



OPRA Board of Director Election Ballot

District 7

Serving Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake and Lorain Counties

In accordance with OPRA's Code of Regulations, votes are being requested from current OPRA Members for OPRA **District 7**. This representative will fill a three-year term beginning **January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028**. Any/all nominees are listed below. The individual selected will have all the rights and responsibilities of an OPRA District Director as outlined in the Code of Regulations and will address the issues of OPRA Provider Members.

Only one (1) Director is to be elected. Please vote for only one (1) candidate.

Nikki Jaras, Executive Director
Lifeworks Autism Services

**Ballots must be returned by postal mail or in-person
by Friday, October 24, 2025 to:**

Sonya Summers, Member Communications Manager
Ohio Provider Resource Association
1152 Goodale Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43212
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(614) 224-6772

Signature of Individual Voting

Organization

Date

Meet Your District 7 Candidate



Nikki Jaras – Executive Director, Lifeworks Autism Services

Nikki Jaras is an experienced executive leader and Board Certified Behavior Analyst with more than 22 years of expertise in program design, innovation, and service delivery for individuals with autism and developmental disabilities. As Executive Director of Lifeworks Autism Services, she oversees strategic planning, program development, and team leadership to ensure high-quality, person-centered supports. Nikki has also held leadership roles spanning educational, residential, day array, and clinical services, with a strong focus on assessment-driven treatment planning, capacity building, and system-wide innovation. She is recognized for her effective leadership and proven results that benefit individuals served, their families, caregivers and staff.

As a current board member of the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA), Nikki is committed to strengthening provider collaboration, advancing evidenced-based practices and advocating for high quality, accessible services across Ohio. She is passionate about developing creative solutions that enhance supports for providers and individuals with developmental disabilities. Nikki's vision includes modernizing service coordination, expanding provider training opportunities, and leveraging innovative technologies to promote quality care and sustainable funding. She looks forward to continuing her service, representing members, contributing her experience to advance OPRA's mission through another term on the board.