



Ohio Organizing Collaborative 2015/16 STRATEGY REPORT



Ohio Organizing Collaborative

Formed in 2007, the Ohio Organizing Collaborative (OOC) is an innovative statewide organization uniting community organizations, faith institutions, labor unions and policy groups across Ohio. OOC is a coalition of 19 organizations with members in every major metropolitan area across the state, working on issues including minimum wage reform, ending mass incarceration, and combatting climate change.

It is OOC's mission to organize everyday Ohioans, building transformative power for social, racial, and economic justice in our state. To achieve these ends, OOC manages a diverse portfolio of issue organizing, non-partisan electoral programming, leadership training and movement building work – employing a broad range of techniques, including faith-based, worker-led, neighborhood-based, student-led, and constituency organizing models.

What's at Stake?

Ohio is a battleground state, not only for Presidential elections but for the future of the American economy and our democracy itself. For most of the twentieth century, ours was a state where people migrated for good-paying jobs in steel fabrication, automobile production, and manufacturing work associated with those and other industries.

Today, Ohio is ground zero for the restructuring of our national economy. As poverty-wage jobs replace good-paying jobs across the state, our cities and neighborhoods are in continual decline; poverty rates are soaring; most children have considerably less opportunity than did their parents.

Ohio plays a central role in the national narrative of the disappearing middle class, rising racial tension, the growing anxiety of white working class families, and polarization resulting from increased economic insecurity. We are headed in one of two directions: Ohio can continue its decline, resulting in an increasingly reactionary electorate, deeper poverty and racial inequity, and a majority low-wage worker economy; or Ohio can become an engine for the new economy, a leader in addressing racial disparity, leveraging our electoral significance to shape a national agenda on poverty, rebuild our cities, and point the way for the Midwest and our nation.

A Vision for Good Jobs & Strong Communities

At OOC, we are building a social movement with the capacity to shape a new Ohio economy that expands opportunity, dismantles implicit racial and gender biases, and increases democratic participation through voting and day-to-day organizing.

We recognize that this is a long-term project, with results that may take ten or more years to achieve. OOC has a core commitment to the development of everyday people, to their political formation and resulting capacity to build power for themselves. We believe that lasting social change occurs from the bottom-up, in church basements and union halls, at community centers and on the doors.

The progressive movement cannot be sustained by the East and West coasts – we all fail if we cannot engage 'the middle' of our country. And we cannot build a national progressive movement by flying operatives into the Midwest for a few months during each election cycle. At OOC, we are committed to recruiting and developing a talented, diverse staff of organizers who are rooted in Ohio and committed to this long-term strategy.

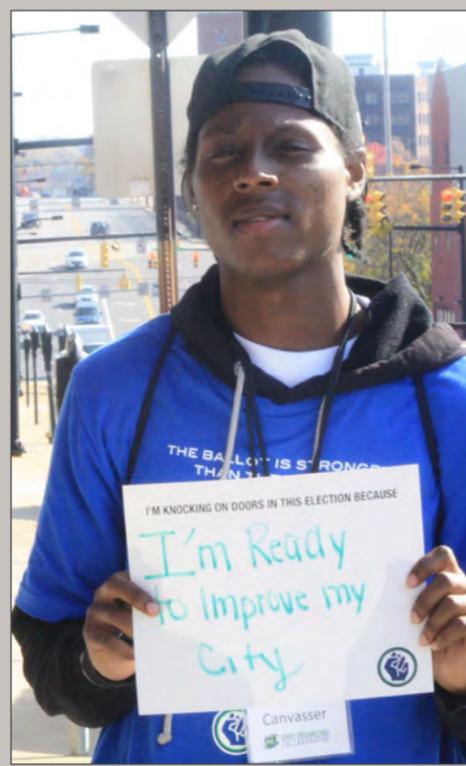
It's simple: We need an Ohio that leads the U.S. in public education investments, not an Ohio leading the attack on public workers.

