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#### **Famine in Somalia: A Humanitarian Crisis**

By: Jibril Mohamed

More than 11 million people in Somalia are at risk of death due to starvation and disease. A terrible famine combined with insecurity has hit all of Somalia, specially the south and central regions. People are walking hundreds of miles to get to areas where food assistance is available. Women have reported leaving their children by the roadside because they could no longer carry them. One of the most heart wrenching stories was that of the baby who was found sucking her mother long after the mother died of starvation. The situation is desperate and almost 30,000 children have died in Somalia. Everyone of us can save a life. We at SomaliCAN encourage all Americans to extend the traditional American generosity to the poor and hungry in Somalia. We will keep you posted on our plans to save lives. Please stay informed, donate to recognized charities, and tell your friends about the worst humanitarian disaster in the world today. For more information about the famine, please contact us at [info@somalican.org](mailto:info@somalican.org).

#### **Abaarta Soomaaliya: Musiibo Babi Aadminimo**

Qore: Jibril Mohamed

In ka badan 11 milyan oo dad ah ayaa qarka u saran in ay baahi iyo cudurro ugu dhintaan dalka Soomaaliya. Macaluul daran iyo ammaan darro baahsan ayaa ku dhuftay Soomaaliya, gaar ahaan koonfurta. Boqolaal mayl ayay dadku lugaynayaan si ay u gaaraan goobo ay ka helaan raashin gargaar ah. Haween ayaa carruurtodii uga soo tagay waddada dhexdeeda markay qaadi waayeen. Dhacdooyinka ugu qarracanka badan waxa ka mid ahaa ilmo yar oo la helay isagoo nuugaya hooyadiis oo mar hore gaajo u dhimatay. Xaaladdu waa rajo beel waxana dhintay in ku dhow 30,000 oo carruur Soomaaliyeed ah. Qof walba oo naga mid ahi wuxuu badbaadin karaa naf. SomaliCAN waxay dhiirri gelinaysaa dadka Maraykanku in ay gacan u fidiyaan dadka baahan ee ku dhibaataysan Soomaaliya. Waan idinku soo war gelinaynaa qorsheyaasheenna aan ku badbaadinayno dadka. Ka war hay xaalka, sadaqo sii hay'adaha samafalka, una sheeg asxaabtaada in musiibada banii aadamnimo ee caalamka ugu halista badani in ay ka jirto Soomaaliya. Wixii faahfaahin dheeraad ah fadlan nagala soo xiriir [info@somalican.org](mailto:info@somalican.org).

## Notice of Funding Availability: The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council

Ohio DD Council Seeks Applicants for  
\$1.3 Million in New Grant Opportunities

**Apply today! Deadline for Grant Applications Oct 7, 2011.**

( Columbus ) - The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council is pleased to announce it has released its 2012-2016 Notice of Funds Available (NOFA). The Council has worked for approximately two years developing a Five-Year State Plan on Developmental Disabilities to create grants that improve advocacy, capacity building, and systems change activities in Ohio .

Applicants interested in applying for a DD Council grant can learn how to apply and ask questions about projects contained in the NOFA at one of two Bidder's Conferences being hosted in Columbus and Cambridge in August. Details about each Bidder's Conference, including registration, can be found on the Council's website at [www.ddc.ohio.gov/whatsnew.htm](http://www.ddc.ohio.gov/whatsnew.htm). Attendants will also receive a "Proposal Kit" that includes State Plan Language, Grantee Guidelines, and Application Instructions, along with other important materials.

The projects listed in this NOFA identify the total federal investment over the five-year plan as well as the first-year award amount. All applications for Council grants will be available on the Council's online grant submission program: DD Suite 4.0 ([www.ddsuite.org](http://www.ddsuite.org)). The deadline for applications will be Friday, October 7, 2011.

### **Application Instructions and Procedures:**

Grant applications will be processed using the online submission process. Training on the new submission process are available by contacting Paul Jarvis at 614-644-5545 or email at [paul.jarvis@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:paul.jarvis@dodd.ohio.gov).

## Ohio Statewide System of Services for Early Intervention

Project Term: 2012-2016  
Federal Investment: \$830,000  
2012 Award: \$166,000

Committee: Children's Issues  
Required Match: \$276,666  
2012 Match: \$55,333

IDEA Part C federal statute requires a statewide system of evidence-based early intervention services to be available to all infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. To this end, Council will fund a project demonstrating system change in a minimum of three (3) or more areas of Ohio where children and families have little to no access to Early Intervention services due to political subdivisions and lack of resources. Services will be accessible through a core team of professionals, defined at a minimum to include a service coordinator, family support professional, early intervention specialist, occupational therapist and physical therapist. Accessibility should be demonstrated through the utilization of various technologies such as Telehealth for virtual-based early intervention services and conferencing for core team meetings.

