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Good afternoon! Sending along a few items of interest. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks,  
David

### **Computer Refurbishing Program for Ohioans with Disabilities**

Assistive Technology of Ohio at The Ohio State University offers a computer refurbishing program that benefits Ohioans with disabilities. The statewide program helps Ohioans with disabilities obtain a desktop or laptop computer for \$60, including the cost of shipping. The price is reduced to \$30 for participants who can pick up the computer.

According to a 2021 Pew Research Center survey, only 62% of adults with a disability report owning a computer, compared with 81% of people without a disability.

To apply for a computer, please call 866-801-7306 or visit the [computer refurbishing program webpage](#). If you have a computer you would like to donate to the program, please contact Eric Rathburn at 866-801-7306 or [rathburn.17@osu.edu](mailto:rathburn.17@osu.edu). The program does not accept printers, scanners, or fax machines. Computer donations may be tax deductible.

### **DSP Compensation Survey Reminder**

**Attention: Agency providers that delivered homemaker/personal care services in the calendar year 2022.**

DODD launched the [2022 Direct Support Professional \(DSP\) Compensation Survey](#) on May 1. The purpose of this survey is to collect systemwide data on DSP compensation, including information on wages, overtime, bonuses, fringe benefits, training costs, and taxes, as well as outcome data related to staff tenure, turnover, and job vacancies. Questions related to the provision of supportive technology are also included this year. All agencies that delivered routine homemaker/personal care services in 2022 must complete this survey by July 16.

If the primary contact for your agency did not receive a unique survey code, please notify Rachel Blick at [Rachel.Blick@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:Rachel.Blick@dodd.ohio.gov).

Office hours for technical assistance are also available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. [Please click here to register.](#)

### **"Business Building How-to-Guide Overview" Webinar June 22**

June 22, 2023, 10:30–11:30 AM, Theodor Forde-Stiegler from Nexus4Change will walk through resources and training developed over the past year to assist providers in diversifying their revenue streams and branching their work into new areas. All the developed training materials will be accessible to the audience. They will also discuss the plans for the future of this work. Please register [here](#). This session is a wrap-up and overview of a series of webinars offered throughout Fall 2022 and Spring 2023.

### **MEORC looking for Provider's Input**

The Mid-East Ohio Regional Council (MEORC) is currently gathering information from Providers across Region V (including Providers outside the area who support folks living in Region 5) to support the development of their new Strategic Plan that will go into effect 1-1-24. This is a great opportunity for

Providers to give input on what MEORC could offer to help you. It's a short, 5 question survey. Follow this link to give your input. <https://forms.office.com/r/gyEdhQu6ap>

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