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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) develops and oversees a wide variety of programs and services that affect millions of Ohioans and billions of dollars. Often, when reporters call about a particular story, they ask, “What else is happening at ODJFS?” The goal of this update is to answer that question. Along with news about current happenings in the department, you’ll find helpful Web links and contact names, along with phone numbers and email addresses. In each issue, we’ll also suggest at least one site to bookmark, for up-to-date information on especially timely or frequently requested topics. For more information about any of the items below, feel free to call our office at (614) 466-6650. We look forward to hearing from you.

Aging Baby Boomers Changing Face of Ohio’s Workforce

Those 55 and older will comprise 22.4 percent of Ohio’s labor force by 2016, according to a new report issued by the ODJFS Bureau of Labor Market Information. **“Ohio’s Graying Labor Force: Aging through 2016”** explains population and labor force trends and their implication for workforce development. The report examines how age demographics differ among occupations and looks ahead to the future, with predictions about labor force participation rates, replacement rates, and worker migration patterns. The report can be found at lmi.state.oh.us/research/Graying2016.pdf.

Ohio Women’s Hall of Fame Seeking Nominations

The Ohio Women's Hall of Fame is accepting nominations for its Class of 2008 through May 15. Administered jointly by the Ohioana Library and ODJFS, the hall of fame was established in 1978 to honor women who have made outstanding contributions to our state, nation and world. Women are selected based upon their accomplishments and inspiration to others. All nominees must have been born in Ohio or resided in the state for at least five years. Nomination forms are available by calling the Ohioana Library at (614) 466-3831, or by visiting www.ohioana.org.

Women selected in 2008 will join more than 350 outstanding members, including Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*; Toni Morrison, Nobel Prize-winning author; Betty Zane, Revolutionary War heroine; Barbara Ross-Lee, first African-American woman dean of a college of medicine; Muriel Siebert, first woman to own a seat on the New York Stock Exchange; Judith Resnik, space shuttle astronaut; Maya Lyn, designer of the Vietnam and Civil Rights Memorials; Carol Heiss Jenkins and Tina Bischoff, Olympic gold medalists; and actresses Ruby Dee, Rosemary Clooney, Halle Barry, Doris Day and Phyllis Diller.

ODJFS County Profiles Show Local Demographics, Program Participation

ODJFS recently updated a valuable resource for anyone interested in seeing how the agency’s programs benefit particular counties. The ODJFS County Profiles are 10-page documents that show such things as the average age and income level of county residents, the percentage of the county’s population receiving food stamps and Ohio Works First benefits, and the number of 1-year-olds who received medical exams through the HEALTHCHEK program, to cite just a few examples. In addition to profiles for each of the state’s 88 counties, there are profiles for the state as a whole and for Ohio’s Appalachian region. Each report includes local contact names and phone numbers. The profiles can be found online at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/county/cntypro/index.stm>.

Bookmark this: <http://lmi.state.oh.us>

The ODJFS Bureau of Labor Market Information Web site is a valuable source of information on employment levels, unemployment rates, wages and earnings, employment projections, jobs, training resources and careers.