



Legislative Liaison Announcement - September, 2014

OPHA is looking for committed members to help educate and inform their Ohio legislators regarding important public health issues both local issues and those of statewide significance.

We have received a grant from the American Public Health Association to assist with starting this process.

Each member who signs up to be a liaison will receive training and assistance in working with their legislators.

#### TRAINING

1. Health Policy Institute of Ohio online training on Ohio Policy Making Basics. This can be viewed at your convenience (approx.. 1 hour)
2. OPHA and APHA Advocacy information and policy positions by conference call or on-line
3. In-person training in Columbus in March 12, 2015. (lunch and mileage assistance)
4. Legislative visits April 21, 2015 in conjunction with the Policy Institute.

#### COMMITMENTS

1. Participate in all trainings.
2. Make contact by mail, email, or phone with your Ohio legislators (House and Senate members).
3. Become familiar with OPHA policy statements on public health issues.
4. Visit or contact legislators at least 2 times per year.
5. Respond to OPHA requests to educate/inform legislator regarding our position on public health relevant legislation under consideration.

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