We need an Ohio that prioritizes the revitalization of older industrial cities through the development of green manufacturing jobs, not an Ohio that privatizes its public economic development agency.

We need an Ohio that builds our economy through good jobs and strong communities, not an Ohio boasting hundreds of statutes preventing returning citizens from obtaining employment and systematically disenfranchising two million Ohioans.

We need an Ohio that makes progressive public infrastructure investments, not an Ohio focusing on massive tax breaks for the corporate elite and a wealthy few.

We need an Ohio that creates opportunity for everyone regardless of race or citizenship, not an Ohio where immigrants and people of color are scapegoated for our state's economic and social decline.



BUILDING POWER FOR EVERYDAY OHIOANS



LEADING OHIO'S GRASSROOTS PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT

History & Major Accomplishments

OOC is a social movement organization, operating under the basic principle that you can either achieve scale or retain full control – but not both. At OOC, we are interested in scale: building a vibrant ecosystem of organizations fighting for racial, economic, and social justice. OOC works on the ground in local communities through members, at the state level as a collective, and broadly through strategic alliances.

Worker Organizing

In 2007, OOC members organized thousands of Hamilton county residents to win Ohio's largest community benefits agreement. AMOS, UFCW 75, SEIU 1, and the building trades won a CBA governing a \$700 million River Banks Redevelopment Project, stipulating fair contracting standards and reserving 22 percent of jobs for women and people of color.

In 2011, OOC led community outreach for the defeat of SB5 – Ohio's attack on collective bargaining. Our organizers built a broad coalition of community and faith partners, knocking on 35,000 doors, delivering 127,000 Facebook supporters, and orchestrating a day of action with 10,000 participants in 14 cities.

In 2014, OOC co-organized six strikes in Cincinnati and Dayton Walmart stores, brought over 120 community supporters to an action, and produced thousands of signatures from 100 Ohio Walmart stores – delivering them personally to the Manhattan home of Alice Walton and helping to win a wage increase to \$10 per hour for 500,000 U.S. associates.

Criminal Justice Reform

In 2012, following years of organizing and policy work, OOC and the Ohio Justice and Policy Center won collateral sanction reform increasing opportunity for 1.9 million Ohioans with criminal records.

In 2015, the Fair Hiring Act passed the Ohio House of Representatives, following passage of local fair hiring laws championed by OOC members in 12 cities and counties over the past few years. OJPC and OOC were instrumental in drafting a bill providing returning citizens with an opportunity to rebuild their lives.

Caring Across Generations

In 2013, OOC and Policy Matters Ohio advocated for and secured \$169 million as part of ACA implementation through the Balancing Incentive Program, stimulating greater access to long-term services and supports for seniors and disabled Ohioans.

Also in 2013, OOC played a key role in the effort to approve Medicaid expansion in Ohio. We engaged thousands of grassroots leaders: logging 128,866

phone calls, hosting multiple statewide lobby days, and staging a 'die-in' during legislative testimony to illustrate the importance of access to care.

Student Organizing

In 2013, OSA defeated a student voter suppression bill seeking to force Ohio universities to charge in-state tuition to any student requesting proof of address for voting purposes. Student leaders testified before multiple committees and generated constant earned media on the bill, which would have cost universities over \$350 million and was a crass attempt to suppress student voting in Ohio.

In 2014, OSA organized a 300-person direct action in Beavercreek following the shooting of John Crawford III, an unarmed African-American man, in a local Walmart. Weeks later, OSA organized 100 people in an 11-mile pilgrimage from that Walmart to the Grand Jury deliberations. When the grand jury failed to indict the police officers involved, OSA leaders organized a three-day occupation of the Beavercreek police station, gaining international attention and an invitation for OSA organizer James Hayes to meet with President Barack Obama at the White House with a small group of Black Lives Matter activists.

Vacancy & Blight

In 2013, MVOC, an OOC anchor affiliate, won innovative bond legislation in Youngstown and Warren that requires banks to post a \$10,000 cash bond for the maintenance of foreclosed properties falling into vacancy. Leaders also worked with several other older industrial cities to pass similar legislation. The bonds release pressure on strapped local governments, enabling them to better serve communities.

