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***Ohio's Transition Vision for Students With Disabilities***

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- Governor John Kasich officially launched Ohio's Employment First Initiative when he signed Executive Order 2012-05K on March 19, 2012. The Executive Order established statewide collaboration and coordination by creating the Employment First Taskforce and Advisory Committee, and made community employment the preferred outcome for individuals with developmental disabilities
- The Taskforce is charged with expanding community employment opportunities by reducing barriers and aligning state policy

## Who is the Taskforce?

- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
- Ohio Department of Education
- Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services
- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
- Ohio Department of Medicaid

## Ohio's Path to Employment First- Core Principles of Transition



***Every Person. Every Talent. Every Opportunity***

## Core Principle One

**Competitive, integrated employment is the expectation for all youth with disabilities**



## Core Principle Two

**Transition planning for youth requires multi-agency collaboration**



### Core Principle Three

**Early dialogue with individuals and families is critical to ensuring employment outcomes**

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### Core Principle Four

**There are multiple pathways to employment**

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## Core Principle Five

**Person-centered planning is key to the development of effective services and supports for transition-age youth**

