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### **ODJFS Encourages Employers to Hire Veterans**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – During Hire-a-Veteran Month, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) encourages employers to consider hiring veterans and reminds them of the many free resources the agency offers to help.

“Veterans are assets to our nation, to their communities and to the employers who hire them,” said ODJFS Director Cynthia Dungey. “They have an amazing work ethic, they take direction well, they delegate well, and they’re great at working on a team. Organizations of all kinds can benefit from their broad range of skills and expertise.”

Through the agency’s Veterans Business Support Center, employers can request online, over-the-phone or face-to-face help finding skilled veteran candidates for jobs. Within 24 to 48 hours of receiving a request, employment specialists begin sending employers resumes of veterans looking for work. They provide customized assistance tailored to employers’ workforce needs, including recruiting, screening and interviewing veteran candidates. The specialists also can help employers:

- Find out how they can be designated “military-friendly.”
- Find career fairs, workshops and other hiring events in their area.
- Learn more about hiring incentive programs such as the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.
- Learn more about the demographics of the veterans in their area, including their education levels, skills and cities of residence.

To request assistance, employers can visit **[OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com](http://OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com)** or **[OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com)** and click on the icon that says “Veterans Business Support Center.” For over-the-phone or in-person help, they can call (888) 385-2538, email **[employerassistance@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:employerassistance@jfs.ohio.gov)** or visit their nearest OhioMeansJobs center. To find the nearest OhioMeansJobs center, visit **[OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com)** and click on the icon that says “OhioMeansJobs Centers.”

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*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.*



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