

CCMEP Update

OWEN'S Corner – *Gerrie Cotter*

Now, it is even more important for each of you to take care of yourselves to ensure that you stay healthy. Be sure to get plenty of sleep, eat well, and stay active so you can keep helping Ohio's youth as the state works to limit the spread of the coronavirus. Once regular state travel begins again, we plan to visit local CCMEP programs around Ohio to capture video testimonials of successful participants who have entered in-demand careers. We'd like to use the videos for both outreach and inspiration for case manager/career coaches. To do that, we need your help to identify successful participants. Please email your recommendations to Sharon.Shulok@jfs.ohio.gov and CCMEPQNA@jfs.ohio.gov. Be sure to include the name of a local contact and the reason you think they would be a good testimonial subject.

We also are seeking your help in identifying local best practices. For example, Meigs County has been using a "super teams" approach by bringing together staff from multiple offices (child support, children services, OhioMeansJobs center, etc.) to collaborate on common cases. What has been working well in your county/area? Please email your successes and strategies to CCMEPQNA@jfs.ohio.gov so we can share them with other lead agencies.

Coronavirus Information

For up-to-date information, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov and/or call the Ohio Department of Health hotline at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). The hotline is staffed 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

CCMEP Coronavirus Guidance

Please see [Procedure Letter 6](#), [OMJ resource guide](#), [online activity guide](#), [COVID-19 Q & A](#), and [guidance memo](#) released on 3/19/20.

Fiscal Facts – *Mark Anderson*

It is spring, and many of you are planning for increases in both expenditures and the number of services provided. Both are important for planning purposes, but it is equally important to plan ways to keep youth energized and motivated when summer passes and school and fall activities begin. Keeping in-school clients involved and active is the key for engagement and success!

Remember that the current CCMEP TANF allocation must have services provided by Sept. 30. A new allocation will begin Oct. 1 for future services. Be sure to work with your fiscal staff to maximize use of CCMEP TANF funding and provide the best services possible. If you need any assistance with budgeting/planning contact Mark Anderson at mark.anderson@jfs.ohio.gov or (614) 359-3468.

TABE 11 & 12 in OWCMS – *Roxanne Clark*

The Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) 11 & 12 can be used to determine whether a participant is basic skills deficient. It also can be used to measure an educational functional level gain for participants below the post-secondary level.

Please record all TABE 11 & 12 data for any assessments that have been given in program year 2019 (since July 2019 and through June 2020). When TABE 11 & 12 was not available in OWCMS, we asked lead agencies to temporarily record scores in case notes. Now, this data must be entered by June 30 to get credit for any measurable skill gains.

To navigate to this screen in OWCMS, click on "WIOA" and then "Assess Education." Then click on the "Basic Skills Assessment" tab. All TABE 11 & 12 assessments will be available from the drop-down menu under "Test Name."

Coming Soon: OWCMS System Changes – *Dawn Toure*

Look for the following updates starting in April. These changes will be covered in [April 9th webinar](#):

- The "Assess Education" screens currently have three tabs: "Education History," "Basic Skills Assessment," and "Skills Gain." The "Education History" tab will be moved to a revised "Experience Summary" tab of the IOP.
- There will be two IOP service date fields instead of three: "Actual Start Date" and "Planned/Actual End Date." Both will auto-populate with the current date so it will be important to enter current date information.
- The first three sections of the CCMEP IOP services screen will be removed: "Wage Pathway," "Assessment," and "Intensive Service."

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- A new shared “IOP Summary” screen will be added, allowing users to see services provided across multiple programs, including Employment Services and WIOA.
- Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs will migrate to the new IOP, and the old services screen will be disabled. Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs will still have its own separate IOP.
- Special Grants also will migrate to the new IOP and have its own separate IOP.

Free Children’s Books Available – Sharon Shulok

Ohio children from birth to age 5 can now be enrolled to receive a free book each month through the Ohio Governor’s Imagination Library. This is a great opportunity to support your clients who are young parents and help their children develop literacy skills.

This is a partnership with [Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library](#), which has been providing free books to children of all socioeconomic levels for 25 years. [CLICK HERE](#) to help your clients enroll.

Resources for Young Families – Sharon Shulok

[Childcare and early childhood programs in Ohio](#)

[Childcare provider search](#)

[New parent support program](#)

[Child literacy and education resource](#)

[Free online books for children](#)

[Mindfulness resource for case managers and participants](#)

April Regional Training – Sharon Shulok

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the in-person regional trainings scheduled in April will instead be provided as online videos. Once the videos are available, they will be shared broadly. Anyone registered for the regional trainings will be emailed the links for the recordings when they are available. If you have any questions, please email Sharon.Shulok@jfs.ohio.gov.

June Training: Save the Date – Sharon Shulok

So far, we’re still planning to have in-person training for the Motivational interviewing regional trainings. Motivational interviewing is a proven communication method that can help others undertake and maintain change. The state CCMEP Team is planning several training sessions across the state in June to explain this practice. We will discuss how motivational interviewing works, how to assess a client’s readiness to change, five critical motivational interviewing skills, and how best to use them. We also will give training participants a chance to practice their motivational interviewing skills. Registration will open in late April. For more information, please email Sharon.Shulok@jfs.ohio.gov.

- Northeast Region: June 9
- Northwest Region: June 11
- Central Region: June 16
- Southeast Region: June 17
- Southwest Region: June 18

Recognized Pre-Apprenticeship Programs – Rebecca DeMatteis

Recognized pre-apprenticeship programs provide an important bridge to apprenticeship for Ohioans who may lack the skills or experience, but not the motivation, to take that step on their career path. The programs teach basic technical and job-readiness skills for designated occupations or occupational sectors, to prepare young adults for Registered Apprenticeship training. Participants who complete recognized pre-apprenticeship programs also can obtain up to 12 points toward Ohio Department of Education high school graduation requirements.

Pre-apprenticeship programs normally occur in a classroom and/or lab setting, but they also may involve work-site visits, job-shadowing, or other activities to provide exposure to the work environment. Training may be paid or unpaid. To find local programs and learn more, visit Apprentice.Ohio.gov or email apprenticeship@jfs.ohio.gov.