

Office of Human Services Innovation

Principles for Effective and Accountable Government

State government has an important but limited role to assist Ohioans prepare for life and the dignity of work. We can do this through better stewardship of existing resources, and by resetting the basic rules of government to be more in line with Ohio's values:

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

Individual liberty and economic freedom are essential for individuals to pursue their God-given potential and take responsibility for themselves, their families, and their communities.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Equality of opportunity is essential for every Ohioan to have a fair chance to develop their own capacities, and to go as far as their ability, determination and performance can carry them.

COMMON SENSE GOVERNMENT

While providing common sense regulation and predictable rules that promote growth, government also has a responsibility to provide special assistance for those who need a way out of crisis, not creating a dependent way of life.

PERSON-CENTERED

When government acts it should account for the whole person being served and coordinate all of the services that are available to get a job, succeed at work, and stay out of poverty.

STRONG COMMUNITIES

Family, work and faith are the foundations of individual character and strong communities, not government; government can assist but Ohio's strength comes from the good work of its citizens.

CONSTANT INNOVATION

Constant innovation, public and private, is the key to restoring Ohio's economic vitality and demonstrating to the world why Ohio is a great place to live and work.