Goal 1: Infrastructure
ODHP Work to Increase Inclusion at the Local Level
The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Ohio Disability and Health Program are planning to collaborate in the coming year to better engage Ohio’s local health departments (LHDs) around disability. We are currently identifying and contacting a select number of LHDs that are representative of diverse parts of the state. This collaboration will help us strengthen our relationships and impact at the local level.

ODHP is also applying for the “Reaching People through Healthy Communities” funding opportunity offered through the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD). If awarded funding, ODHP will work in partnership with Marion and Adams counties to improve inclusion of people with disabilities in Creating Healthy Communities activities in those counties.

ODHP Conference Presentations
ODHP presented a poster, “Disability and Bullying Among High School Students in Ohio” at the Ohio Adolescent and Young Adult Summit at the Ohio Union on November 19th. As mentioned in last month’s updates, ODHP also presented on our emergency preparedness work and Youth Risk Behavioral Survey (YRBS) findings on youth with disabilities at the American Public Health Association (APHA) annual conference in early November, and on our tobacco cessation work in partnership with the Ohio Department of Health’s tobacco program at the Association of University Centers on Disability (AUCD) conference in mid-November.

Goal 2: Health Surveillance
Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Fact Sheet Dissemination
ODHP created factsheets sharing information on health risk behaviors among high school students with disability in Ohio: “Disability and Health Among Ohio High School Students in 2013”, “Disability and Bullying in Ohio”, and “Substance Use: Youth with Disabilities in Ohio.”

PDFs of these materials are available on the ODHP website: http://nisonger.osu.edu/odhp/products and have been added to the Ohio Department of Health’s website: http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/chss/ad_hlth/youthrsk/youthrsk1.aspx

If you are interested in receiving printed copies of these materials, please contact Rosalind Gjessing at rosalind.gjessing@osumc.edu or (614) 688-2928

Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Analysis of Race/Ethnicity and Disability Intersection
ODHP will be presenting a webinar in partnership with the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in mid-February, 2016. The webinar will present data on the overlap between disability, race, ethnicity, rates of school discipline, and other health risks and health disparities among youth with disabilities. More information will be forthcoming.

Goal 3: Health Policy
Children’s Oral Health Action Team Meeting
Our health policy specialist attended an in-person Children’s Oral Health Action Team meeting to ensure that oral health for children with disability remains a state-level priority.

**Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) forum**
Our health policy specialist attended the HPIO forum, “*Making the Connection Between Health and Economic Self Sufficiency*” at the Ohio Statehouse to make the case for improving health outcomes and lifting Ohioans with disabilities out of poverty.

**ODHP web presence with Ohio Department of Health (ODH)**
ODHP is working with the Office of Public Affairs at ODHP to create an ODHP webpage on ODH’s website. This would help increase the visibility of ODHP and promote broad access to disability resources across the state. Content is currently being finalized.

**Statement on Importance of Inclusion**
Our health policy specialist prepared an announcement for the head of the General Council at ODHP describing why the health of people with disabilities should be addressed in all programs, the role of ODHP at ODH, and how to contact for technical assistance.

**Improvements to Website Accessibility at ODH**
ODHP provided technical assistance to ODH website representatives to improve access to ODH websites, materials, program efforts, and opportunities for health promoting activities across the state.

**Ohio Chronic Disease Collaborative General Meeting**
ODHP attended the Ohio Chronic Disease Collaborative meeting to provide disability and health input and to connect with state resources.

**Monthly Meetings around Disability and Health at ODH + New ODHP Contact at ODH**
Since Dr. Jessica Foster’s departure from ODH, Dr. Andrew Wapner has served as a consultant to ODHP. Dr. Wapner also departed from his position at ODH in mid-November. ODHP capitalized on this opportunity to establish regular meeting with a core group of ODH program personnel to support the work of ODHP at ODH going forward. Additionally, Brandi Robinson, Deputy Director of ODH’s Office of Health Policy and Performance Improvement, will serve as ODHP’s new primary consultant at ODH.

**Brief - “The Double Burden: Health Disparities among People of Color Living with Disabilities”**
ODHP is developing a brief highlighting the double burden of healthcare inequities and health disparities experienced by people of color who also have disabilities. ODHP has been working with the AUCD Sixby’15 group and other partners to finalize this brief.

**Goal 4: Health Promotion**

**Mammography Facility Accessibility Assessment**
UC UCEDD is connecting with more mammography facilities to do accessibility assessments in Ohio. Two assessments were conducted during November and more are scheduled before the end of the year. Contact Erica Coleman for more information about this project or if you have a suggestion for a facility that may be interested in scheduling an assessment (513) 803-4399 or Erica.Coleman@cchmc.org.

**Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance (TFOA) Meeting**
ODHP attended a quarterly meeting of TFOA to remain engaged around the topic of tobacco cessation among people with disabilities in Ohio.
Ohio Tobacco Cessation Materials for People with Disabilities
ODH’s Tobacco Cessation Program and ODHP have created 2 posters and 1 brochure promoting the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line among people with disabilities. ODHP and the Ohio Department of Health’s tobacco program are continuing to distribute these materials to organizations throughout the state. An order form for these free materials is available on the ODHP website: http://nisonger.osu.edu/odhp/resources/healthpromotion. Please fill out the order form and e-mail it to tobaccoprevention@odh.ohio.gov to place your order and help get these great materials out into the community.

Healthy U in ASL for Deaf Community – Please Share Information
Healthy U Ohio is a free, six week, workshop to help people learn to manage chronic health conditions and feel healthier. ODHP is offering a Healthy U Pilot workshop in American Sign Language (ASL) for the Deaf community beginning in February of 2016. People who commit to attending all Healthy U sessions and providing feedback on their satisfaction with the program in ASL will receive a gift card. We will plan the timing of this workshop around interested participants’ schedules. Please share this information and have people who are interested contact Rosalind Gjessing (614) 688-2928 or Rosalind.Gjessing@osumc.edu.

Goal 5: Access to Care
FQHC Accessibility Assessments
ODHP is offering free accessibility assessments for federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) in Ohio. The assessment is completely confidential and will provide feedback on the FQHC’s current level of accessibility as well as suggestions for low-cost improvements. We have developed a new recruitment flyer focusing on how simple ADA compliance can be. 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
Disability Trainings for First Responders and Emergency Planners – Available for Continuing Education Credit at OSU’s Center for EMS website
ODHP's disability trainings for first responders and emergency planners are available online for continuing education credit for nurses, EMS personnel, firefighters, and police officers! The trainings can be accessed on OSU’s Center for EMS website, under the “Online CEUs” tab. Please share the following link: www.centerforems.osu.edu
Beginning January 1st, 2016, the first responder training module will also be available on the Ohio Attorney General’s Office training website: http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Training-and-Education

Goal 7: Effectively Monitor and Evaluate Program Activities
No November updates for Goal 7.