**Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council Meeting**

**Division of Employer and Innovation Services Update**

**5-6-20**

**Urgent Jobs List**

The Division of Employer and Innovation Services (EIS) has created a new tool called the Urgent Jobs List to support OOD job seekers who are interested in obtaining employment with an essential business, like a supermarket, pharmacy, warehouse/distribution center or hospital/health care provider. This list is a compilation of several of those employers from across the state. The Urgent Jobs List is updated weekly by EIS staff, and published on the Information for Employers page of the OOD website, [here](https://ood.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/ood/information-for-employers/employer-resources/2-urgent-jobs).

**Mental Health Disabilities in the Workplace Training for Employers**

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month this May, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities is hosting a free Webinar for employers, “Mental Health Disabilities in the Workplace.” Attendees will learn what barriers and limitations employees with mental health disabilities encounter at work and what reasonable accommodations are available to enable job performance. Will include discussion on the interactive process, proper communications, confidentiality, and a Q&A. The training will take place as a Microsoft Teams Live Event. You can view the training through your web browser, and you do not need to have Microsoft Teams to participate. [Here](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3Ameeting_ZTkwN2QzZmUtNmZjOC00MzhiLWEyMjgtN2E1YWU1OGJiZmFl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2250f8fcc4-94d8-4f07-84eb-36ed57c7c8a2%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22526f1a04-974b-4fe8-879f-3b42f22edb54%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d)is the link to join the training. The training will be hosted by OOD’s Worksite Accessibility Specialist, Julie Zeigler Wood, Occupational Therapist Registered/Licensed.

OOD Council members are welcome to join. Please respond to this [brief survey](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xPz4UNiUB0-E6zbtV8fIogQab1JLl-hPh587QvIu21RUMFRONkk3TkhMU1NZWUhQNkJGNkRQM00zRS4u)to let us know you’ll be joining us. Please contact Chris Glover at Chris.Glover@ood.ohio.gov to request an accommodation by May 7.

EIS has also developed a virtual training calendar to continue to offer educational opportunities for Employer Partners over the next several months.

**Virtual Interviews for College2Careers graduates**

To support Ohio College2Careers participants who are graduating this Spring, OOD’s Career Development Specialists are coordinating virtual interviews to take place later this month with OOD Employer Partners. To help students prepare, mock interview and resume revision assistance, as well as a Virtual Interview Tip Sheet, will be provided. For students seeking internships opportunities, OOD has also developed an Internship Dashboard.

**Supporting Employers during COVID-19**

EIS is developing guides to assist employers in communicating safety precautions to associates with disabilities. Recent examples include virtual consultations with employers and sharing of resources and examples. EIS is also developing a guide for employers about virtual/remote job coaching in the workplace.