

OPRA Strategic Plan

2017 - 2018



Mission Statement		
To support and provide advocacy for community-based service providers to ensure the availability of programs, services, and funding adequate to support and assist individuals with developmental disabilities as they strive to achieve a life of increasing independence, productivity and integration.		
2017 - 18 Focus Areas & Goals		
Workforce Sustainability	Quality, Accountable and Sustainable System Reform	Efficiencies and Simplification
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aggressively pursue maximum possible provider reimbursement to result in an increase in workforce wages and benefits. Ultimate goal of average DSP wage of 200% of the federal poverty level. 2. Collaborate with system partners to re-invest county board and state savings in wages, training, supervision, other related workforce issues, and waiting list. 3. Implement immediate actions to attract, train and retain people in the direct support profession to build and maintain critical provider capacity. Advocate for the elimination of regulations that negatively impact the DSP's experience of work and their ability to impact the lives of people with IDD. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocate for adequate funding for all ICF's and waiver services, including responsible downsizing of ICF's, setting size changes and provider incentives to accomplish person centered planning. 2. Advocate for people with IDD to have the same integrated community employment opportunities as the general Ohio population while transforming day array services to community engagement. 3. Identify opportunities to improve people with IDD's health and experience of care, while seeking to reduce the per capita cost of care. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with system partners to identify and aggressively advocate for the change or elimination of regulations and practices that are not useful, necessary, or improve the lives of people with IDD. 2. Work with system partners to develop and implement simple reimbursement systems. 3. Work with system partners to simplify and implement uniform state reviews of providers, including national accreditation and deeming for licensure and county board accreditation, ODH/DODD review process of ICF's, audits and HCBS heightened scrutiny.