functional Needs Plan Development Guidance resources, are available from the Ohio EMA online at: http://www.ema.ohio.gov/Plans_FunctionalNeedsGuidance.aspx.

First Responder and Emergency Planner Training Videos
ODHP is finalizing video training production for both the first responder and emergency planner trainings. ODHP is working closely with the OSU Center for EMS to host the trainings on their training website. We are working with a developer to set up our web platform for these trainings. This platform should allow us to register participants, provide continuing education credit, track test scores, and gather evaluation and feedback. For more information, contact Rosalind Gjessing at (614) 688-2928, or Rosalind.Gjessing@osumc.edu.

Goal 7: Effectively Monitor and Evaluate Program Activities