Moving forward with Comprehensive Case Management

You’re probably hearing more and more about the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP). With looming deadlines and a lack of information available, many counties are feeling uneasy about CCMEP and how to move forward. In layman’s terms, CCMEP is a new program created in the state budget (HB64) that serves low income individuals ages 16-24. It integrates TANF and WIOA monies, essentially combining human service and workforce programs, to create a more comprehensive approach to these job seekers. The program is scheduled to launch on July 1, 2016. To learn more click here.

You should soon receive communication from the state (if you haven’t already) requesting that you designate a lead agency to oversee the program, either your CDJFS or OhioMeansJobs Center. Preliminary conversations indicate that even if you’re a combined county, you’ll need to consider this component because it could impact the flow of funding. The state is in the process of compiling a fiscal FAQ document that we hope will help.

CCAO has been collaborating with the Ohio Jobs and Family Services Directors Association (OJFSDA) and the Workforce Investment Board Directors Association to increase communication between ODJFS and the counties. At a meeting with ODJFS leadership this week, questions regarding performance measures, training and procurement were brought up. We didn’t receive any definitive answers, but you can expect ongoing reports from us as we get more information. In the meantime, ODJFS encouraged us to continue to send them any questions we have on the implementation of CCMEP.

If you have questions please send them to CCAO staffer Kate Neithammer at (614) 220-7996 or (888) 757-1904.

**Save the Date**: CCAO is hosting a 2nd Wednesday webinar on “A New Way to Work: An Update on the Comprehensive Case Management & Employment Program” on Wednesday March 9 at 9:30 a.m. **Register here**…