



Employment Services for Individuals with Disabilities

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services offers a wide range of services for people with disabilities. The state's OhioMeansJobs Centers, which provide free job training and other employment services for people looking for work, are designed to be accessible to everyone, including individuals with disabilities. OhioMeansJobs Centers are required to provide reasonable accommodations so those with disabilities have equal access to services. For example, they may offer the following:

- Individual, rather than group, orientations
- Help filling out registration forms
- Brochures, flyers and other information in an alternative format, such as a different language, Braille or large print
- Sign language interpretation
- Larger, more accessible computer work stations
- Adaptive equipment for computers and phones

If you are searching for a job, contact your local OhioMeansJobs Center to find out what types of assistance and equipment are available. To find the center nearest you, go to <http://jfs.ohio.gov/owd/wia/wiamap.stm>.

For a complete guide to successfully accessing OhioMeansJobs Center services, see the publication "Job Search Passport for Individuals with Disabilities" (JFS 33282).

In addition, all Ohioans looking for work can take advantage of OhioMeansJobs.com, the virtual career center ODJFS operates in partnership with Monster.com. Users can go to this website to access many of the same services available at the OhioMeansJobs Centers. OhioMeansJobs.com lists tens of thousands of job openings, in addition to a resume builder and rater, a budget calculator, skill and interest assessments, online tutorials, free GED and college entrance practice tests, and more. The website 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.

Individuals with disabilities who are looking for jobs also can visit OhioMeansAccessibility.com. If they choose, job seekers who post their resumes at OhioMeansAccessibility.com can give their permission to be referred to employers specifically looking to hire individuals with disabilities. The website also has information about starting a business, building financial assets, work incentives, transitioning from school to work, health care and more.