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Monthly Project Update
September 2014

Goal 1: Infrastructure

Third Annual DCPG Face to Face Meeting – Monday, September 8th, 2014
Our third annual DCPG Face to Face Meeting was held at the Fawcett Center on Monday, September 8th, 2014. We discussed sustainability issues and ideas for program initiatives relating to disability and health in Ohio and gathered a lot of insightful feedback and suggestions from our DCPG regarding year 3 activities and sustainability of our program’s work beyond the life of the grant. Thanks to everyone for your attendance and for your contributions!

Health Policy Specialist Position is Open
ODHP is currently accepting applications for our Health Policy Specialist position. The health policy specialist is housed at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and has a core duty of expanding awareness of health and disability issues throughout ODH. Preferred applicants will have a Master’s Degree in Public Health and relevant experience. Potential applicants can apply through The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center: http://medicalcenter.osu.edu/careers/Pages/index.aspx. Search for the position using keywords “Nisonger” or “Policy Analyst-Disab Hlth Prg”

Goal 2: Health Surveillance

Ohio Youth Tobacco Survey – Disability Identifiers
ODHP submitted disability identifier questions to the Ohio Youth Tobacco Survey to include in the next survey implementation.

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey (YRBSS) and Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) Analysis
In collaboration with our partners at the government Resource Center, ODHP is getting ready to analyze the YRBSS and BRFSS data regarding disability, youth risk behaviors, and emergency preparedness.

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 monitor any relevant policy issues and to offer technical assistance regarding disability and health.
Inclusion of Disability in Subgrant RFPs at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH)
ODHP is working with ODH and discussing the importance of requiring subgrant RFPs to address disability in their applications. ODHP is working to present the details and gain buy-in for this policy initiative at ODH

Goal 4: Health Promotion

ODHP participated in OPCC Workgroup Call
Participated in the Ohio Partners for Cancer Control (OPCC) prevention & screenings workgroup call.

Request from Ohio Department of Health’s (ODH) Asthma Program
ODHP is working to provide requested technical assistance to ODH’s Asthma Program regarding the accessibility of their program materials.

Ohio Tobacco Quit Line
ODHP is tracking disability at ODH Tobacco’s Quit Line and is working to devise a marketing strategy to promote the Quit Line to people with disabilities. ODHP got insightful feedback from the DCPG.

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 have been invited by OACHC’s Chief Medical Director, Dr. Ted Wymyslo, to attend the OACHC Fall Medical Director’s conference to recruit FQHCs for the assessment process. We are currently scheduling assessments sites throughout the state. 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

CEU Autism Training for EMS, Law Enforcement, and Nursing Personnel – Oct. 1
ODHP is working with the Ohio State University Center for EMS and Wexner Medical Center to host a disability emergency training for first responders, law enforcement, and nurses on October 1st. More information about the training will be sent out to the DCPG soon.

First Responder and Emergency Planner Training Videos
ODHP is continually working out platform and dissemination plans for the emergency planner and first responder disability training videos. 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.