

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

For the week ending May 26, 2023

Monday, May 22, 2023

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced new user-friendly features to OhioMeansJobs.com, coordinated by InnovateOhio, the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. These new features take a faster, streamlined approach to connect unemployed Ohioans with jobs while helping employers identify new talent. The enhancements are the next phase to improve customer experience with OhioMeansJobs.com.

"This improved resource will help connect Ohioans with a new job, so they are able to provide their families with the best opportunity right here in Ohio," said Governor DeWine.

"Ohio currently has the lowest unemployment rate in our state's history, and we are aggressively working to fill all of the new jobs being created," added Lt. Governor Jon Husted. "These features will enhance the ability of employers to find talent in Ohio while helping unemployed Ohioans find new or better-paying jobs."

"This clubhouse, and others like it are places of hope, growth, and opportunity," said Governor DeWine. "Such clubhouses fit into our commitment to build up the mental health support system in our state, so those who are in crisis, struggling, or recovering can get the level of care they need, where and when they need it."



Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted announced the launch of a statewide, online portal where Ohioans can inquire and apply to become foster or adoptive parents.

"As a state, we must give our children the support they deserve to succeed, and that support includes an adult to care for them," said Governor DeWine. "This new tool will streamline the foster parent and adoption certification process making it more accessible than ever."

"With about 15,000 young people in our foster care system, there's no doubt Ohio needs more foster and adoptive families," said Lt. Governor Husted. "I know firsthand the impact this will have, as I was in foster care and then adopted. Anything we can do to improve this process is going to make a difference in the lives of a lot of kids."

Prospective caregivers can access the portal from Ohio's FosterandAdopt.ohio.gov website.

Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund FUNDING AWARDS

Implementing Agency	County	Award Amount
Allen County Sheriff's Office	Allen	\$83,848.50
Ashland County Sheriff's Office	Ashland	\$8,238.37
Auglaize County Sheriff's Office	Auglaize	\$76,385.09
Brown County Sheriff's Office	Brown	\$8,987.90
Butler County Sheriff's Office	Butler	\$22,558.44
Cincinnati Police Department	Hamilton	\$63,716.04
City of Bedford	Cuyahoga	\$78,811.78
Clermont County Sheriff's Office	Clermont	\$96,906.62
Cleveland Division of Police	Cuyahoga	\$137,013.70
Columbiana County Sheriff's Office	Columbiana	\$78,998.33
Defiance County Sheriff's Office	Defiance	\$95,227.72
Delaware County Sheriff's Office	Delaware	\$105,114.58
Fairfield County Sheriff's Office	Fairfield	\$100,824.05
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	Franklin	\$132,013.70
Greater Warren County Drug Task Force	Warren	\$106,980.03
Greene County Sheriff's Office	Greene	\$90,004.47
Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office	Hamilton	\$28,098.84
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	Hamilton	\$41,198.82
Hardin County Sheriff's Office	Hardin	\$6,421.85
Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office	Jefferson	\$6,328.69
Lake County Narcotics Agency	Lake	\$75,000.00
Lawrence County Prosecutor's Office	Lawrence	\$71,721.47
Licking County Sheriff's Office	Licking	\$133,469.36
Logan County Sheriff's Office	Logan	\$6,095.80
Lorain County Sheriff's Office	Lorain	\$116,120.71
Mahoning County Sheriff's Office	Mahoning	\$102,129.87
Mansfield Police Department	Richland	\$132,013.70
Medina County Drug Task Force	Medina	\$92,429.55
Midway Drug Enforcement Agency	Wayne	\$81,609.96
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	Montgomery	\$27,515.20
Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office	Ottawa	\$68,736.77
Portage County Sheriff's Office	Portage	\$11,138.85
Ross County Sheriff's Office	Ross	\$85,340.86
Sandusky County Drug Task Force	Sandusky	\$8,868.44
Shelby County Sheriff's Office	Shelby	\$6,186.50
SPAN Drug Enforcement Unit	Cuyahoga	\$5,000.00
Springfield Township	Hamilton	\$110,897.46
Stark County Sheriff's Office	Stark	\$124,701.76
Summit County Sheriff's Office	Summit	\$132,013.70
Toledo Police Department	Lucas	\$22,891.14
Trumbull County Sheriff's Office	Trumbull	\$93,735.36
Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office/LEAD Drug Task Force	Tuscarawas	\$10,078.93
Washington County Sheriff's Office	Washington	\$10,000.00
Western Enforcement Bureau	Cuyahoga	\$90,933.20

"No one knows better than local law enforcement the effects that drugs have on their own communities," said Governor DeWine. "This funding will support our local authorities as they work to take drugs off the streets."

