

OHIO Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Grant Abstract	
Grant Number	DI-22462-11-75-A-39
Grant Award	\$2,944,036
DEI Applicant	Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
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Project Period	Three Years (2011-2014)
Abstract Narrative	
Scope of Grant	Three local workforce investment areas serving Adults with Disabilities (including subgroups such as TANF recipients.)
Project Description	The ODEI's goal is to enhance the One-Stop Career Centers' capacity to ensure that adults with disabilities can achieve their greatest degree of economic success. Special marketing and outreach will be conducted with state and local partners to increase the number of adults with disabilities using the One-Stop programs, services, and activities. Education, training, and support services will be coordinated by a team of partners to ensure that the individual's needs are met. Individuals with complex employment needs will have the opportunity to participate in customized employment. TANF recipients will be engaged in work activities to help them prepare for employment. Benefit planners will work with Social Security disability beneficiaries to help them understand the impact of work on their benefits. Important linkages will be made with local employers to inform them of the benefits of hiring workers with disabilities and about available tax incentives. Follow up services will be provided to help the individuals retain employment.
Strategic Service Delivery Components	Integrated Resource Team Approach; Blending and Braiding Funds/Leveraging Resources; Partnerships and Collaboration; Customized Employment; and Asset Development Strategies
Strategic Partners	The ODEI's key partners are: Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission; Departments of Developmental Disabilities, Development; Work Incentives and Planning and Assistance project; and community rehabilitation providers.
Proposed Outcomes	The ODEI proposes to increase: the number of adults with disabilities registering and exiting by 45 percent. Of those exiters, 91 percent will enter employment and 92 percent will retain their employment. It is anticipated that over the three years, the average wage will increase from \$14,685 to \$16,999.