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**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY: OHIO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL**

**PROMOTING DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS:**

|                     |           |                 |                  |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| Project Term:       | 2012-2016 | Committee:      | Community Living |
| Federal Investment: | \$100,000 | Required Match: | \$ 33,333        |
| 2012 Award:         | \$ 20,000 | 2012 Match:     | \$ 6,666         |

In 2007, Council funded the Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals to engage in sustainability planning, so the PATHS credentialing program for direct support professionals will be sustained statewide through consumer and employer demand. While that task is on-going, Council would like to direct its limited resources in supporting Direct Support Professionals which includes but is not limited to:

- Classroom and Online Trainings
- Professional Development Conferences
- Networking Opportunities
- Webinars

The goal of this project is to demonstrate that Direct Support Professionals will be supported in receiving training and supports through utilizing state of the art curriculum, on-line training and finding ways to network. Staff: Fatica Ayers, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5543; [fatica.ayers@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:fatica.ayers@dodd.ohio.gov)

**MAXIMIZING RESOURCES INCLUDING TECHNOLOGY FOR HOUSING FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES**

|                     |             |                 |                  |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Project Term:       | 2012-2016   | Committee:      | Community Living |
| Federal Investment: | \$1,000,000 | Required Match: | \$333,333        |
| 2012 Award:         | \$200,000   | 2012 Match:     | \$66,667         |

This pilot project will create innovative financing models for housing for people with disabilities by collaborating with and creating new partnerships between provider agencies, landlords, people with disabilities, families, and other stakeholders. The project could also incorporate the use of technology and innovative approaches to improving and maintaining the individual's quality of life based on their needs. The goal of the project is to create a replicable model of financing or other creative options that can be used statewide to obtain existing or new housing in accessible single units or multi-family dwellings. Staff: Fatica Ayers, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5543; [fatica.ayers@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:fatica.ayers@dodd.ohio.gov)

**SUSTAINING THE SIBLING NETWORK IN OHIO**

|                     |           |                 |                  |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| Project Term:       | 2012-2016 | Committee:      | Community Living |
| Federal Investment: | \$125,000 | Required Match: | \$ 41,667        |
| 2012 Award:         | \$ 25,000 | 2012 Match:     | \$ 8,333         |

This project will continue support of the Sibling Project, an adult sibling leadership organization whose mission is to empower adult sibling and other family members as well as self advocates statewide with knowledge, skills and tools. Funding will be used to support membership recruitment, board development and training, additional strategic planning, identification of collaborative partnerships, identification of ongoing funding sources, and projected staffing needs and supports. Staff: Fatica Ayers, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5543; [fatica.ayers@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:fatica.ayers@dodd.ohio.gov)

## Notice of Funding Availability: Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council

### ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ANYTIME

Project Term: 2012-2016

Federal Investment: \$1,090,000

2012 Award: \$109,000 per recipient

Council will invest in two projects at different locations in the state, preferably in one rural area and one urban center. These projects will collaborate with public and/or private entities to leverage additional funds to demonstrate how transportation services can be provided to people with disabilities any time or to create services where there aren't any.

Committee: Community Living

Required Match: \$363,333

2012 Match: \$36,333 per recipient

As a result of this project, there will be accessible and affordable transportation services for people with disabilities whenever needed or wanted, regardless of time of day. If accessible and affordable transportation isn't available, then it will be created. Staff: Fatica Ayers, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5543; [fatica.ayers@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:fatica.ayers@dodd.ohio.gov)

### COORDINATING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN DUAL DIAGNOSIS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MI/DD

Project Term: 2012-2016

Federal Investment: \$375,000

2012 Award: \$ 75,000

This project will provide statewide training on effective and appropriate services for individuals with the dual diagnosis of mental illness and developmental disabilities (MI/DD). Due to a current lack of training for mental health and developmental disabilities, dually diagnosed individuals are often under-diagnosed or misdiagnosed, causing inappropriate services, or interruption and/or denial of needed treatment and services. The project will require collaboration among multiple agencies to meet the needs of infants, toddlers, children, teenagers, young adults, adults or the elderly. Staff: Teri Clark, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5542; [teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov)

Committee: Health & Employment

Required Match: \$125,000

2012 Match: \$ 25,000

### CHOICE OF EMPLOYMENT

Project Term: 2012-2016

Federal Investment: \$500,000

2012 Award: \$100,000

The Choice of Employment grant is an employment training grant intended for individuals with developmental disabilities who are 16 years old or older. The project will focus on improving competitive employment skills of transition age youth in skills and trades that are preferred by program participants. Collaboration among agencies will be vital to developing new approaches and opportunities for transition-age youth. This project must adhere to Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work and the Ohio Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities rules and regulations. Staff: Teri Clark, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5542; [teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov)

