



**David Hansen, Director of Educational Opportunities and Investments, *Perry County Ohio Job and Family Services***

David Hansen leads Perry County's workforce development activities and focuses his work on guiding individuals out of government dependence and, through work and careers, into economic independence and security. Mr. Hansen has designed and launched programs at the agency that target those with particularly difficult journeys into the workforce, including single parents, people in recovery from substance abuse, and adults in need of significant skill development. An important strategy he applies in these programs is to link, in actual practice, the agency's income support activities to successful efforts by individuals to acquire meaningful job and career training. Prior to joining the Agency, he has worked in legislative staff leadership in Michigan, as the lead policy advocate for Ohio's manufacturers, and president of the Buckeye Institute. Perry County is a poor, rural Appalachian community with a heritage rooted in coal and small farms. The vibrancy of the nearby Central Ohio economy offers a wave of prosperity for Perry County and Mr. Hansen has committed his work to helping even the most disadvantaged take advantage.