

OPRA's **Chief Innovation Officer (CIO)** will play a crucial role in launching OPRA into its next 50 years. Driving creative solutions, building partnerships, fostering a culture of innovation, and firmly establishing OPRA as a leader of innovation and systems change.

#### Responsibilities

##### Strategy:

- Identifies opportunities for innovation in policies, programs, partnerships, services, and processes.
- Builds OPRA member capacity to embrace and drive innovation at all levels.
- Acts as OPRA's lead on Ohio Waiver Redesign efforts.

##### Communication:

- Ensures decision making, policy priorities, and messaging align with OPRA's mission, vision, and values.
- Keeps OPRA leadership abreast of emerging trends, technologies, and innovative practices.
- Prepares reports, summaries, presentations, and other work products for dissemination to OPRA's leadership and external partners.

##### Partnerships:

- Supports the development and maintenance of relationships with key partners to drive innovation efforts.
- Collaborates with stakeholders to ensure that innovation reflects the diverse needs of our members, people with disabilities, and their families.
- Establishes or liaises with state and national groups to exchange information, drive innovation, facilitate cooperation, and coordinate activities.

##### Leadership:

- Works cross-functionally with other departments to integrate innovative thinking into all aspects of the organization.
- Participates in policy discussions with OPRA leadership to identify opportunities to drive change, launch initiatives, or pursue special projects.
- Contributes to internal strategy development and continuous improvement.