



Look Beyond

Save the Date!

Developmental Disabilities Awareness and Advocacy Day!

**Tuesday, March 5, 2013
Ohio Statehouse
Program Begins at 9:45 A.M.**

AWARENESS

DD Awareness Month Kick Off activities include presentations by Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Director John Martin, Rehabilitation Services Commission Administrator Kevin Miller, state legislators, advocates and providers. Ohio Governor John Kasich has been invited and his participation is pending.

Ohio's celebration of DD Awareness Month (March) is an annual opportunity for the DD Community to raise public awareness of the many abilities people with disabilities have, and encourages communities to welcome individuals' differences, as well as their similarities.

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sherry.steinman@dodd.ohio.gov
Phone (614) 644-0262

ADVOCACY

Legislative Advocacy Day activities include presentations on pending state policy issues that will impact people with disabilities, including issues like Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities, Visitability and Accessible Housing, and the state budget.

Self-Advocates, family members and professionals will be given time to meet with their legislators and tell their story and advocate for better services and supports for people with disabilities and their families.

Registration is required for participants wishing to meet with their legislators. Visit www.ddc.ohio.gov to complete a registration form, or complete the back and return to:

Contact: Linda Martens with Ohio SIBS:
lmartens@ohiosibs.com
Phone (614)601-2221

SHARING

What do you wish people knew about you, but were too afraid to ask? Share your story with our Video Diary team and become part of the Look Beyond Video Series that will be shared across Ohio.

Network with advocates and professionals from across Ohio and learn about success stories in employment, housing, health, transportation and education, or tell your own story.

Contact: David Lewis with The Arc of Ohio:
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Phone (614)487-4720 extension 111

REGISTRATION

Registration is required for all participants wishing to meet with their legislators. By registering, you are helping event planners determine the number of people who will be meeting with policymakers. Each registered participant will have a meeting with their legislator scheduled for them. This registration form can be completed and mailed to Linda Martens, c/o Ohio SIBS, 1799 W. Fifth Ave., Ste. 370, Columbus, Ohio, 43212.

Registration can also be completed online by going to www.ddc.ohio.gov/whatsnew.htm. Participants who register online will receive e-mail confirmation of their registration. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis.

The DEADLINE to register is Friday, February 15, 2013. SPACE WILL BE LIMITED!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please indicate whether you are a self-advocate, parent or family member, or professional:

- I am a person with a disability
- I am a parent, guardian or family member
- I am a support professional
- I will be attending on behalf of my organization

How late can you stay in Columbus to participate in meetings?

- 2:30 p.m.
- 3:00 p.m.
- 3:30 p.m.
- 4:00 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m.

Please note that leaving too early may limit your ability to meet with your legislator.

Do you require any special accommodations?

- Large Print
- Sign-Language Interpreter
- Documents in People First Language
- Transportation Assistance
- Other (please indicate): _____

Will you be traveling with others? If so, please indicate the number and names (if available): _____

If you are attending on behalf of an organization, please indicate the organization: _____
