**Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council Meeting**

**Division of Employer and Innovation Services Update**

**November 18, 2020**

**NDEAM Virtual Hiring Events**

In celebration of October’s National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) hosted five Virtual Hiring Events in several areas throughout Ohio to facilitate interviews for Employer Partners and OOD candidates.

OOD facilitated a total of 231 interviews for 165 job seekers with 35 employers throughout the state. There have been 29 confirmed hires so far. Below is an area breakdown:

October 1, Columbus: 52 interviews with 12 employers

October 8, Cincinnati: 57 interviews with 12 employers

October 15, Cleveland: 41 interviews with 10 employers

October 22, Canton: 57 interviews with 9 employers

October 29, Toledo: 24 interviews with 11 employers

On November 2, OOD also hosted a Meijer Hire Day to facilitate interviews for open positions throughout the state. A total of 48 interviews were conducted with 25 confirmed hires to date.

**Web-based Trainings for Employers**

Since May 2020, the Division of Employer and Innovation Services (EIS) has hosted free monthly web-based training for employers with a total attendance count of 1,655. Topics of these trainings have included: “Mental Health Disabilities in the Workplace”, “Supporting Employees with Disabilities During COVID-19”, “Disability Etiquette”, “Inclusive Hiring: Applicants with Disabilities”, “Navigating the Reasonable Accommodation Process”, and “Accessibility Hour with OOD”. All trainings are recorded and archived on our website: <https://ood.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/ood/information-for-employers>.

Our next training, “Job Developers and Job Coaches in the Workplace” takes place on Thursday, November 19 at 10 a.m. More information can be found on our website: <https://ood.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/ood/information-for-employers/employer-resources/job-developers-and-job-coaches-in-the-workplace>. OOD Council members are welcome to attend.

**Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment Survey**

OOD Council members have received a link to a draft version of the Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA) survey for individuals with disabilities. We welcome your feedback.