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Ohio County Boards of Developmental Disabilities and Council of Governments receive grant funding to support remote support expansion & availability in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, OHIO - In collaboration with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, The Ohio State University Nisonger Center awarded eight \$20,000 grants to Ohio County Boards of Developmental Disabilities and Councils of Governments.

Each grant aims to support initiatives to expand remote support availability in Ohio. The ongoing workforce crisis often leaves County Boards of Developmental Disabilities and providers without sufficient staff to fill vacant positions. Ohio is now a "Technology First" state and the grants offer to advance this mandate by harnessing the benefits of technology to mitigate the workforce crisis and promote independence among individuals with developmental disabilities. "We look forward to partnering with these 8 county boards and COGs in growing the use of technology with people with developmental disabilities around Ohio," said Dr. Marc J. Tassé, Director of the Ohio State University Nisonger Center.

The 2018 Remote Support Grants call for proposals was announced at the 2018 TechSummit held on June 15. Since then, 17 grant applications were submitted. Grant applications were reviewed by a group of 3 reviewers and while all were unique and competitive, the available funds permitted us to select eight grantees.

We are pleased to announce that the following applicants were awarded a 2018 Remote Support Grant:

- Clear Water Council of Governments, in collaboration with Crawford, Erie, Hancock, Huron, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Seneca, and Wyandot County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.
- Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities, in collaboration with Licking and Perry County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.
- Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.
- Mid-East Ohio Regional Council, in collaboration with Belmont, Harrison, Hocking, Holmes, and Noble County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.
- Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities.
- Southwestern Ohio Council of Governments in collaboration with Butler, Clermont, and Hamilton county boards of Developmental Disabilities.
- West Central Ohio Network, in collaboration with Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Hardin, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Preble, Shelby, and Union County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.
- Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

In the coming weeks, a description of each grant will be publicly available on the Nisonger Center website. We thank all who applied and encourage applicants to apply for future grant opportunities.

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