Voting Rights

In 2012, OOC played a leading role in fighting voter suppression efforts, partnering nationally with the Advancement Project and Color of Change, and in state with Ohio Voice. Together with the Advancement Project, OOC sued Secretary of State Husted to ensure the counting of provisional ballots, and launched a joint public education project challenging voter suppression. Ohio Prophetic Voices organized 35 top clergy to meet with Secretary Husted and demand the preservation of weekend early voting; organizers delivered over 80,000 signatures and built a list of more than 16,000 online supporters. When the Federal court ruled that Husted must comply, OOC organized "Souls to the Polls" events at 22 locations across the state, bringing hundreds of early voters to the polls.

IVE Program & Voter Registration

For nearly a decade, OOC has run successful non-partisan civic engagement programs across Ohio, impacting hundreds of thousands of voters. OOC's program is unique in two ways: our civic engagement is nested in a long-term power building strategy tying voter contact to existing issue organizing and leadership development programs; and it unites different organizing strategies to engage voters through congregations, on college campuses, on the doors in neighborhoods, in both urban and rural communities, and through targeted constituency groups. As a result, OOC has built a viable hybrid volunteer/staff program with credibility in hard-to-reach communities, and can translate our civic engagement work into ongoing involvement.

In 2015/16, OOC's civic engagement work is expanding Ohio's electorate by registering new voters and converting low propensity voters into consistent voters. Our programs are engaging African-American and Hispanic voters in urban cores, students on college campuses, and seniors concerned about long-term care and Social Security.

2015 marks the second of a three year integrated voter engagement program. OOC and the Center for Community Change are actively tracking 30,000 voters over the course of the 2014, 2015, and 2016 electoral cycles. This year, OOC organizers and canvassers are maintaining strong leadership teams committed to building local organizations by engaging in issue campaigns; engaging low propensity voters through an ongoing conversation about community issues, moving four percent to action and leadership development; building organizational civic engagement capacity by recruiting a base of volunteer canvassers and phone bankers; and identifying new leaders while growing the skill base of our existing staff and leadership.

Additionally, with significant investment from an anonymous donor, OOC has initiated a multifaceted voter registration program in 2015: building capacity, testing infrastructure, and training staff in preparation for a large-scale voter registration effort in 2016. We have implemented modeling and targeting experiments, engaged in polling and focus group work around unregistered and low propensity voters, and are piloting an innovative GOTV program for newly registered voters.

In 2016, OOC's civic engagement strategy begins with large scale voter registration. We will register 200,000 voters, develop a treatment program to turn out those voters to the polls, and utilize issue organizing to define races and create a climate that supports our economic justice campaign. Our goals are to:

Register 200,000 new voters and build an innovative GOTV program to move those new registrants to the polls in October-November.

Expand the low-propensity voter program to focus on 120,000 voters through an integrated canvass, phone, and mail treatment strategy.

Utilize OOC's civic engagement program as a core strategy to engage voters in an ongoing conversation about economic justice and raising the minimum wage.

Engage a trained and committed base of volunteer canvassers and leaders to mobilize voters during the final four days preceding the election via social pressure techniques.

Conduct experiments and research to advance the effectiveness of OOC's civic engagement program and contribute to the overall field.

2014 Electoral Numbers

Doors knocked
71,758

Voters registered
2,197

Calls made to voters
410,636

Targeted mail
pieces sent to voters
73,428

Conversations
held with voters
60,234

Voter plans developed
41,592

Total voter contacts
558,109

2015 Electoral Goals

Doors knocked
125,000

Voters registered
30,000

Calls made to voters
25,000

Targeted mail
pieces sent to voters
50,000

Conversations
held with voters
30,000

Voter plans developed
20,000

Households reached
50,000

Total voter contacts
340,000



RESTORING DEMOCRACY THROUGH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



BUILDING A FAIR ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE

Economic Justice

As Ohio's economy relies increasingly on low-wage, no-benefit jobs, inequality is rising alongside poverty all across the state. OOC was built on the belief that together, Ohioans have the power to fight back and build a more just and equal society. Our economic justice campaigns are central to our mission and a growing segment of our work.

