Goal 1: Infrastructure

ODHP’s Clinical Research Assistant – Rosalind Gjessing
ODHP is sad to say goodbye to our clinical research assistant, Rosalind Gjessing as she moves on to pursue a clinical field placement at The Ohio State University’s Counseling and Consultation Services for her Master of Social Work Program. We are thankful for all of Roz’s hard work with ODHP over the years and we wish Roz the best in all of her future endeavors!

Goal 2: Health Surveillance

OMAS Data Briefs
ODHP has been commissioned to write two data briefs for the Government Resource Center (GRC) using the 2015 Ohio Medicaid Assessment Survey (OMAS) data. One brief will address access to healthcare, health status, and health utilization for children in Ohio with development disabilities and the other brief will look at the same outcomes for adults with developmental disabilities.

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
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 April and May 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 commissioned by the Ohio Department of Health to develop the next State Health Improvement Plan and the State 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.

**HPIO Forum**
ODHP’s policy specialist attended HPIO’s forum “Investing in What Works: Evidence-Based Policy.”

“Health Equity in All Policies” Training
ODHP’s policy specialist attended this training in Marion County to show support for our NACDD community and to guide discussions on disability and health equity.

**Ohio Department of Health (ODH)**
ODHP’s policy specialist held a monthly meeting with key stakeholders at ODH that focused on the concepts of access and accessibility at the Department of Health.

**Ohio Department of Education**
ODHP’s policy specialist attended the Anti-Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Meeting to provide YRBS data for annual conference.

**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](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

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