



MEDIA ADVISORY

NEW OHIO POVERTY DATA TO BE RELEASED, DISCUSSED AT BRIEFING *Anti-poverty groups will discuss the state of poverty in Ohio and opportunities to respond*

COLUMBUS, Ohio [September 14, 2015] – Several statewide anti-poverty groups will brief the media about new U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey poverty data following its release on Thursday, September 17. Advocates and policy experts will discuss the factors contributing to the prevalence of poverty in Ohio and the opportunities that policymakers have to respond.

Join the briefing on September 17 to learn about: the newest state-level poverty data; recent reports and research that shed light on some of the causes of continued high poverty rates; how policies have helped and hurt, and much more.

WHAT:	Press briefing, including the release of 2014 American Community Survey state-level poverty data, followed by Q & A with representatives from the media
WHO:	Speakers will include: Col Owens, Co-Chair, Advocates for Ohio's Future Cathy Johnston, Advocacy Director, Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio Philip Cole, Executive Director, Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Executive Director, Ohio Association of Foodbanks Kalitha Williams, Policy Liaison, Policy Matters Ohio
WHEN:	Thursday, September 17, 2015 1:30 p.m.
WHERE:	Ohio Statehouse Ladies Gallery 1 Capitol Square Columbus, OH 43215
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