

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

OCTOBER 11, 2019



Upcoming Events

10/14: Columbus Day - OPRA office closed

10/15: DODD- MUI Rule training for DSPs Webinar

10/16: DODD - LiveChat- Outcome Tracking System Updates

10/17: Advance: Provider Leadership Training

News and Resources

"Job fair provides opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities" Click to Read...

"Medina County voters face two social services levies Nov. 5" Click to Read...

"On YouTube, people with disabilities create content to show and normalize their experiences" Click to Read...

"Prevalence and trends of developmental disabilities among children in the United States: 2009-2017" Click to Read...

"Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities 'invisible' in national data" Click to Read...

THE WEEK'S TOP 5

Multi-Systems Youth: Earlier this week Governor DeWine unveiled plans to "prevent custody relinquishment, modernizing systems of care for multi-systems youth." This was an important issue during the past state budget, leading to compelling testimony and media attention from all levels. The announcement carries an investment of millions in new funds for services for youth who received services from multiple state agencies and their families and who have been or are at risk of being relinquished to the state. You can read about the three priority areas [here](#). The initiatives coincide with Director Davis' push to support multi-system youth in some of your settings, specifically in ICFs, which was included in DODD's budget proposal. We have members who are currently supporting MSY and we can help connect you if you would like more information in serving this population.

ANCOR 2019 Policy Summit & Hill Day: OPRA staff and members will be in Washington DC next week for Ancor's policy summit (click [here](#) to learn more). We have several meetings with legislators set up and look forward to sharing about our advocacy efforts and what we learned! For more info, please contact Christine at Ctouvelle@opra.org.

BEST Implementation: The communications and training sub-committee of the Basic Employment Skills Training implementation team met earlier this week to begin work on preparing the field for the upcoming changes to the vocational rehabilitation service, intended to go into effect in July 2020. To learn more, click [here](#) or contact Scott at smarks@opra.org.

Direct Support Assistant: On Sept. 27, we shared a survey relating to the proposed addition of a 'direct support assistant' role to the provider certification rule, which would allow 16 and 17 year olds to provide direct service with certain limitations. Of those surveyed, roughly 68% support the proposal, although there is still strong opposition to the initiative. OPRA is committed to solutions to the workforce crisis that still allow for flexibility and simplification of current rules. We will continue to work with system partners for a solution that achieves these goals. For more info, please contact Scott at smarks@opra.org.

EVV Survey: OPRA is still soliciting feedback and information on your experience using Sandata's EVV system. The information collected will help guide OPRA's advocacy work around EVV with the Ohio Department of Medicaid and Sandata. Click [here](#) to take the survey.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Ohio Statewide ISP September Update: Earlier this week, DODD released an update, recapping the work done towards a statewide Individual Service Plan and assessment. Per the announcement "Members of the Ohio Individual Service Plan Workgroup (OISP) continue to think outside the box to develop a statewide single assessment for people with developmental disabilities receiving services. By brainstorming with self-advocates, the group hopes to finalize its ideas for release by the next meeting". To read the full update, click [here](#).

Nisonger Disability Research Study: Our partners at the OSU Nisonger Center have asked us to share some information on two research opportunities for people with disabilities. Below are flyers of two different studies that you may interest some of the individuals you support. Contact information is included in the flyers and questions on the studies can be directed to the listed contacts. For more info, please contact Christine at Ctouvelle@opra.org

Are You an Adult with Intellectual Disability?

Are you interested in learning more about research?

We are looking for help with a study to make research more accessible for adults with intellectual disability.



The study will take between one and two hours in-person.

You will earn \$30 gift card and up to \$20 for travel costs.

To learn more about how to participate, please contact Jesse Strickler at jesse.strickler@osumc.edu or 614-398-2214



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HELP US HEAR YOUR VOICE!

Research study on the health of adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)

For this research, we want to listen to adults with IDD



We want to know how you feel about YOUR health

What will you do?

- We will meet you and your support person* at the OSU Nisonger Center or your home
- You will answer questions about your health in two interviews one month apart

How long will this take?

- 2-4 hours per interview

*Who is a support person?

- A family member, friend, or caregiver that knows you well
- They will be your study partner

Want to know more?

Call Alexa Murray at 614-293-3424

OR

Kristin Page at 614-688-8148

Email us: rtrcnisonger@osumc.edu

You will earn a \$25 gift card per interview
Your support person will also earn a \$25 gift card per interview

Follow #RRTCnisonger for updates! go.osu.edu/RRTC



The Ohio State University Nisonger Center has created a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Health and Function for People with IDD. This research is funded through the Administration for Community Living (ACL) INDIAN grant number 90RT100002.

MultiMedia Corner



Source America's NDEAM Announcement



Self-Advocate Robert Shuemak shares his experience on the single ISP workgroup

