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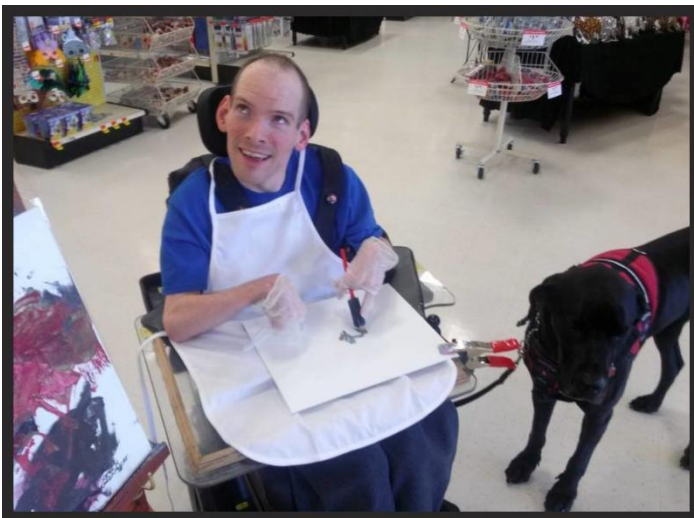
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Dear Employment First Partners,

Keep up to date on Employment First news in Ohio. Don't forget to [contact us](#) if you need a speaker or visit the [Community Employment Resource Map](#) for local Employment First news.

If you have a story you would like for us to share, would like to give us feedback, or you need Employment First support, please contact us at EmploymentFirst@dodd.ohio.gov.

Keven: What Do You See?



Keven McCament has been working with Creative Foundations for over 8 years and in that time has started his own business called, "Keven's Krafts." Keven now sells abstract paintings and has enhanced his business through creative marketing, his ability to connect with people, and support from his family, friends, and professionals. He hopes to encourage others and provide

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

Ohio's Path to Employment First

A summary of Ohio's Employment First Initiative and Future Plans

See Ohio's current plan to support the ongoing implementation of Employment First.

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The Employment First Team

Stacy Collins

unique views through his art. For more information about Keven's business, please visit his [website](#). Congratulations Keven!

Job Seekers Guide: A How-To Guide to Community Employment for Job Seekers & Families



The Job Seekers Guide released on July 1, 2015. This is a web based resource that can be accessed on the Employment First website. It allows for individuals with disabilities and their families to learn about a variety of topics related to community employment including: how to find a job, how to be a self-advocate, information about discovery, and explanations of different employment services and supports. Please visit the Job Seekers Guide at jobguide.ohioemploymentfirst.org for more information.

Disability Benefits 101



Disability Benefits 101 (DB 101) is set to launch for Ohio in September 2015. This will be a resource for job seekers, families, and professionals to get an overview of



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how working may impact an individual's benefits. This resource is state specific and will account for Ohio laws regarding social benefits.

National APSE Conference



Ohio Employment First was able to share Ohio's progress with other states at the National APSE conference in Philadelphia, PA on June 23-25. It was great to share in the success with Ohio APSE. Don't forget to make your calendars for the 2016 National APSE Conference in Cincinnati, OH June 21-23.

EF Outcome Tracking System Reminder



The Employment First Outcome Tracking System was released to private providers in March. County Boards of Developmental Disabilities and private providers are responsible for entering data into the system based on the Employment First Administrative Rule [5123:2-2-05](#). If you are a private provider who needs access to the

system, please direct questions to employmentfirst@dodd.ohio.gov.

There are currently over 9000 individual records entered into the system. For information about how to pull data reports as a County Board, visit the [Employment First website](#) for a Data Warehouse webinar that was hosted on June 9.

There will be two webinars on July 14 and July 22 on how to use and enter data into the Outcome Tracking System. To register for these events, please click on the following links: [July 14 from 3:00-4:00p](#) and [July 22 from 9:00-10:00a](#).

Employment First Leadership Update

In May, Stacy Collins became the Employment First Lead for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Collins replaced Kristen Helling who took a role as Assistant Deputy Director for the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities. Please contact Stacy at stacy.collins@dodd.ohio.gov or (614) 466-6612.

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