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Mission & Vision

The **Mission** of Ohio Analytics is to expand research-based knowledge by improving the quality and accessibility of administrative data from Ohio’s public agencies for use in policy and programmatic decision-making.

The **Vision** of Ohio Analytics is to become the trusted administrative data source for Ohio’s decision-makers in government and the research community seeking to improve practice in local, state and national contexts.

Objectives

Ohio Analytics has four primary objectives:

- Increase researcher access to data for longitudinal and cross-agency analysis by archiving agency program and service records within a secure environment while maintaining confidentiality of personal information;
- Provide high-quality evaluation and research products for local, state and federal agencies;
- Offer data dashboards and information in formats that facilitate decision-making;
- Provide means for coordinating data management across state agencies and local governments to facilitate the long-term viability of Ohio Analytics.

Background

The Ohio Longitudinal Data Archive (OLDA) is a comprehensive, longitudinal data system and is the foundation for Ohio Analytics.

The OLDA was established using a federal Workforce Data Quality Initiative grant awarded in 2010 to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. The OLDA is based at the Center for Human Resource Research, a unit of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Ohio State University. Currently, OLDA houses data from Ohio's workforce, education and higher education systems.

Partners

Ohio Analytics is a cross-agency partnership including the:

- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Ohio Department of Education
- Ohio Board of Regents
- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

The unit is coordinated by faculty and staff at the Center for Human Resource Research and the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at the Ohio State University.

Ohio Analytics is also associated with the Ohio Education Research Center (OERC), a collaborative which includes:

- The Ohio State University
- Wright State University
- Miami University
- Ohio University
- Case Western Reserve University
- The University of Cincinnati
- Battelle Memorial Institute
- Battelle for Kids
- Strategic Research Group
- Community Research Partners

Through OLDA, data is provided to the OERC, whose faculty and staff serve as senior users of the system.

Management

Ohio Analytics reports to two separate groups:

The Data Stewards Advisory Committee is focused on day-to-day oversight of OLDA as a resource for the state and researcher communities. Responsibilities of the Data Stewards include:

Securing program and service records according to legal, regulatory and administrative code as well as best security practices to ensure resources are appropriately used;

Reviewing and approving applications for use of the OLDA;

Reviewing reports and tables generated from the OLDA to monitor compliance with agency-specific rules on data disclosure and suppression;

Informing respective partnering agencies about Ohio Analytics activities and developments;

Reviewing agency research priorities and implementation through OLDA;

Reviewing state and national developments and applications of longitudinal administrative data systems.

The Research Advisory Committee focuses on high-level priorities around Ohio Analytics and the OLDA, including:

- Providing input on annual research plans using the OLDA;
- Connecting Ohio Analytics researchers and resources to national- and state-level conversations on longitudinal data;
- Offering assistance in creating strategies, plans, and funding models for Ohio Analytics;
- Setting and affirming overall policy for Ohio Analytics.