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# *DODD Update*

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## IN REVIEW

*Wednesday, October 12, 2011*

- Proponent testimony was heard by the Senate Health, Human Services, and Aging Committee on SB 135 (Kearney). The bill would designate September as Craniofacial Acceptance Month. Common features of Craniofacial Syndrome include: congenital heart disease, palatal abnormalities, and learning difficulties.
- Four members of the State Employment Leadership Network (SELN) national team visited Ohio. The team met with internal and external stakeholders to gather information regarding Ohio's developmental disability services system, specifically related to integrated employment. The SELN team will summarize observations from this visit, along with the results of a stakeholder survey recently completed, and provide DODD with a report and recommendations on how to improve community employment outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities in Ohio.

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

- Deputy Director Monty Kerr and other Department staff visited the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and toured Board programs and facilities, learning about new employment opportunities and residential service options.
- Communication regarding DODD's anticipated October 31 launching of a redesigned website at [www.dodd.ohio.gov](http://www.dodd.ohio.gov) was previewed at: [LINK TO SNEAK PEEK](#) The website redesign responds to constituent and stakeholder input, and builds on a simpler, more user-friendly navigation platform.



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