Committee: Health & Employment

Required Match: \$166,667

2012 Match: \$ 33,333

## Notice of Funding Availability

### SELF DETERMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT – MICRO ENTERPRISES

Project Term: 2012-2016

Committee: Health & Employment

Federal Investment: \$375,000

Required Match: \$125,000

2012 Award: \$ 75,000

2012 Match: \$ 25,000

This is a training, advocacy and research grant to demonstrate alternatives to traditional employment, including, but not limited to: supported employment, self-employment, supported entrepreneurship, job carving and restructuring, development of micro-boards, micro-enterprises, paying employers to provide supported employment, and the use of personal agents, individual vouchers, training accounts, and personal budgets. It will also provide people with developmental disabilities non-traditional opportunities to produce income. The grantee will have to adhere to the Social Security Administration Ticket to Work and the Ohio Medicaid Buy-In rules and regulations. Staff: Teri Clark, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5542; [teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov)

### STATE OF OHIO SELF ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION

Project Term: 2012-2016

Committee: Leadership Development

Federal Investment: \$193,750

Required Match: \$ 64,583

2012 Award: \$ 38,750

2012 Match: \$ 12,917

The DD Act requires every Developmental Disabilities Council to address establishing or strengthening a program for the direct funding of a statewide Self Advocacy organization led by individuals with developmental disabilities. According to the 2009 Census Bureau, 13.4% of Ohioans have a disability, emphasizing a need for improved collaboration among agencies to establish or strengthen such a program. This grantee will collaborate with all self advocacy organizations to represent self-advocates in Ohio. Staff: Teri Clark, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5542; [teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov)

### SUPPORTING OPPORTUNITIES IN PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TRAINING TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Project Term: 2012-2016

Committee: Leadership Development

Federal Investment: \$193,750

Required Match: \$ 64,583

2012 Award: \$ 38,750

2012 Match: \$ 12,917

The DD Act requires every Developmental Disabilities Council to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities who are considered leaders to provide leadership training to individuals with developmental disabilities who may become leaders. This is a grant to support leadership training of individuals with developmental disabilities led by individuals with developmental disabilities. Staff: Teri Clark, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5542; [teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov)

### AMISH COMMUNITY PROJECT

Project Term: 2012-2016

Committee: Outreach

Federal Investment: \$100,000

Required Match: \$ 33,333

2012 Award: \$ 20,000

2012 Match: \$ 6,667

This research project will focus on the rare, unique and serious genetic disorders that increase mortality and disability among the Amish population. Through collaboration, the successful applicant and Council each will identify and examine issues related to:

- Disability Issues / Services Available
- Research and Data collection / Treatment and Diagnosis
- Social Behaviors / Life Styles
- Prevention and Quality of Life

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## CareSource Announcement

### CareSource Message

**Enabling Children with Disabilities to Enroll in a Medicaid health plan-** Approximately 37,000 children who are eligible for Medicaid due to their disability will now be able to reap the benefits of care coordination starting July 2012. While CareSource and the other Medicaid plans currently serve many Ohio children with special health needs today, we look forward to assisting these medically fragile children in navigating the health system. Our primary goal is to ensure they get the coordinated care they need at the right place and at the right time.

### Farriinta CareSource

**U Sahlidda Carruurta Qabta Curyaanimada in ay Isu Diiwaan Geliyaan Qorshe Caafimaadka Medicaid-** Qiyaastii 37,000 oo carruur ah oo xaq u leh Medicaid curyaanimadooda awgeed ayaa iminka ka faa'iideysan kara dheefta isku duwga adeegyada laga billaabo Luulyo 2012. In kastoo CareSource iyo qorsheyaasha kale ee Medicaid ay u adeegaan carruur badan oo reer Ohio ah oo baahi gaar ah qaba, waxaan u toog haynaa in aan caawinno carruurtaan caafimaadkoodu liito si ay u dhex mushaaxaan hannaanka. Ujeeddadeena aasaasiga ahi waa in aan hubinno in ay helaan adeeyo isku duwan meeshii iyo goorta ku habboon.

