

HR1 Advocacy in Ohio

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Ohio's Structure

- State supervised, but county administered
- ODM sets Medicaid Policy
- ODJFS sets SNAP Policy
- County JFS does all the eligibility work



Our Guiding Principles

- Try to change what we can
- Accept what we can't
- Distinguish between the two



Figure Out Where You're Starting

- Already available data
- Data from friendly sources
- Formal document requests



SNAP/Medicaid – Immigrant Eligibility

- Make friends
- Engage in notice and comment process
- Talk with the State
- Overcommunicate
- Attend hearings



SNAP/Medicaid – Work Requirements

- Make more friends
- Engage in notice and comment process
- Overcommunicate
- Try to work with the State and Counties



You're Not Alone

- NHeLP
- NCLEJ
- Justice in Aging
- NILC
- Other Legal Services Programs

