Ohio Disability & Health Program

Health Promotion  Access to Care  Emergency Preparedness

ODHP is a partnership between The Ohio Department of Health, The Ohio State University Nisonger Center, the University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center.

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ODHP is a resource in Ohio, related to disability and health for businesses, families, service providers, organizations, state leaders and people with disabilities to promote health, quality of life, and community inclusion.

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