## Central Ohio Community

### Police:

Emergency: 9-1-1  
Non-emergency: 614-645-4545  
Sheriff: 614-462-3333

### Mental Health Crisis:

Netcare Access: 614-276-2273

### Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

Columbus Health Department  
Free Clinic: 614-240-7430

### Legal Matters:

Legal Aid Society: 614-241-2001

### Child Abuse and Neglect:

FCCS: 614-229-7000

### Housing:

CMHA: 614-421-6000

### Information and Referral:

HandsOn: 614-221-2555 or 211

### Somali Services

SomaliCAN 614-781-1414  
Somali Women & Children's Alliance: 614-473-9999  
Somali Community Association of Ohio: 614-262-4068  
Somali Global Services 614-895-1144  
Inna Simakovsky (Immigration Attorney) 614-599-0819

### SOMALICAN SERVICES:

#### Health Communication and Literacy:

- Patient education
- Prescription access
- Cultural competency
- Information & Referral

#### Immigration Services:

- Green card applications
- Citizenship applications
- Citizenship education

#### Community Crime Prevention & Education:

- Youth engagement
- Services in Schools
- Advocacy and Support
- Presentations
- Mediation
- Disaster Preparedness

#### SomaliCAN Outreach Newsletter:

- Monthly bilingual newsletter
- Advertisements
- Articles
- Cultural Competency
- Research
- Legislation
- Developmental Disabilities

### Somali Interpretation & Translation:

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## USAID/SOMALI LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

On July 27, 2011, SomaliCAN hosted a roundtable between Ohio Somali community leaders and USAID. The USAID Delegation was led by Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator for the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Affairs. Nancy wrote her reaction in an article posted on the White House Blog at: <http://m.whitehouse.gov/blog/2011/08/02/meeting-somali-americans-about-crisis-horn-africa>.

### Meeting With Somali-Americans About the Crisis in the Horn of Africa

By Nancy Lindborg

The face of famine is painfully personal for members of the Somali American communities in Columbus, Ohio and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Recently, I led a community roundtable in each city, home to the two largest Somali Diaspora communities in the United States. I was able to express deepest concern, on behalf of the US government, for the people of Somalia and update them on urgent relief efforts underway by the US government throughout the Horn of Africa, where a serious drought is affecting more than 11 million people.

The USG is currently reaching more than 4.6 million people in the region who need emergency help, including \$80 million of life-saving assistance to help 1.5 million people in accessible areas of Somalia.

The UN has declared famine in two regions of southern Somalia where humanitarian access has been limited by Al Shabaab. USG is urgently supporting partners to provide food, health, water and sanitation assistance wherever they can access communities desperate for help.

I was also able to listen and learn from this dynamic community. Somali Americans are a vital lifeline of support for their communities and families throughout Somalia. I heard from dozens of community leaders who have mobilized their friends and neighbors to raise money for the drought through car washes, bake sales and fund drives. They are supporting feeding centers and health clinics. They have established NGOs dedicated to helping the growing number of orphaned children. A young woman in Minneapolis, choking back tears, described her Facebook page where she is raising money for drought relief and posting stories of families struggling to survive. As I heard from Jibril Mohamed of SomaliCAN in Columbus, "In 1992 I was a boy who fled the conflict and drought of southern Somalia and did the same long walk to the border that families are doing now." Jibril is now determined to reach back with the same kind of helping hand he received.

In Minneapolis, a number of Somali NGOs have joined forces with the American Refugee Committee (ARC) in an initiative called Neighbors for Nations which unites and mobilizes diaspora community efforts to provide relief and development services in Somalia.

We have a short window of opportunity to reach the 2.85 million Somalis living in famine and conflict. The Somali American community is a critical partner in identifying ways to help save lives. We need urgently to ensure life-saving assistance reaches people now and are committed to doing so. I look forward to working with this dedicated group of citizens to save lives. Learn more about the U.S. Government response to the crisis in the [Horn of Africa](#).

*Nancy Lindborg is USAID's Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance.*

## Events

August 1, 2011 is the first day of Ramadan, a month of fasting from foods, drinks, and bodily pleasures. It is intended to remind Muslims of the plight of those less fortunate than them who cannot afford a nutritious meal. It is a month of fasting, charity, introspection and self improvement. As a condition of attaining the fruits of the blessed month, Muslims are required to enhance their worship by restraining anger, becoming more charitable and turning away from vain and meaningless talk.

Agoosto 1, 2011 waa maalinta koowaad ee bisha Soonqaad, bil laga soomo cunto, cabitaan, iyo raaxada jirka. Waxa looga gol leeyahay in Muslimiinta la xusuusiyo dhibaataada dadka dantu hayso ee aan awoodin cunto wanaagsan. Waa bil la soomo, sadaqo lala baxo, la is ogaado, oo la isa saxo. Si looga faa'iideysto bishan barakaysan, waa in ay Muslimiintu badiyaan cibaadada iyagoo xakamaynaya carada, badinaya sadaqada, kana dheeraanaya hadalka laqwiga ah dhammaantiis.

