



Mike DeWine, Governor | Jon Husted, Lt. Governor | Matt Damschroder, Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 5, 2023 MEDIA CONTACTS: Bill Teets: 614-403-2331 Bill.Teets@jfs.ohio.gov

Dasia Clemente: 614-817-2945 Dasia.Clemente@jfs.ohio.gov

Career Exploration and Awareness Month

New dashboard makes finding career resources easier

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director Matt Damschroder announced today that a new dashboard on OhioMeansJobs.com makes it easier for job seekers to find all the free career planning services available at their local OhioMeansJobs Center. The <u>dashboard</u> is available at <u>OhioMeansJobs.com</u>, by selecting "FIND A JOB CENTER" at the bottom of the page.

"This is a quick and easy way to see what services and workshops your local center offers," Damschroder said. "You can just visit this web page, click on your county, and instantly view the full menu of options."

Every county in Ohio has an OhioMeansJobs Center. All offer free career planning, job training, and other employment services to Ohioans looking for work and to employers seeking workers. All centers also have free public computers and phones that individuals can use to write a resume, complete online training, and look for jobs. Many centers offer information about local career fairs, referrals to local service providers, and training opportunities. Some centers also offer workshops on topics such as basic computer skills, resume writing, and interviewing.

"If you're exploring new careers, your local OhioMeansJobs Center is a great place to start," Damschroder said. "You can get one-on-one help exploring your options and then make a plan for gaining the skills and experience you need to succeed."

In addition to overseeing the OhioMeansJobs Centers, ODJFS also operates <u>OhioMeansJobs.com</u>. At either the centers or the website, Ohioans can find and apply for job openings, take skill and career interest assessments, create or improve their resumes, and more. To explore careers on <u>OhioMeansJobs.com</u>, select "For Job Seekers." Under the drop-down menu, choose "Career Preparation" (under "Build Your Career") or "Career Skills" or "Career Path" (under "Practice Your Skills").

To find contact information for your nearest OhioMeansJobs Center – and the <u>dashboard map</u> showing what services are available there – visit <u>OhioMeansJobs.com</u> and select "FIND A JOB CENTER" at the bottom of the page.

-30-

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.