Our economic justice work is focused on two fronts: raising wages through legislation and public policy, and low-wage worker organizing. We are currently exploring the possibility of spearheading a statewide minimum wage ballot initiative in 2016. Three rounds of polling completed this year confirm that a proposal to increase the minimum wage to \$12 by 2021 would be likely to pass. The alternative to a 2016 statewide ballot initiative is a 2018 ballot initiative preceded by municipal minimum wage campaigns in Columbus and Cincinnati. This strategy would allow us to build support in key geographies and create momentum for a statewide fight coinciding with mid-term elections and the 2018 US Senate race. In addition to exploring legislative options to raise wages, the Ohio Organizing Collaborative works to support low-wage worker organizing across the state.

For the past two years, the OOC has been instrumental in organizing Walmart workers in Cincinnati and Dayton and contributing to a national narrative about Walmart's effect on communities and our economy. Working in collaboration with UFCW Local 75 and OUR Walmart, the OOC has organized direct actions, facilitated worker strikes, and hosted public events for Walmart associates and other low wage workers to tell their stories.

Environmental Justice

OOC founded Communities United for Responsible Energy (CURE) in 2013, and has developed a strategic plan to fight back against the fossil fuel industry in Ohio and build a base around climate change.

This approach is three-pronged: empowering and organizing residents who live on the front lines of resource extraction and waste disposal; organizing residents in urban areas to demand energy alternatives and drive down demand for fossil fuels; and building an electorate demanding that state and federal officials address climate change and support renewable energy mandates. At the heart of this strategy is a campaign to hold accountable First Energy, one of Ohio's least socially responsible and most influential companies, for fighting renewable energy standards and hurting Ohio consumers.

In 2015, CURE organized three statewide lobby days and three in-district meetings with legislators. CURE community leaders also provided public testimony before legislative committees. In the upper Ohio Valley, CURE is a well-known brand and is positioned to expand this work in East Liverpool and the Ohio Valley, and in the urban areas of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, as well as Akron and surrounding Summit County.

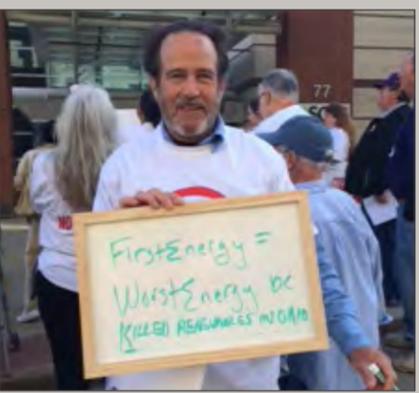
Our 2016 environmental justice work will be rooted in Cleveland, Akron, and the Ohio Valley, and will focus on both state and local policy change. At the state level, CURE will work to pass legislation to improve chemical disclosure for the oil and gas industry. On the local level, we will work with local governments to pass ordinances to increase industry and polluter oversight. We will continue our work to engage First Energy through shareholder organizing, engaging the PUCO, and engaging voters around increasing electric bills.

LOW-WAGE Accomplishments

- Broke the Walmart Food Drive to national, international news**
November 2013
- Co-organized Black Friday strikes, support actions across Ohio**
November 2013, 2014
- Co-hosted town hall meetings on income inequality**
March-May 2014
- Collaborated on a campaign to win wage increases for 500,000 Walmart workers**
April 2015
- Collected signatures to put minimum wage increase on the 2016 ballot in Ohio**
August 2015

CURE Accomplishments

- Produced/Released Utica Shale Report**
September 2014
- Hosted 150 residents local, state legislators at public meeting**
October 2014
- Stopped frack waste landfill expansion**
November 2014
- Led coalition to defeat HB 490**
December 2014
- Shut down illegal frack waste recycling facility**
April 2015
- Promoted introduction of SB166 to protect first responders**
August 2015



