

On October 1, 2013, our agency name changes to...

Ohio | Rehabilitation Services
Commission

Ohio | Opportunities for Ohioans
with Disabilities

Weekly Focus

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Executive Director

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The mission of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission is to ensure individuals with disabilities achieve quality employment, independence and disability determination outcomes through integrated services, partnerships and innovation.

RSC Holds Town Hall Meeting; Others Are Scheduled

With more than 80 people in attendance, the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC) hosted its first Town Hall meeting this week at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. RSC is excited to have the opportunity to host these sessions around the state to spotlight the positive direction that we are taking to assist individuals with disabilities.

This Town Hall meeting was supported by the Project SEARCH team in Cincinnati. Susie Rutkowski, Erin Riehle, and Maryellen Daston with Project SEARCH did a fabulous job of inviting people to attend and getting a great audience assembled to hear RSC's updates and ask questions. I want to especially thank Michael Celek, a student at Project SEARCH, for his wonderful introduction to kick off the event.

It is important for RSC, soon to be Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, to get outside of Columbus to talk directly with people. These settings provide us the chance to tell everyone what we are working on and get feedback and answer questions. This give-and-take is essential to break down any barriers and allows us to hear the concerns and address them on the spot.



Director Miller (on stage) addresses the 80+ audience participants at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

If you were not able to attend this Town Hall session, there are other opportunities coming to a community near you. I hope that you will seriously consider attending one of the upcoming meetings to hear about RSC's current initiatives, share in the collective successes we have achieved together and ask any questions that you may have about the direction we are traveling to assist individuals with disabilities quicker and more efficiently.



Michael Celek (left), a Project SEARCH student, introduced Director Miller at the Cincinnati Town Hall meeting.

Information on our upcoming Town Hall meetings:

- 1) Hotel at University of Toledo Medical Center
3100 Glendale Avenue, Pine-Willow Room
Toledo, Ohio
Date: 9/11/13
Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
- 2) Centers for Family and Children
4500 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio
Date: 9/19/13
Time: 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
- 3) Wright State University – Nutter Center
3640 Colonel Glenn Highway #430, Berry Room
Dayton, Ohio
Date: 9/23/13
Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
- 4) Rehabilitation Services Commission
150 E. Campus View Blvd., 3rd Floor
Commissioners/David Williams Conference Rooms
Columbus, Ohio 43235
Date: 9/26/13
Time: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Teleconference: 1-888-204-5987,
enter Access Code 9069599
Parking is free

If you have any questions or need special accommodations, please contact Shirley Marchi at 614-438-1477 as soon as possible.

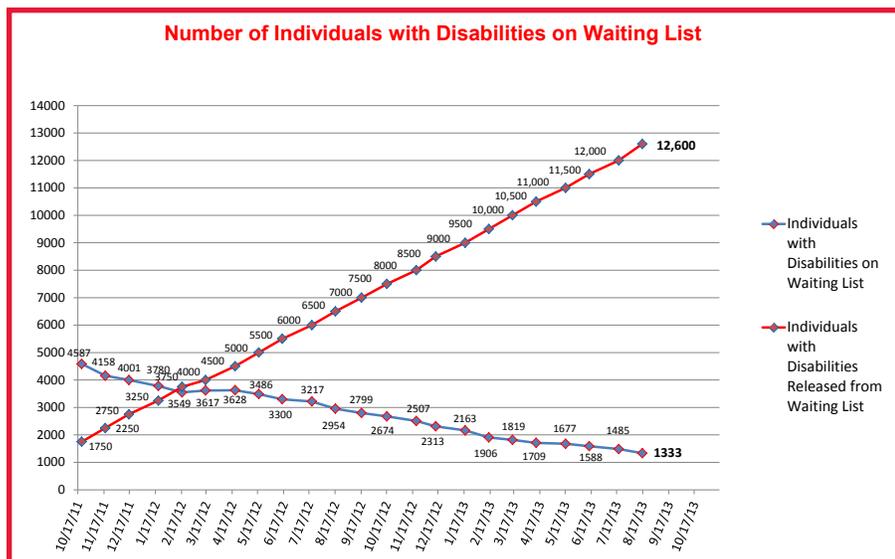
DisAbility Jobs Summit Update

Register today for the 2013 *DisAbility Jobs Summit*! Registration is currently underway for the 2013 *DisAbility Jobs Summit* taking place October 8-9, 2013 at the Columbus Convention Center.

October 8-9, 2013
DisAbility Jobs Summit
 Smart for business | Smart for people | Smart for Ohio's bottom line
 Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission | John R. Kasich, Governor | Kevin L. Miller, Executive Director

This conference promises to be a tremendous educational opportunity as employers, consumers, service providers and government officials gather to focus singularly on creating a positive environment to assist individuals with disabilities find or retain competitive employment. There are many wonderful educational sessions that will provide attendees with useful information that they can take with them to use in their local communities.

Registration for the *Summit* can be made online using the following link: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e7r06btff803c206&llr=rb76ilcab>



Combined Charitable Campaign Kicks Off



The Combined Charitable Campaign (CCC) is an annual initiative for State of Ohio employees to consider donating to one or more of nearly 2,000 charitable organizations at the local, regional and international levels. Donations can be made through payroll deductions or one-time gifts.

The 2013 CCC runs from September 4, 2013 through October 18, 2013. RSC goals this year are 299 payroll donors and \$79,812 in monetary contributions.

RSC's CCC kickoff date is September 11, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the 400 building. Events are being planned that I hope everyone will participate in to help raise money for many great causes.



CCC co-chairs (left to right): Heidi Block, Professional Relations Officer (PRO) and Roschelle Holcomb, Disability Claims Adjudicator 2 (DCA2)

RSC's co-chairs are Roschelle Holcomb and Heidi Block. Please contact either Roschelle Holcomb at 614-438-1966 or e-mail at Roschelle.holcomb@ssa.gov, or Heidi Block at 614-438-1967 or e-mail at Heidi.block@ssa.gov if you have any questions or you wish to help out with any of the events.

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