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Ohioans Voice Support for Ohio's Jobs Budget 2.0

Joel Potts, Executive Director, Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association

“Governor Kasich’s state fiscal year 2014 and 2015 budget calls for stable funding to the local job and family service system with crucial new investments in programs to improve work opportunities for unemployed, underemployed and low-income Ohioans. The Governor’s plan provides important resources which will preserve the safety net, improve job training, provide work supports, support adoptive families, deliver high-quality child care and protect children.

“We support the Governor’s approach to health care expansion and investments in the job and family service system. We look forward to working with the Governor and state legislature to finalize a state budget which meets the needs of the citizens we serve.”

Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Executive Director, Ohio Association of Foodbanks

“The support, partnership and commitment of [Director Michael Colbert] and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Service team is critical to our ability to supply desperately needed food to feed more of our hungry friends and neighbors who are standing at our doors. On behalf of the 3,300 members, nonprofit and faith-based foodbanks, food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and Ohio Benefit Bank sites, thank you for your generous support and commitment in the JFS 2014/15 budget.”

John Fisher, Director, Licking County Department of Job and Family Services

“I want to express my appreciation for your hard work and efforts to maintain and enhance the resources for [county departments of job and family services] to serve their respective communities. I know you’re keenly aware of the needs that currently exist – food, work supports, access to services, etc. Your proposed budget helps to maintain a stable level of support. We greatly appreciated that.

“...Re-directing and enhancing TANF resources for Employment and Supportive Services couldn’t occur at a more critical time. As the economy continues to grow at a slow but hopefully steady pace, these additional TANF resources will help insure that those unemployed or in entry-level jobs have the opportunity to advance their well-being and self-sufficiency.”

Gayle Channing Tenenbaum, longtime child advocate

“To say we are thrilled with this budget for children, youth and families is an understatement. Thanks to all of you for many, many, long hours of very hard work on behalf of the people of our state.”

