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GROWING PROSPERITY THROUGH SKILLED WORKERS, QUALITY JOBS, AND EQUITABLE SYSTEMS

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State & Federal Budget Overview:  
Workforce Development Highlights

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# Our vision

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- ▶ Jobs that require skills training are the backbone of our economy.
- ▶ National Skills Coalition fights for a national commitment to inclusive, high-quality skills training so that more people have access to a better life, and more local businesses see sustained growth.



# Our networks



# Agenda

- Overview of federal budget process
- Current events
- NSC's current advocacy efforts

# Annual appropriations

1. Begins with the President submitting the annual budget request to Congress
  1. Normally done in February or a bit later
2. Then, Congress sets a budget resolution – total level of discretionary funding
  1. Supposed to be done by April

# Overview of federal budget process

- Starts with Presidential Budget Request
- Congress has the power of the purse
- Continuing resolutions
- What about earmarks?

# Current events

- Makeup of this Congress
- Debt ceiling
- How workforce advocacy is important to appropriations process



# NSC's current federal advocacy

- Coming off Summit
- WIOA recommendations
- Making College Work
- And that's just federal advocacy!



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Advocates for Ohio's Future (AOF) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan coalition of over 500 state and local health and human services policy, advocacy, and provider organizations that promotes health and human service budget and policy solutions so that **all** Ohioans live better lives.

Our coalition believes in investing in our state's most valuable resource—our people—to ensure that they are safe, healthy, and can access pathways to prosperity for themselves and their families.



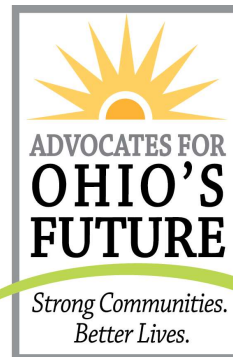
# State Budget Overview

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## Budgeting Schedule:

- Every 2 years in odd-numbered years:
  - **Transportation Budget** - Funded through gas tax, registration fees. Operating funds to Transportation, Public Safety, capital funds for construction and maintenance.
  - **Workers Compensation Budget** - Funded through employer premiums.
  - **Operating Budget** - Appropriations for all other state agencies and departments, local governments, non-governmental organizations
- Every 2 years in even-numbered years:
  - **Capital Budget** - Funded through state bonds. State-owned infrastructure and community projects.

Ohio's 2-year operating budget totals **\$88 BILLION** in state and federal funds



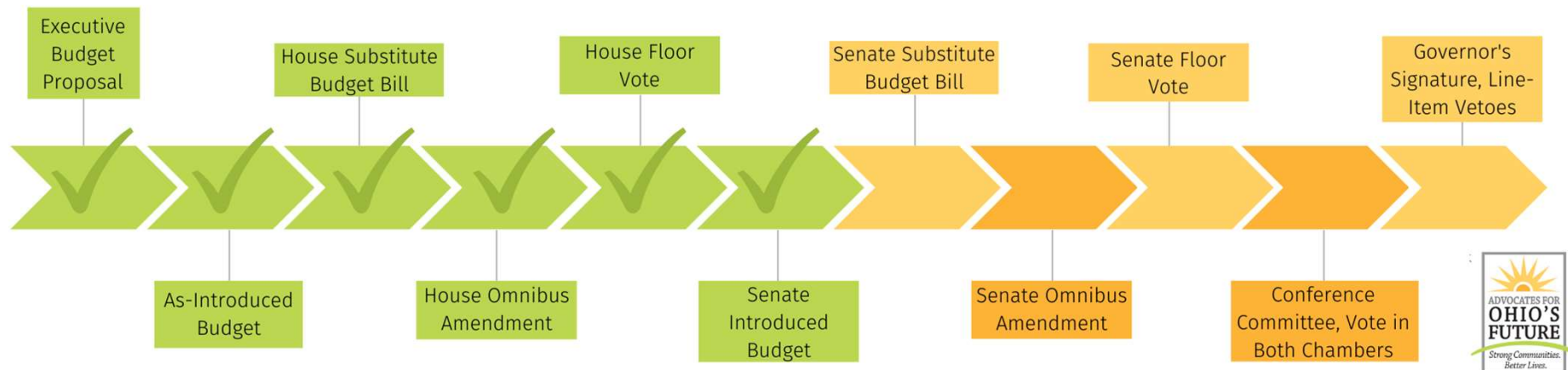
# Budget Process

## House Finance (*February-April*)

- Chair: Representative Jay Edwards
- Vice Chair: Representative Jeff LaRe
- Ranking Member: Representative Bride Rose Sweeney
- 7 Subcommittees

