

## Please share this resource with the families you serve!

**Support for Renters.** The Development Services Agency is now distributing \$100 million in federal funding to help low-income Ohioans who do not own their own home pay their rent, water, sewer, wastewater, electric, gas, oil and/or trash removal bills. Ohioans can apply for assistance with outstanding balances dating back to March 13, 2020, and for future rent/utility payments once back bills have been made current, for up to three months at a time, through December 31, 2021. The funding, which was approved by the Ohio Controlling Board for distribution, will be divided among Ohio's 47 Community Action Agencies. Ohioans can apply for assistance by contacting their local Community Action Agency. A list of agencies can be found at [businesshelp.ohio.gov](https://businesshelp.ohio.gov) under Home Relief Grants.

Eligible Ohio households must:

- Be at or below 80% of their county's Area Median Income, which varies by county and size of household.
- Have experienced a financial hardship because of COVID-19.
- Demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

## ODE and Legislative Updates

**Biennial Budget Update.** Earlier this month, Governor DeWine shared his proposed biennial budget. As always, EEP will be keeping an eye on the budget process and share updates as relevant. One of DeWine's key requests is to fund the *Investing in Ohio Initiative*. It is likely that much of this funding will end up as grants to schools, non-profits and industry organizations, so we will definitely watch this initiative for you.

- \$250 million for broadband expansion.
- \$200 million for "Ohio Community" infrastructure projects, such as drinking water infrastructure improvements, preparing job ready sites, and blighted property removal.
- \$460 million in targeted grants for small businesses, the hospitality sector, entertainment sector, and new businesses.
- \$50 million for workforce development to expand Ohio's TechCred program to 40,000 credentials.
- Another \$25 million to help schools offer in-demand credentials.
- \$50 million investment in public health equity initiatives.

**NEW** ODE [Educators Rising Ohio Grant](#) (RFP Opens 2/19. Deadline 3/31. Awards 4/23)

Who: Any K-12 Public School (district or community school). What: Develop [Educators Rising Ohio](#) chapters as a strategy to promote a "grow your own" approach to teacher recruitment. How Much: Up to \$12,000 over 3 years for

planning and implementation. ODE contact: Angela Dicke, State Coordinator [angela.dicke@education.ohio.gov](mailto:angela.dicke@education.ohio.gov)

### National Entrepreneurship Week Celebration Resources and Activities

- OAN Entrepreneurship Education PLC (**Tuesday, 2/16 @ 10am EST**) [Register HERE](#).
- Entrepreneurship Educators Meetup (**Tuesday, 2/16 @ 6pm EST**) National event via Zoom. [Register HERE](#)
- Federal Entrepreneurship Day 2021 (**Wednesday, 2/17 @ 10am EST**) three informative panel discussions on: 1) Education & Workforce Development, 2) Access to Capital, and 3) COVID Economic Recovery. [Register HERE](#)
- Marshall iCenter: Intro to Social Entrepreneurship (**Thursday, 2/18 @ 1pm EST**) Why is social entrepreneurship an important strategy to advance the Appalachian region. [Register HERE](#)
- YEI Power Hour (Thursday, 2/18 @ 4pm EST) focus is on the entrepreneurship Mindset - Empathy [Register HERE](#)
- [Ohio Afterschool Network's Winter Pitch Challenge](#) and compete for prizes! **Deadline to enter is March 8th.**
- K-12 entrepreneurship curricula available from [VentureLab](#) and [Young Entrepreneur Institute](#) (or check out other curricula on [YEI's website](#))

