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## County and Workforce Director Call Program Updates Since September 19

### Statewide Summary – ODJFS Assistant Director Brad Barger

- Good morning / thank you for joining. I'm Brad Barger, assistant director of Employment Services. Director Damschroder can't be here this morning so I'll be filling in for him.
- We have 3 guest speakers today:
  - First, Ohio Medicaid Director Maureen Corcoran will provide a brief Medicaid update.
  - Then JoAnn Breedlove from Stark County and Mandy Minnick from Portage County will tell you about an innovative manufacturing readiness program that they developed in partnership with Kent State University. This is especially timely given that Friday is Manufacturing Day!
- First, just a few brief other updates...
- Governor DeWine announced that he is enhancing and expanding his [Bold Beginning Initiative](#). His plan includes many things, including:
  - Expanding access to publicly funded child care,
  - Seeking more funding for public children services agencies,
  - Expanding Medicaid coverage to more adopted children,
  - Expanding programs to meaningfully engage fathers in children's lives,
  - And developing an education and workforce development program for fathers who owe child support.
  - We'll include a [link](#) to more information in the notes to this call.
- Governor DeWine also announced that \$20 million in grant funding is available for nonprofits and government agencies to establish or enhance interventions to [prevent violence](#).

- Four communities – in Crawford, Wyandot, Wayne, and Monroe Counties – will receive \$2.5 million in [H2Ohio grants](#) to help improve their drinking water quality.
- It's [National Disability Employment Awareness Month](#). Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities will be hosting hiring events for job seekers and employers. Look for news about them on social media.
- Here at JFS, our Fatherhood Commission encouraged dads to walk their kids to school on September 22.
- We also issued 2 more news releases in conjunction with Workforce Development Month.
  - One highlighted programs such as the Work Opportunity Tax Credit program, which [helps individuals facing barriers to employment](#).
  - Another announced our campaign to encourage individuals to [consider careers in children services](#).
    - The campaign includes multimedia advertising across the state.
    - We also created a new landing page on OhioMeansJobs.com to make it easier for individuals to explore careers and search for jobs in children services. You can find it at [OhioMeansJobs.ohio.gov/ChildrenServices](https://OhioMeansJobs.ohio.gov/ChildrenServices).
- Finally, a brief word about access certification. This is the process we use to ensure that all state and county users of our systems have the appropriate level of access.
  - Federal and state laws require us to check this annually. This also was a topic noted by the Auditor of State in a recent audit.
  - We've reached out to local security coordinators, and we will be contacting them again soon.
  - Our goal is 100% compliance by mid-November – so please tell them to be on the lookout for requests from us them to respond.
- Now, I'd like to introduce Ohio Medicaid Director Maureen Corcoran. Director Corcoran will provide a brief Medicaid update.

**Medicaid Update – Ohio Medicaid Director Maureen Corcoran**

*(Please see the attached PowerPoint.)*

**Transition – ODJFS Assistant Director Brad Barger**

- Thank you, Director Corcoran. We'll be sure to share your slides with everybody after this call.
- Now, I'd like to introduce Mandy Minnick, the workforce administrator for OhioMeanJobs Portage County, and JoAnn Breedlove, who is executive director of the Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board.
  - Mandy has been with Portage County for over 15 years, working in Public Assistance before joining OhioMeansJobs.
  - JoAnn has been executive director of the Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board since March. Prior to that, she was chief operating officer of the Workforce Initiative Association.
- Together, they're going to tell you about an innovative manufacturing readiness program that they developed in partnership with Kent State University.

**Manufacturing Readiness Program – Mandy Minnick, OhioMeanJobs Portage County Workforce Administrator, and JoAnn Breedlove, Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board Executive Director**

*(Please see the attached PowerPoint.)*

**Closing – ODJFS Assistant Director Brad Barger**

- Thank you, Mandy and JoAnn. We'll send your PowerPoint as a follow-up to this call. If anyone would like more information, don't hesitate to ask.
- Also remember that if you have ideas for future topics or speakers, please let us know.
- Thanks for taking the time to be with us this morning. I hope you all have a great day and a great week ahead.