Goal 1: Infrastructure

Multiple Perspectives Conference, April 13th – 14th, 2015
ODHP’s Susan Havercamp will be presenting at this year’s Multiple Perspectives conference at The Ohio State University. Dr. Havercamp’s presentation, “Health Status and Disparities among People with Disabilities in Ohio,” will provide an overview of the health status and needs of Ohioans with disabilities. The session will be from 1:30 to 3:00 PM on Monday, April 13th. The program for this conference can be found here: http://ada.osu.edu/conferences/2015Conf/2015agenda.html

Goal 2: Health Surveillance

Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Fact Sheet Feedback
ODHP is finalizing three YRBS products covering topics include general health status/disparities, substance use, and anti-bullying among students with disabilities. We have shared drafts of these materials with ODH and the Anti-Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Workgroup of ODE and have received positive feedback. ODHP joined the Anti-HIB workgroup as a stakeholder organization in early February.

Goal 3: Health Policy

Ongoing Initiatives:
Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs (CYSHCN) Workbook
ODHP is working to create a narrative workbook to inform stakeholders and policymakers of the challenges that CYSHCN face in Ohio. Currently, ODHP is working with epidemiologists at ODH who compiled data for the project to determine the direction and layout for the special healthcare needs workbook. The deadline for completion of this project is early August 2015.

Children’s Oral Health Action Team (COHAT)
People with disabilities often have difficulties finding dental clinics capable of providing services and suffer disproportionally from oral health problems as a result. The ODHP Policy Specialist attended an in-person meeting for the Children’s Oral Health Action Team as a stakeholder to provide guidance pertaining to the need for preventative oral care among people with disability and to discuss strategies to reduce this disparity.

The ODHP Policy Specialist also met with the Oral Health Preventative Services Coordinator at ODH to distribute information about the Nisonger Dental Program and the resources that the Nisonger clinic utilizes when working with patients who have a disability.
Disability Representation of Franklin County Health Advisory Committees
People with disabilities are often overlooked at the community planning level. ODHP is currently reaching out to Franklin County Health Advisory Committees to inquire about representation and accommodation for people with disabilities to facilitate inclusion in local planning groups.

ODHP Joins the Community Health Needs Assessment Steering Committee
ODHP joined the Franklin County Community Health Needs Assessment Steering Committee to more effectively identify the needs of the disability community in Franklin County and to seek out opportunities for disability representation on standing committees in Ohio.

ODHP Joins HPIO Committees
ODHP joined the Health Policy Institute of Ohio’s (HPIO) Prevention and Public Health steering committee as an active member in February to provide disability and health technical assistance on HPIO products and activities and to provide direction for the Ohio Wellness and Prevention Network.

ODHP also joined the HPIO Access Advisory Group as an active member to provide input and advice to ensure timely access to comprehensive, integrative and appropriate health services for all residents of Ohio, including Ohioans with disability.

Goal 4: Health Promotion

Tobacco Cessation Focus Groups and Ohio Tobacco Quit Line Materials
The Ohio Department of Health’s Tobacco Prevention Program and ODHP have been working together to create Ohio Tobacco Quit Line promotional materials targeting people with disabilities. Two posters have been created, as well as a brochure for people with disabilities and caregivers on the benefits of quitting smoking. We have finalized our Tobacco Campaign materials and will begin the process of distributing order forms through our distribution networks soon. Please keep an eye out for an order form to receive these materials for your organization at no cost. Mass media components of the campaign are still being planned by Ohio Department of Health (ODH).

Mammography Facility Accessibility Assessments
Accessibility assessments of mammography facilities across the state continue. ODHP is also working to follow-up with facilities that have received assessments to see how facilities are utilizing accessibility reports. Contact Erica Coleman for more information about this project, (513) 803-4399 or Erica.Coleman@cchmc.org.

Healthy U in ASL
ODHP has recruited two ASL-fluent people to participate in a Healthy U lay leader training offered in March. An additional ASL-fluent leader who got trained last year will be doing a refresher-training. The three leaders will plan to offer Healthy U CDSMP in ASL to the deaf communities this Spring/Summer. More information will be forthcoming.
Mammography Technologist Disability Training Scheduled – June 20th, 2015
A 2015 Mammography Technologist training is scheduled for June 20th, 2015 at the Fawcett Center at OSU. We are currently recruiting women with disabilities who are interested in serving on a panel discussion at this training regarding their mammography experiences. If you are interested, please contact Erica Coleman, (513) 803-4399 or Erica.Coleman@cchmc.org.

Healthy Lifestyles Train-the-Trainer, March 24th-25th in Columbus
ODHP is offering another Healthy Lifestyles Train the Trainer Workshop at the end of March to train service providers to offer the Healthy Lifestyles education program to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Registration for this training is full. Please contact Erica Coleman if you have any questions about Healthy Lifestyles, (513) 803-4399 or Erica.Coleman@cchmc.org.

Goal 5: Access to Care

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Accessibility Assessments
ODHP will be exhibiting at the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC) Annual conference in March to promote our accessibility assessments among FQHCs. We are currently continuing to schedule assessments 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

Disaster & Preparedness Training for People with Disabilities & their Caregivers
ODHP hosted our first Disaster & Preparedness training for people with disabilities and caregivers on February 28th, 2015. The event was attended by 40 individuals with disabilities and caregivers. Attendees received a free Red Cross emergency preparedness kit. The training was a success and received very positive evaluation feedback. Similar trainings are being planned for the Cincinnati and Toledo areas. Details about these training will be forthcoming.

Disability Symposium for EMS, Nurses, and Law Enforcement, May 11th 2015
ODHP is planning an in-person disability training for first responders and nurses in conjunction with OSU’s Center for EMS and OSUWMC’s IDEA Studio. This day-long training is scheduled for Monday, May 11th at the OSU Blackwell in Columbus. OSU’s Center for EMS will be awarding 8 CEUs to EMS and Nurses. CE approval for law enforcement is pending. Planned sessions include a panel discussion with self-advocates and families and a panel discussion with EMS personnel who have experience working with people with disabilities. More information about this training will be sent out soon.

Goal 7: Effectively Monitor and Evaluate Program Activities

No February updates for Goal 7.