### Upcoming EEP Trainings (Live Virtual)

- **Operation Graduation Design Lab 3.0** ~ Operationalizing Graduation Plans & At Risk Services (February 24, \$300 per team) [REGISTER HERE](#). Create plans to develop and roll out graduation plans and at-risk service plans for HS students.
- **DO-Able Credentials Design Lab** (March 17, April 21 9am - 3pm, \$500/team) [REGISTER HERE](#). DOAble Credentials are: stackable, flexible, agile, personalized and sustainable credentials HS can implement on your own, during school and/or afterschool to support students who are struggling to find their path to the future.
- **OAN Entrepreneurship Education Workshops**
  - **Earning the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal via Entrepreneurship** (March 16, March 19, May 4, May 7) [REGISTER HERE](#). Join Michele Timmons as EEP facilitates training on behalf of the [Ohio Afterschool Network](#) (OAN), [Young Entrepreneur Institute](#) (YEI) and [Venture Lab](#). Discover how YEI's FREE 12-lesson curriculum helps students build entrepreneurial mindsets and skills while completing the tasks to earn their OMJ Seals.
  - **Earning the Entrepreneurship & Small Business Industry Credential (ESB) via Entrepreneurship** (March 16, April 23, May 4, June 4) [REGISTER HERE](#) Join EEP, [Ohio Afterschool](#)

[Network](#) (OAN), [Young Entrepreneur Institute \(YEI\)](#) sharing reasonably priced entrepreneurship curricula that can be used in schools, afterschool programs and summer learning to prepare students to earn their ESB certification. Each course or program offers hands-on, fun ways to engage students in building entrepreneurial skills and mindsets that can be offered in person, virtually, or in a blended model.

- **Engage Families with S.O.U.L: Practical Strategies for pandemic times, and ever after** (*March 31 - Free*). [REGISTER HERE](#). S.O.U.L will offer education and youth/ family serving leaders. Practical and practicable tools to intentionally build connections and strength based relationships which engage families as learning partners.

### PDPlus (Self-Pace asynchronous)

- **Engaging Parents Through Support, Bronze** (\$125 per person, Start Today) [REGISTER HERE](#). Discover different parent 'types', reflect on your past experiences and build strong connections to and engagement with parents/caregivers. Target audience: Anyone who educates/ supports youth.
- **STEAMing Up Elementary Literacy, Bronze** (\$125 per person, Start Today) [REGISTER HERE](#). Develop and/or foster your understanding of STEAM integration (design thinking) and apply this knowledge in your own classroom. Target audience: K-6 teachers and intervention specialists
- **Trauma and Student Engagement , Bronze** (\$125 per person, Start Today) [REGISTER HERE](#). Develop basic understanding of brain science related to trauma, increase awareness of trauma-related behaviors, learn settle strategies to re-engage trauma impacted students and practice new schools in your own work setting. Target audience: Anyone who educates and/or supports youth during school, after school or in the community.

### Other Great Resources

- **Learning Lunchbox Partnership Opportunity.** COSI has teamed up with dozens of partners including the Ohio Arts Council to provide 50,000 Learning Lunchbox kits to schools, meal providers and cultural institutions at no cost to families. Learning Lunchboxes are filled with five days of K-8 STEAM activities. They showcase different themes like water, nature, space, and more. Importantly, all materials needed to complete the activities are included, and the interactive content is tied to Ohio and national learning standards. To include your school, after school program or organization as a partner in this project and get the word out about service YOU offer.. Click [HERE](#). For any questions, please feel free to contact Stephen White or Allie Greiwe at COSI at [LearningLunchbox@cosi.org](mailto:LearningLunchbox@cosi.org) or call 614-228-COSI.
- **Texas Learning Exchange [FREE Open Educational Resource \(OER\) Library](#)** that's searchable and sortable for free and open Pk-12 instructional

materials, built with input from education leaders. The OER Library has a tool for everywhere. Whether urban or rural, large or small school, you can access a variety of high-quality curricular content in order to meet the needs and interests of your learners in a digital format.

- **Middle School Family Engagement Resources** - The Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Center has great resources, in multiple languages, for supporting families during the middle school transition. Learn more [here](#).
- **K12 Dive Article on [COVID Slide](#)** greatest Impact on is on young low income children

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Sincerely,

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