DEFENDING OUR HEALTH & COMMUNITIES ACROSS OHIO

MEMBER

Accomplishments

Won state legislation reforming collateral sanctions and creating Certificates of Qualified Employment

June 2012

Organized for and won Fair Hiring Policy in 12 Ohio cities/counties

Aug 2010-January 2015

Initiated Health Impact Assessment studying effects of incarceration on Ohio communities

Summer 2015

Won passage of Fair Hiring Act, Ohio House of Representatives

September 2015

OSA

Accomplishments

Prevented corporate takeover of Columbus City School District

August-October 2013

Stopped an attack on voting rights of 30,000 out-of-state students

March-June 2013

Led organizing effort to stop Stand Your Ground law in Ohio

August-October 2013

Launched Fellowship for Community Change

June 2014

Brought national attention to the killing of John Crawford III

October 2014

Met with President Obama at White House

December 2014

Criminal Justice Reform

Three decades of mass incarceration have devastated Ohio's low-income and minority communities, stripping economic opportunity from generations of Ohioans. OOC believes that stable families, economic security, and access to health care and education build strong communities. Thus, we are working to transform our justice system from one based in criminalization and incarceration – particularly of young people and people of color – to one based in sound and humane policies that support healing and growth for individuals, families, and communities.

Nearly two million Ohioans have a criminal record; for many returning citizens, the most basic functions of everyday life are complicated by that conviction. OOC is organizing these individuals, their families, allies, and institutions through issue campaigns and leadership development. It is our goal to reduce the number and racial disparity of incarcerated Ohioans. This requires a broad spectrum of legal and policy changes, including the decriminalization of school disciplinary procedures, the reform of policing and sentencing practices, and the removal of barriers to successful reentry.

Moving forward, OOC is seeking local and statewide reforms, working to ensure that the system does not simply shift incarcerated individuals from one venue to the other. We believe that reducing Ohio's incarceration rates will have numerous ancillary effects in low-income and minority communities, making our criminal justice system more fair, effective, and safe for all. OOC member organizations have rooted their work in addressing this broken system by engaging returning citizens, young people, clergy and people of faith, voters and allies in this movement.

Student Organizing

Ohio Student Association (OSA) is a statewide organization founded in 2012 and led by young people on and off-campus. OSA utilizes values-based issue and electoral organizing, nonviolent direct action, progressive policy advocacy, and leadership development activities in nine key geographies and colleges to build independent political power for social, racial, and economic justice.

In 2014, Ohio saw its lowest voter turnout since World War II. Many young people have lost faith in a bought-and-paid-for political system, as legislators slash taxes for the rich while cutting funding for K-12 and higher education, need-based financial aid, recreation centers, and critical services for young Ohioans. Those same lawmakers have created the most severely gerrymandered map in the country to maintain their power.

Our political system is in crisis, and the future of Ohio depends on who defines this crisis as an opportunity. It is time for a new story, and OSA is organizing a bloc of young people to define this story and the future of our communities through policy and cultural change.

In 2016 and beyond, OSA's goal is to build progressive political power through a complete cycle of engagement that accelerates the growth of individual leaders and leadership teams through continuous engagement and intentional leadership development; sustains organizational capacity, continuously building on an expanding foundation; develops a progressive narrative through both issue organizing and civic engagement; and builds independent political power that can be exercised during election cycles and campaigns, but also during legislative sessions.



REFORMING OUR BROKEN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM



ORGANIZING STUDENTS AS THE FUTURE OF OUR MOVEMENT

Akron Organizing Collaborative

AOC is a broad-based organization in Summit county. To date, leaders have won fair hiring policies for the city of Akron and are working on initiatives related to fair housing and the school-to-prison pipeline. AOC is a coalition of neighborhood circles, civic groups, churches, social service agencies, and community organizations.

