Goal 1: Infrastructure
ODHP Collaboration with NACCHO
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.

Upcoming ODHP Presentations at AUCD and APHA Conferences
ODHP will be presenting a poster, “Identifying Health Behavior Status and Disparities among Youth with Disabilities in Ohio,” and an oral presentation, “Improving Emergency Preparedness for Ohioans with Disabilities: Implementing a Broad Impact Approach,” at the upcoming American Public Health Association (APHA) meeting in Chicago, October 31st – November 4th. Information about ODHP’s inclusion effort will also be presented in an oral presentation at APHA by Adrian Griffen of AUCD, “Healthy Living for All: How Sixby’15 Campaign Works to Include People with Disabilities in Public Health.” ODHP will also be presenting a poster at the upcoming annual Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) conference in Washington, D.C. November 16 -18th, “Increasing Smoking Cessation Among People with Disabilities in Ohio: Raising Awareness of the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line.”

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 is continuing our analysis of the YRBS data by students’ disability status and racial/ethnic group to learn more about how the intersection of race and disability impacts students’ health risk behaviors. We are collaborating with the OSU Kirwan Institute to present a webinar sharing this information.

Goal 3: Health Policy
Ohio Partners for Cancer Control general meeting and 80% by 2018 Summit
ODHP’s program coordinator and health policy specialist attended Ohio Partners for Cancer Control (OPCC) general meeting and subcommittee calls. Additionally, ODHP led a discussion at the 80% by 2018 Summit on Wednesday, October 21st, 2015. This summit was held to build momentum and engage stakeholders around the goal to increase colorectal cancer screening to a rate of 80% by year 2018.
Caregiver Module added to 2016 BRFSS
ODHP attended the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) Data Users meeting to make the case for including the optional Caregiver Module (Module Six) to the 2016 BRFSS. The Caregiver Module will be included in the 2016 BRFSS.

HPIO forum on impact of Affordable Care Act (ACA)
ODHP’s health policy specialist attended Health Policy Institute of Ohio’s forum, “The Affordable Care Act’s impact on coverage and access” at the Ohio Statehouse and provided insight on the impact of the ACA and people with disabilities.

Ohio Adolescent Health Partnership meeting
ODHP’s health policy specialist attended a quarterly Ohio Adolescent Health Partnership meeting to offer disability and health input. ODHP will be presenting a poster of the YRBS bullying data at the Ohio Adolescent and Young Adult Summit, November 19th, 2015 at the Ohio Union.

Ohio Department of Education Anti-HIB meeting
ODHP’s health policy specialist attended Ohio Department of Education Anti-Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) meeting and distributed YRBS bullying pamphlet for Ohio’s bullying prevention month.

White Paper making case for disability marker in the National Health Equity Index
The National Health Equity Index Project is a Robert Wood Johnson funded initiative to create a national assessment tool that will provide a comprehensive and integrated means of measuring conditions for health. As the project is currently written, a marker for disability is not being included in the index. To address this, ODHP has developed a white paper draft that makes the case for including people with disabilities in this index. The white paper makes the case for disability as a demographic that experiences disparities in health and identifies where policy and systems could help reduce inequities. A draft of this white paper is being shared with other disability and health programs and the Association of University Centers on Disability (AUCD).

ODMHAS Disparities and Cultural Competency Collaborative
ODHP’s health policy specialist attended the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services’ Disparities and Cultural Competency Collaborative meeting to ensure that people with disabilities are included in cultural competency efforts at the state-level.

ODH Office of Health Policy and Performance Improvement meeting
ODHP’s health policy specialist attended the Ohio Department of Health’s Office of Health Policy and Performance Improvement’s bi-weekly meeting to connect ODHP objectives with current state health initiatives and to expand the capacity of ODH to serve people with disabilities. The policy specialist will continue to attend these meetings on a regular bi-weekly basis.

Goal 4: Health Promotion
ODHP’s Health Activities Coordinator received Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) Certification
Erica Coleman, our Health Activities Coordinator at the University Of Cincinnati UCEDD, has received her TTS certification. The Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) Certification course is a five-day training course prepares health care or related professionals to become certified in the treatment of tobacco dependence. The training is held in Columbus, Ohio and is hosted by The Breathing Association. Certification is valid for 2 years. As a TTS Erica will be able to train individuals in tobacco cessation, recommend treatment and provide counseling. In 2016 ODHP plans to offer train the trainer sessions on
the Living Independent From Tobacco (LIFT) curriculum for staff and professionals interested in implementing the curriculum with individuals with disabilities.

**Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance meeting**
ODHP attended a quarterly meeting of Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance (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](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.

**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 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 work shop in American Sign Language (ASL) for the Deaf community in spring 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](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](http://www.centerforems.osu.edu).

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