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# WEEKLY FOCUS

**Ohio** | Opportunities for Ohioans  
with Disabilities

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*The mission of the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency is to ensure individuals with disabilities achieve quality employment, independence and disability determination outcomes through integrated services, partnerships and innovation.*

## 2013 RSA Draft Monitoring Report

By the end of business today, OOD will submit its response to the Rehabilitation Services Administration's (RSA) draft monitoring report that we received in October, 2013. The majority of RSA's report focuses on the case management activities performed by OOD's Third Party Cooperative Arrangements (TPCA). In our response, we have emphasized the value of state and local partnerships and our desire to continue such partnerships.

Moving forward, OOD is planning to go to Washington, D.C. in December to receive technical assistance and guidance on TPCAs. We would like RSA to offer direction, clarification and assistance on TPCAs to ensure that if we must change course, we have a model in place that is fully compliant with their interpretation of Federal Code.

After we hear from RSA and receive their final monitoring report, we will continue to develop and implement our plan to continue serving Ohioans with disabilities and working collaboratively with our partners. Our primary focus will continue to be providing customized services and support to help Ohio individuals with disabilities attain and maintain employment. I appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation during these transitional times.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the Draft Monitoring Report and OOD's response, please e-mail Brad Reynolds, Chief, Office of Communications and Legislation, at [brad.reynolds@ood.ohio.gov](mailto:brad.reynolds@ood.ohio.gov).

## Happy Thanksgiving

I want to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

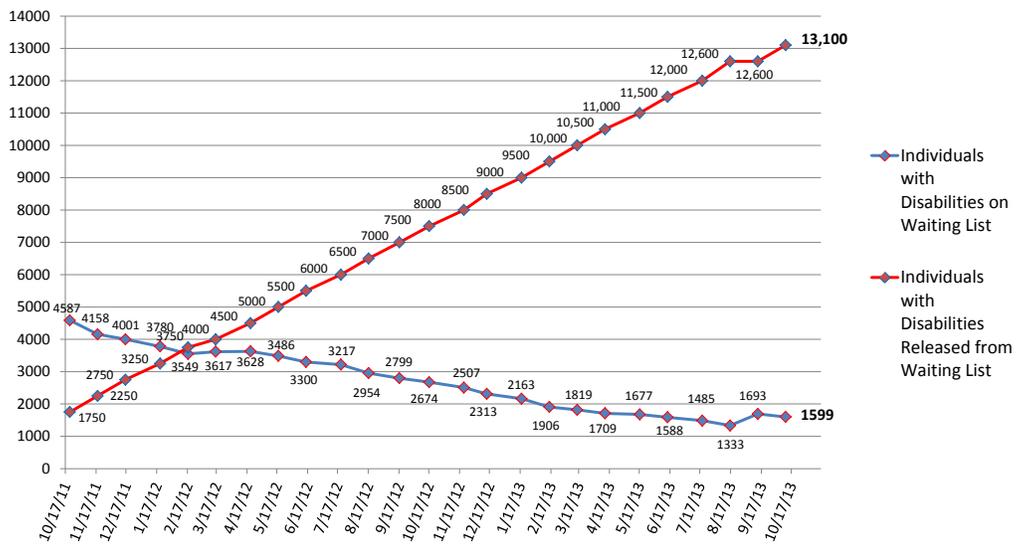
## Farewell to Jim Edwards

After serving the state of Ohio for over 42 years, Jim Edwards, OOD Mailroom and Storeroom Supervisor, has decided to retire. Jim has been a great asset to the agency and will be missed. On behalf of everyone at OOD, we wish Jim the best in his retirement years. Congratulations!



*Jim Edwards - retiring  
after 42 years of  
service to the state of  
Ohio*

### Number of Individuals with Disabilities on Waiting List



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