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A job is not always a living

Advocates Hold Brown Bag Session to Announce Budget Priorities

"We need public policies that respond to a new employment reality."

Columbus—Advocates for Ohio's Future (AOF), a coalition advocating for health and human service budget and policy solutions, will hold a brown bag lunch on January 30 to unveil budget priorities and provide an opportunity for Q&A with coalition partners representing the health and human services spectrum.

Advocates will offer a set of priorities that call for more investment in Ohio's greatest asset: our people. When a job does not provide enough income for families to afford the basics, the economy slows down. Over the last 10 years, family income has declined while the cost of food, gas, housing, child care, health care and education have gone up. "With the changing job market and rising costs, we need public policies that support Ohio's workforce," said Mark Davis, AOF Co-Chair. "Ohioans need a boost," said Col Owens, AOF Co-Chair.

Investing in human services—including health care, early education, food assistance, behavioral health, long-term services and supports, housing and child welfare—promotes and supports a productive workforce.

- WHO:** Mark Davis & Col Owens, Co-Chairs of Advocates for Ohio's Future
- WHAT:** 2015 AOF Budget Priorities and Q&A with Coalition Partners
- WHEN:** Friday, January 30, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** AOF conference room, 37 West Broad Street, Suite 1100
- WHY:** To share our vision for budget priorities that support families, strengthen communities and help Ohioans participate in the workforce.

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Advocates for Ohio's Future is a statewide coalition of over 475 local and statewide organizations that promotes health and human service budget and policy solutions so all Ohioans live better lives.