

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

SEPTEMBER 13, 2019



## Upcoming Events

- 9/16: OPRA Policy Committee Meeting
- 9/17: Transition Workgroup for Central Ohio
- 9/18: Back To Basics- Guernsey County
- 9/18: OPRA ICF Leadership Meeting
- 9/20: OPRA Facility-Free Services Workgroup Meeting

## News and Resources

"Koinonia Celebrates Direct Support Professionals with Appreciation Event". Click to read...

Disability Scoop: "Unique Program Teaches People with Disabilities to be Care Givers"...Article briefly references C3PO program. Click to Read...

Columbus Dispatch: Artists with developmental disabilities bring spirit to Ohio Craft Museum Click to read...

DriveOhio: Ohio Wins USDOT Automated Driving Systems Grant. Click to read...

## THE WEEK'S TOP 5

**ICF QUALITY INDICATORS:** The 'ICF Quality Indicator' workgroup, which includes family members, providers, county boards, and DODD was reconvened to help determine the 5 ICF Quality indicators (reduced from 13 during the budget process). Guided by stakeholder input, the workgroup has agreed on the following 5 quality indicators; staff retention, staff training, person centered-planning, community integration, and satisfaction surveys for individuals served and their families/guardians. OPRA is committed to advocating for quality indicators that are meaningful, attainable and not administratively burdensome. The budget language requires that the indicators will be added to the rate starting on July 1, 2021. To see the results of the 'priority survey', please click [here](#). It is important to note that providers' priorities mirrored closely to the priorities of parents/guardians. For more information, please contact Lisa at [lmathis@opra.org](mailto:lmathis@opra.org).

**PUCO:** As the changes to Non-Medical Transportation are set to go into effect in 2020, the OPRA team is seeking clarity on the requirements necessary for providers of transportation to have their vehicles registered and in compliance with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). To read the PUCO regulations click [here](#). For more info, please contact Scott at [smarks@opra.org](mailto:smarks@opra.org)

**BOARD NOMINATIONS:** Voting begins on Monday, September 16th for 3 open seats in Districts 1, 4 & 7, and 1 vacated seat in both Districts 5 & 8. Voting instructions will be sent to the provider contacts in these districts. Let your voice be heard! Voting ends on Friday, September 20th. For more info, please contact Sonya at [ssummers@opra.org](mailto:ssummers@opra.org).

**CONFERENCE:** In our ongoing efforts to provide the best conference experience for our members, we will be offering free head-shots to conference attendees and award winners on Friday 10/25. To register for the conference click [here](#).

**HAPPY DSP RECOGNITION WEEK!** It was exciting to see so many great events in honor of the hard-working Direct Support Professionals of Ohio. The PSA for 'DSP OHIO' featuring Gary LeVox of Rascal Flatts will launch in television and social media markets next week! We are extremely grateful for the donations and support to make this campaign a reality!



# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

## Updates from the OPRA team and System Partners

**Employment Services:** For those of you who provide OOD services, the new OOD Fee Schedule has made it through JCARR and is on track to be implemented on October 1st, 2019. A big thanks to all of you who helped to make this happen. Please click [here](#) to access our Basecamp page for Employment services, including a presentation that outlines the upcoming fee schedule changes, as well as the various budget initiatives OOD will be rolling out in the near future.

**DODD Memo Monday:** This week's Memo Monday from DODD included updated guidance on the waiting list rule, updated resources for the Monthly Rate Calculator (MRC), and information on (mostly) upcoming QIDP (Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional) trainings throughout the state. To read the full Memo Monday, click [here](#).

**On-site/On-Call Rule Language:** This week OPRA staff worked with system partners to refine the new rule language pertaining to 'HPC: On-Site/On-Call'. Our goal is to meet the needs of our members and be consistent with the expectations set forth by the OSOC workgroup. For more info, please contact Lisa at [Lmathis@opra.org](mailto:Lmathis@opra.org).

**Opportunity for Public Comment:** FCC Requests Comments on its Section 504 Handbook as Part of its Update Process. The call for comments, including information on how to make comments is available [here](#). The deadline for comments is October 21, 2019.

## MultiMedia Corner

