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COLUMBUS, OHIO – Every four years, Ohio creates a Combined State Plan to better align the state's largest workforce programs to better connect businesses to qualified workers. Today, Ohio is releasing the draft of its Combined State Plan for a 30-day public comment period. The plan covers the time period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028, for all of the following programs:

- Title I of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which funds county OhioMeansJobs Centers and job training and job search assistance programs for adults, dislocated workers, and low-income youth;
- The Wagner-Peyser Act Program, which funds a variety of employment services to connect job seekers and employers;
- Adult Basic and Literacy Education (known as ASPIRE), which funds GED preparation, adult math, reading, and literacy courses;
- The Vocational Rehabilitation Program through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, which supports vocational rehabilitation programs for individuals with disabilities;
- Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education, which provides funding for career technical training for secondary and post-secondary students;
- Senior Community Service Employment Program, which is a community service and work-based job training program for older Ohioans; and
- Jobs for Veterans State Grants Programs, which helps veterans find jobs through employment services at local OhioMeansJobs Centers.

Ohio's Combined State Plan is built through the collaboration of various state agencies and stakeholders to incorporate programs required under WIOA.

To view the draft plan or offer comment, please visit jfs.ohio.gov/combinedstateplan. The online portal will be open to public comment until 5 p.m. on January 4, 2024.

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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, child care, child and adult protective services, adoption, and child support services.