## Senate Finance (*April-June*)

- Chair: Senator Matt Dolan
- Vice Chair: Senator Jerry Cirino
- Ranking Member: Senator Vernon Sykes
- Standing Committees serve as subcommittees



# Budget Process

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Senate Substitute Bill Amendment Deadline: **May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Sub-Bill Expected: **June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Omnibus Amendment Deadline: **June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Committee Vote Expected: **June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Senate Floor Vote Expected: **June 15<sup>th</sup>**

The House will not approve a concurrence vote and the budget will move to conference committee for the remaining 2 weeks of June

Governor DeWine must sign by **July 1<sup>st</sup>**, the start of next state fiscal year. Governor has line-item veto power



# Comparison Document

<https://www.lsc.ohio.gov/budget/135/main-operating-budget/as-passed-by-the-house>

Department of Children and Youth

Main Operating Appropriations Bill  
H.B. 33

Executive

As Passed By House

**KIDCD16** Publicly Funded Child Care Eligibility

Section: 423.130

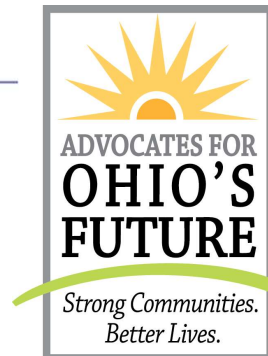
Establishes through June 30, 2025, the maximum income for a family's eligibility for publicly funded child care at 160% of the federal poverty line for initial eligibility and 300% for continued eligibility.

**Fiscal effect: ODJFS estimates that this will cost \$101 million per fiscal year and an additional 15,000 children will be served. ODJFS states that Fund 3H70 line item 600661 will be used for this increase, which has an appropriation in FY 2023. Funds will be encumbered at the end of FY 2023 to support this.**

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**Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.**





# Workforce in the Operating Budget

## Career Tech:

- EDUCD8: Career Technical Education Equipment
  - \$50M/FY. Assist schools with establishing or expanding career tech.
- FCCCD3: Career-Technical Construction Program
  - \$200M in FY24. To support construction that establishes or expands career tech programs.

## BORCD81: Super RAPIDS (Regionally Aligned Priorities in Delivering Skills)

- Investments and partnerships in sectors most in need at the regional level
- Cut from \$200M ARPA in FY24 to \$100M GRF in FY24

## BORCD82: Internship Pilot Program (*Removed in House*)

- Would connect college and career-tech students with employers for internships, externships and co-ops under goal to retain college and career-tech students in Ohio



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## BORCD35: Ohio College Opportunity Grant (*Decreased in House*)

- For students with highest financial need. Increased eligibility threshold and increased award amount. Executive was FY24 \$216.2M & FY25 \$346.1M. House-passed: FY24 \$140M and FY25 \$175M.

## Medicaid Reimbursement Rates, and vision, dental

- MCD67: Direct care to \$17/hour in FY24 and \$18/hour in FY25
- MCD55: Dental
- MCD57: Vision/Eye Care
- MCD68: Federally Qualified Health Centers

## MCD70: Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities

- Currently provides Medicaid coverage to workers with disabilities 16-64. Based on income, some households pay a small monthly premium.
- State plan amendment would lift this age cap and allow workers with disabilities age 65 and up to continue working and receiving Medicaid coverage if they choose.



# Work Supports in the Operating Budget

## KIDCD16: Publicly Funded Child Care Eligibility

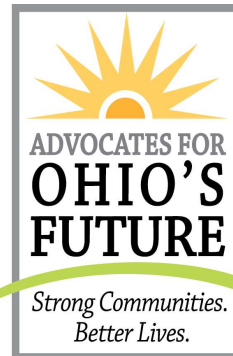
- Initial eligibility increase from 142% FPL to 160% FPL. Estimated 15,000 additional children served.