The AMOS Project

AMOS is a strong coalition of congregations across Greater Cincinnati dedicated to advancing justice for all residents. Leaders are compelled by the prophet AMOS who urged “see that justice is done” and are building a base of elected, business, and community leaders to win free preschool for every child in Cincinnati, to expand employment opportunities for returning citizens, and advocating for voting rights.

www.theamosproject.org

Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative

MVOC partners with neighborhood groups, faith-based institutions, labor unions, and social service agencies in Trumbull and Mahoning counties to build capacity and create sustainable change through the establishment and support of healthy neighborhoods. MVOC is moving leaders around issues of criminal justice reform, blight and vacancy, education, and environmental issues.

www.mvorganizing.org

Miami Valley Organizing Collaborative

MVOC is a diverse alliance of neighborhood circles, churches, and labor unions working together to protect workers rights and to improve quality of life for people living in Montgomery county. Leaders in Dayton are challenging unjust education policies, supporting the effort to organize Walmart workers and undocumented migrant workers, and are fighting to end violence in low-income communities of color.

Communities United for Responsible Energy

Communities United for Responsible Energy (CURE) began as OOC’s response to fracking in Ohio in 2013. The campaign has grown into an effort to connect racial, social and economic justice to environmental issues. We have three major prongs of work: fracking, hazardous waste, and energy/consumer advocacy.

www.facebook.com/OhioCURE

Maumee Valley Organizing Collaborative

MVOC is a coalition of faith, labor, and neighborhood institutions in Greater Toledo working on systemic social and economic justice issues. Leaders are working to structure community benefits agreements to benefit working class families and address overreaching policy at the Toledo Public Schools that allows students to be arrested for disruptive behavior.

Toledoans United for Social Action

TUSA is a diverse coalition of congregations with a powerful, established community voice in Toledo. Individually and collectively, TUSA leaders build power, hold officials accountable, seek systemic change and promote fairness, justice, and democracy. Organizers and leaders are committed to repealing the Safe Schools Ordinance, a controversial policy that disproportionately affects children from poor and minority homes.

Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope

NOAH is a broad-based community organization based in East Cleveland that invests in everyday people, while ensuring that revitalization benefits rather than exploits our communities. Leaders strategically and intentionally build relationships to these ends, promoting regional success through equitable community development.

www.noahorganizing.org

Ohio Prophetic Voices

OPV is a statewide network of 150 clergy committed to moving a powerful prophetic narrative around racial and economic justice in their congregations and the larger public sphere. As narratives of individualism, scarcity, and fear underpin an agenda to limit the government, increase wealth for very few and sow division through racism and exclusion, OPV puts forth a bold vision grounded in deep faith values.

Ohio Student Association

OSA is a statewide interracial, inter-class organization of predominantly young people aged 14 to 30. Leaders are organizing in Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Akron, Kent, Toledo, and Athens around issues of racial and economic justice.

www.ohiostudentassociation.org

Ohio Baptist State Convention

OBSC is an organized body of Baptist churches seeking a common ground for fellowship, mission, education, evangelism, and social welfare. Operating under the leadership of Pastor Michael Harrison Sr. with over 70 member congregations in ten metropolitan regions, the organization runs an extensive statewide get out the vote program and is actively involved in organizing around racial justice across Ohio.

www.obsc1.org

CWA District 4

CWA District 4 includes over 200 local unions that represent workers in telecommunications, information-technology, publishing, print and electronic media, manufacturing, higher education, local government, and health care. With 40,000 members in Ohio, CWA has long been a leader in community-labor partnerships and defending voting rights for all Ohioans.

www.district4.cwa-union.org

Farm Labor Organizing Committee

Founded in the mid 1960s by Baldemar Velasquez, FLOC’s mission is to organize migrant farmworkers in northwest Ohio. Today, FLOC represents tens of thousands of migrant farmworkers, organized under two key principles: that farmworkers need a voice in the visions that affect them, and that all parties must sit at the table to discuss industry-wide programs.