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds drivers to "Buckle Up" and "Drive Sober" for Memorial Day. During the upcoming holiday weekend, the Highway Patrol will be highly visible on Ohio's roadways promoting traffic safety. As motorists travel this weekend, troopers are reminding drivers to use their safety belts and to be responsible by designating a sober driver. The effort begins at midnight on Friday, May 26 and continues through 11:59 p.m. on Monday, May 29.



Governor DeWine and First Lady Fran DeWine hosted the Garden Club of America at the Ohio Governor's Residence for a tour of the Heritage Garden.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is reminding Ohioans that, no matter your experience level, it is important to focus on safety anytime you're on or near the water. Governor DeWine is emphasizing the importance of safety by recognizing this week as National Safe Boating Week.

"I urge everyone with plans to be on the water this summer to brush up on boating safety skills in advance of boating season," Governor DeWine said. "Ohio's rivers and lakes are great places for family fun when boaters make safety a priority."

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Governor DeWine and the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) announced that two more new videos aimed at reducing teen crashes have been released for National Youth Traffic Safety Month in May. The release coincides with what's known as the "100 Deadliest Days" for teen drivers, the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day when teen driver-related fatalities historically spike.

"Drivers under age 24 are involved in 31% of all crashes in Ohio, but only make up about 13% of licensed Ohio drivers," said Governor DeWine. "Most crashes can be prevented, which is why education is key to help young people develop important critical driving skills."

"These videos were designed to create a meaningful impact on young people just beginning to learn to drive," said Emily Davidson, OTSO executive director. "Youth are influenced in different ways than their parents or grandparents, and they expect messages to be relatable and to merge seamlessly with their lives."

See the new teen driver safety videos on YouTube at "The DL on GDL."

Governor DeWine announced \$3 million in funding for 44 local law enforcement agencies to help their drug task forces enforce the state's drug laws and combat illegal drug activity. Grants from the 2023 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund will support drug task forces that impact 42 counties on issues of drug trafficking, pharmaceutical diversion, and other organized criminal activity associated with the drug trade.

"Memorial Day weekend is always a fun time to be in Ohio, but if you're traveling our roadways, I urge you to make responsible decisions," said Governor DeWine. "Buckling up and driving sober are essential to ensuring everyone on our roads is safe this holiday and all summer."

"Too many times our troopers see tragic loss of life on our roadways due to irresponsible decisions," said Colonel Charles A. Jones. "Before heading out, make a plan, designate a sober driver and buckle up."

You can help contribute to a safer Ohio by calling #677 to report drug activity and dangerous or impaired driving.

Friday, May 19, 2023

Governor DeWine, First Lady Fran DeWine, and Lt. Governor Husted honored Ohio's fallen heroes and Gold Star Families with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Ohio Veterans Plaza at the Statehouse in honor of Memorial Day.

"We are truly blessed to live in a land of liberty and opportunity," said Governor DeWine, "but these blessings do not come to us without cost. As we head into this holiday weekend, we remember our patriots, and we think about what Memorial Day is truly about—the men and women of the U.S. military who died securing our freedoms."



Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Lt. Governor Husted delivered keynote remarks on economic development wins in the Dayton area and across the state to Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce members at their annual Legislative Day in Columbus.

Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted visited the Dayton Correctional Institution, where they announced the launch of a new initiative to give individuals leaving incarceration the opportunity to play an important role in building the infrastructure necessary for broadband expansion and 5G deployment across the state.



"Ohio is aggressively looking to expand our broadband infrastructure," said Lt. Governor Husted. "We have free job training programs that any Ohioan can take advantage of, yet we still don't have an adequate workforce to build it," he said. "I commend the industry for their willingness to train individuals who are leaving incarceration so that they can join the workforce and lead lives of hope and purpose while building the infrastructure that will expand broadband access to more Ohioans."



Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Governor DeWine toured the Miracle Clubhouse as part of the continuum of mental health care he is working to strengthen across the state. In addition, Governor DeWine and Nationwide Foundation President Chad Jester, in partnership with the Ohio Opioid Education Alliance, unveiled the next round of "Beat the Stigma" public service announcements, this time focusing on reducing stigma associated with mental health treatment.