Goal 1: Infrastructure

ODHP’s New Program Coordinator – Emily Yang

ODHP is welcoming a new Program Coordinator, Emily Yang, to our team. Emily studied exercise physiology and dietetics at Miami University and will complete her public health graduate program at the Ohio State University in August of 2016. Emily gained public health experience through her work at Nationwide Children’s Hospital where she provided nutrition counseling through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program. She also has previous experience in disability and health through an independent study with ODHP during her MPH program, where she analyzed and presented data on health risk behaviors among youth with disabilities. Emily can be reached at (614) 688-2928 or emily.yang@osumc.edu. Welcome, Emily!

ODHP Responded to CDC Funding Opportunity Announcement, “Improving the Health of People with Mobility Limitations and Intellectual Disabilities through State-based Public Health Programs”

ODHP has responded to a new funding opportunity from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This is a five-year funding stream that would allow us to continue our state-based program focused on improving the health of Ohioans with disabilities, the Ohio Disability and Health Program. This FOA asked us to focus on improving the health and quality of life for Ohioans with mobility limitations and/or intellectual disabilities through adaptation and implementation of evidence-based health promotion strategies. We chose to focus our proposal on three health promotion areas: tobacco cessation, physical activity, and nutrition. While the target population for this FOA is narrower than the target population of our current ODHP funding, we intend to adapt and implement strategies that will benefit the broader disability community in Ohio. Many thanks to DCPG members who submitted letters of support for this application!

“Reaching People with Disabilities through Healthy Communities” Grant

ODHP was awarded funding from the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) to work with two local communities on improving disability inclusion in creating health communities. We are partnering with Adams and Marion Counties, both of which are current recipients of the Creating Health Communities (CHC) grant. In March, ODHP and our partnering counties attended a training summit facilitated by NACDD and the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD) at the Lakeshore Foundation in Birmingham, AL. At this summit we learned about using NCHPAD’s inclusive Community Health Implementation Package (iCHIP) and Community Health Inclusion Index (CHII). Our counties will be using these inclusive community assessment tools throughout the project period. More information about iCHIP and the CHII can be found on NCHPAD’s website: http://www.nchpad.org/iChip

Goal 2: Health Surveillance

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services and Support Meeting at OhioMHAS
ODHP’s health policy specialist attended a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services and Support Meeting at Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). ODHP helped to design a survey for ASL interpreters statewide to gather data on interpreting services in the mental health and healthcare fields.

**ODHP/ Kirwan Institute Webinar Now Archived**
In February, ODHP and the OSU Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity offered a webinar discussing health and school discipline disparities among youth with disabilities from various racial backgrounds. This webinar is now available on YouTube in an archived format at the following link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aid1fwCx3s4&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aid1fwCx3s4&feature=youtu.be)
Closed captioning is currently being added to this presentation.

**Goal 3: Health Policy**
ODHP’s health policy specialist attended numerous public health committee, workgroup, and planning meetings throughout the months of March and April to ensure that disability is being included in public health policy. Such meetings include:

**Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO)**
- **State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) and State Health Assessment (SHA)**
  HPIO was recently commissions by the Ohio Department of Health to develop the next State Health Improvement Plan and the Sate Health Assessment process. During the feedback period, ODHP noticed that disability was noticeably absent as a priority population that experiences a disproportionate share of health inequities and health disparities compared to the general population in Ohio. ODHP was able to successfully advocate for disability to be considered as a priority population by creating a well-cited policy response. As a result, disabilities will be integrated throughout the SHA/SHIP process, and HPIO will be conducting key informant interviews in the SE/SW regions of the state with the highest disability prevalence.

**Ohio Department of Health (ODH)**
- **ODH Cultural Competency Project Steering Committee meeting**
  Ohio Department of Health’s Cultural Competency Project Steering Committee to ensure that disability is integrated in the assessment process.

- **Maternal and Child Health Block Grant CSHCN workgroup meeting**
  ODHP’s health policy specialist attended the Ohio Department of Health’s Maternal and Child Health Block Grant CSHCN workgroup meeting to contribute to the development of Ohio’s 5-year action plan that consist of a work plan, timeline, monitoring strategy, evaluation, and budget.

**Creating Healthy Communities**
ODHP held a meeting with the Creating Healthy Communities leadership team at ODH to identify physical activity needs and discuss PSE strategies to fill these gaps.

**Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program (TUPCP) meeting**
ODHP met with the TUPCP team at ODH to discuss strategies to address the disparities in smoking rates between people with and without disabilities in Ohio.

**Children’s Oral Health Action Team Practices Committee Call**
ODHP attended this call to represent the needs of children with disabilities relating to oral health.
Adaptive Adventure Sports Coalition meeting
ODHP attended an informative meeting at the Adaptive Adventure Sports Coalition to discuss adaptive bike share program and serve as a disability resource to partners.

Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance Meeting
ODHP attended the quarterly Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance Meeting to inform the coalition about our proposed strategies to reduce tobacco use among PWD in Ohio.

Goal 4: Health Promotion
Mammography Facility Accessibility Assessment
UC UCEDD is connecting with more mammography facilities to do accessibility assessments in Ohio. 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.

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 David Ellsworth regarding this project, 614-644-9848 or david.ellsworth@osumc.edu. Information about the assessment process can also be found on our website: http://nisonger.osu.edu/odhp/accessibilityassessment

Goal 6: Emergency Preparedness
ODHP presents on Person-First Language to Ohio Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers
ODHP’s health policy specialist and health activities coordinator gave a presentation at the annual Ohio Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) training meeting. Approximately 100 MRC volunteers attended this training and ODHP team members presented the importance of people-first language and why it matters in response scenarios.

Disaster & Preparedness Training for People with Disabilities & their Caregivers
In partnership with the American Red Cross, ODHP offers Disaster & Preparedness Training for People with Disabilities & Their Caregivers, a daylong training session to explore individual needs, regional resources, and emergency preparedness. Recent trainings include one in Athens in February and one is Dayton in March, which reached a combined total of 80 persons with disabilities and caregivers/family members. The training in Dayton also included a pre-training presentation for local emergency planners who were interested in learning more about inclusive planning.

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
Goal 7: Effectively Monitor and Evaluate Program Activities

No April updates for Goal 7.