



ODA to host World Café Conversations on the Aging Budget

The Ohio Department of Aging has begun building our budget for the 2012-2013 biennium. As we proceed, we are creating opportunities for the aging network and others to have input into the budget preparation process. The Department will be hosting two World Café Conversations on the Aging Budget:

- **Tuesday, September 14th, 2:00 to 4:30 pm, at the Rehabilitation Services Commission, 150 E. Campus View Blvd, Columbus, Conf. Rooms 6 & 7**
- **Wednesday, October 6th, 1:00 to 3:30 pm (same location)**

Following the model utilized by RSC Administrator Michael Rench earlier this year, we will have tables set up around the room with a person assigned to take notes. We'll pose a specific question that we will ask you to discuss at your table, and then after about 15 minutes you will move to another table and have further discussion that builds upon the previous conversation. The question posed will ask participants:

“Given the Department’s purpose statement of providing choice, independence, and quality of life for aging Ohioans, coupled with current financial constraints, what is the most important program or operational initiative that ODA could implement through the biennial budget?”

We hope many of you will choose to join us as we want to hear from you. We are looking for ways to improve our efficiency and effectiveness, and you are free to suggest changes to programs, to program operations, to program rules, to internal processes, etc.

I believe it is important to hear from the perspective of each of you about how we can do our business more effectively and still assure that older Ohioans and individuals with disabilities have opportunities to achieve choice, independence and a high quality of life – even with either flat or reduced funding. If you would like to participate in this conversation, and we hope you will, please click on the link to register for either session: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22B4YN9DLN8>

Please note that there is space for approximately 75 people for each session and that registration is based on a first-come, first-served basis. If space becomes an issue, we may ask you to reconsider multiple representatives from any one organization on the same day.

Thank you in advance for your shared interest in supporting the needs of aging Ohioans and individuals with disabilities. We hope to see you at one of the two sessions described above.

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