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## **ODJFS to Host Career Fair at the Ohio State Fair**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – For the fourth year in a row, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) will host a career fair at the Ohio State Fair, July 23 through Aug. 3 in Columbus. More than 30 employers will accept resumes, conduct interviews and hire new employees right from the ODJFS booth in the Marketplace Building.

“This career fair is an excellent opportunity for Ohioans looking for work,” said ODJFS Director Cynthia C. Dungey. “Every employer participating has positions open and is looking to hire. Visitors will also have the opportunity to learn about ODJFS job training and job search assistance programs, including the new, expanded [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com). I urge anyone interested to come to the fair and bring a resume.”

The career fair is cosponsored by the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation (COWIC), operator of OhioMeansJobs Columbus – Franklin County.

“This partnership has been a great and effective way to connect job seekers and employers across our state,” said COWIC President and CEO Suzanne Coleman-Tolbert. “The Ohio State Fair had record attendance with more than 900,000 people attending last year. Employers recognize the value in being able to talk with so many potential employees at once, and job seekers are grateful for the chance to talk with their potential employers one-on-one. Our goals have always been getting people hired and fulfilling company needs. With the Ohio State Fair Career Fair, we are meeting those goals.”

As many as five employers will be present at the booth each day of the fair from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and ODJFS volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate how to use [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com), the state’s virtual employment center.

Earlier this year, ODJFS greatly expanded [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com) to create a full-fledged, online career center with services for students, adults, veterans and others. In addition to listing tens of thousands of job openings, the website also has a resume builder and rater, a budget calculator, skill and interest assessments, online tutorials, free GED and college entrance practice tests, and more. It has links to local training programs for in-demand careers, as well as sections for employers, unemployment compensation claimants and students in grades K-12.

A schedule of participating employers is available at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocomm/OSF-job-fair-daily-employer-schedule.stm>.

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