www.floc.com

SEIU Local 1

SEIU Local 1 unites over 50,000 property service workers throughout mid-America, including janitors, security officers, residential doormen and maintenance workers, window cleaners, industrial workers, and theater and stadium workers. Together, members are winning livable wages and are working with community leaders to advocate for the quality services the public deserves and the good jobs our communities need.

www.seiu1.org

UFCW Local 75

UFCW 75 is a union of 30,000 people working in 500 supermarkets, drug stores, food processing and packing plants, and health care facilities in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. One of the largest private-sector unions in the country, UFCW is dedicated to the economic and social well-being of its members, the growth and advancement of the labor movement, and developing partnerships with community and faith partners.

www.ufcw75.org

Iron Workers

Iron Workers District Councils of Northern and Southern Ohio have represented workers across the state since 1896. Ohio’s Iron Workers are affiliated with the 120,000 members of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers Union, and stand in solidarity with community organizations to promote social and economic justice.

Kirwan Institute at OSU

The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity contributes meaningfully to research and scholarship on race, ethnicity and social justice. By reframing the way that we talk, think, and act about race and ethnicity, we can realize a society that is fair and just for all people, where opportunity is not limited, and where democratic ideals inform social policy.

www.kirwaninstitute.osu.edu

Ohio Justice & Policy Center

OJPC is a non-profit law office working for productive reform of Ohio’s criminal justice system. Through collaboration, research, community education and litigation, OJPC advocates for a smart-on-crime, evidence-based approach to criminal justice.

www.ohiojpc.org

Policy Matters Ohio

Policy Matters is a non-profit research organization seeking to broaden the debate about economic policy in Ohio. It is the mission of Policy Matters to create a more just, prosperous, sustainable and inclusive Ohio, through research, media work and policy advocacy. Ohio faces enormous challenges from deindustrialization, rising inequality, and global warming. We also see tremendous opportunity to reinvest in Ohio’s workers, children, cities and infrastructure, to forge an economy that works better for all.

www.policymattersohio.org

MEMBERS & PARTNERS

Earned Media

In 2013/14, OOC received 395 pieces of earned media in local, state, and national outlets, with complete lists [available online](#). In the first nine months of 2015, OOC has earned 147 placements, including the following:

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| Waging Nonviolence | Building for long-term progressive revival in Ohio |
| Cincinnati Enquirer | ‘Ban the box’ legislation passed by Ohio House |
| Youngstown Vindicator | Ohio Fair Hiring Act would help felons find work |
| Huffington Post | Ohioans stand up in force to oppose bailing out old, dirty power plants |
| Cleveland Plain Dealer | FirstEnergy rate plan pummeled during PUCO hearing as 80 demand to testify |
| Marketplace | Employees take on the Wal-Mart wage increase |
| Time Magazine | The real meaning of \$9 an hour |
| CNN | Protests, arrests erupt after judge acquits officer |
| MSNBC | Ohio hit with federal lawsuit over GOP voting restrictions |
| NBC News | How ‘Black Lives Matter’ activists are shaping the 2016 campaign |
| Sojourners | Engaging the powers: the promise of a new civil rights era |
| Cincinnati Enquirer | Ohio fund awarded \$1.5M for criminal justice reform |
| Columbus Dispatch | Meeting demanding criminal-justice reform attracts more than 200 |
| USA Today | Former inmate helps others re-enter society |
| Waging Nonviolence | Freedom Side’s emerging radical democratic imagination |
| Think Progress | Ohio students push back against latest attempts to keep them from the polls |
| Akron Beacon Journal | Ohio groups support chemical disclosure to first responders |
| Akron Beacon Journal | Groups discover unlicensed frack fluid facility in Jefferson County |
| Cincinnati City Beat | Diverse coalition looks to bridge gap facing disadvantaged and minority students |
| Cleveland Plain Dealer | Debaters, don’t forget those living on the brink, in Ohio and elsewhere |
| Columbus Dispatch | College kids tell Ohio legislators: We’re drowning in student debt |
| Youngstown Vindicator | Rally against schools plan draws hundreds |

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Northwest Ohio

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