## JFSCD64: Child Care Scholarships (*Removed in House*)

- Scholarships for critical occupations and other direct service professionals who earn under 200% FPL. Funded with \$150M in ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds
- Would have helped fill vital child care workforce and access gap associated with increasing FPL.

## KIDCD20: Child Care Infrastructure

- Grants for child care in Appalachian communities and other communities with high infant mortality rates. \$15M/FY
- Can be used for workforce supports, professional development, facilities improvement, family engagement, mental health services, and more



# Work Supports in the Operating Budget

## Medicaid Eligibility

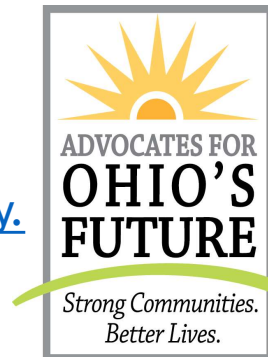
- MCD34: Medicaid coverage for pregnant women and children under 19 with incomes up to 300% FPL
- MCD52: Medicaid coverage of birthing doula services
- MCD43: Continuous Medicaid enrollment for eligible children thru age three (4 total years)

## DEV58: Ohio Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program

- \$50M in FY24. Defines “qualifying broadband service” as symmetrical download and upload speeds of 100Mbps

## DEV44: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program

- Federal funding through the IIJA. Currently funded in the budget at \$105M in FY24. Minimum to each state is \$100M by formula. (Final amount to Ohio is still TBD)
- Ohio currently creating 5-year action plan. [Stakeholder survey collection is underway.](#)
- Once received from federal government, will be infused into Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program.



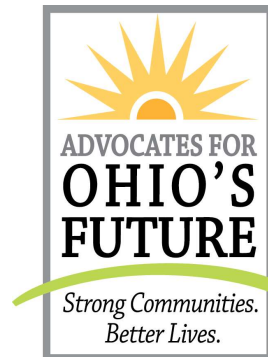
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## JFSCD36: Ohio Association of Foodbanks

- Total \$39,550,000/FY. Unprecedented demand for food assistance.

## JFSCD72: A HAND UP Benefit Bridge Pilot Program

- Creates 2-year pilot program to provide pilot participants with a stipend to pay for health insurance premiums and child care expenses. Employers given subsidies for employing program participants.
- \$10M in ARPA SFRF each FY.



# What's Missing?

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## Refundable Earned Income Tax Credit

- Ohio has one of the weakest EITC programs in the nation

## Restore \$150M in ARPA child care scholarship funding

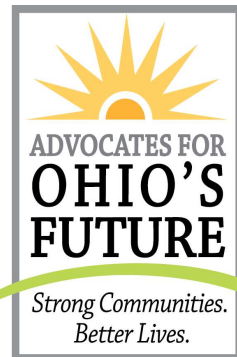
- The workforce behind the workforce!

## Increase direct wages to a minimum \$20 per hour for direct care workers under Departments of Aging, Medicaid and Developmental Disabilities

- Currently, budget includes an AVERAGE wage of \$17/hr in FY24 and \$18/hr in FY25

## Free, healthy school breakfast for all students

- Kids who are fed and engaged at school have higher attendance rates - important for working parents

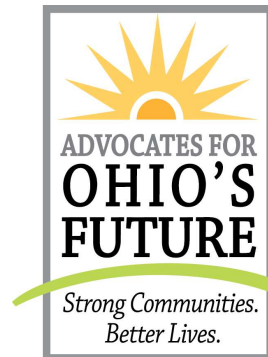


# What We're Watching

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## Protecting Public Benefits Programs

- We know the vast majority of public benefits recipients are already working
- An Ohio parent of two working full-time at minimum wage (\$10.10/hour) qualifies for EVERY public benefit program except Ohio Works First cash assistance
- Instead of restricting access to public benefits or adding more red tape, the legislature should look at proven policies that promote work:
  - Flexible scheduling
  - Predictive scheduling
  - Paid leave
  - Quality, affordable child care
  - Benefits: affordable health insurance (not HDHPs), retirement, life insurance
  - Access to transportation, affordable housing, health care, nutritious food





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