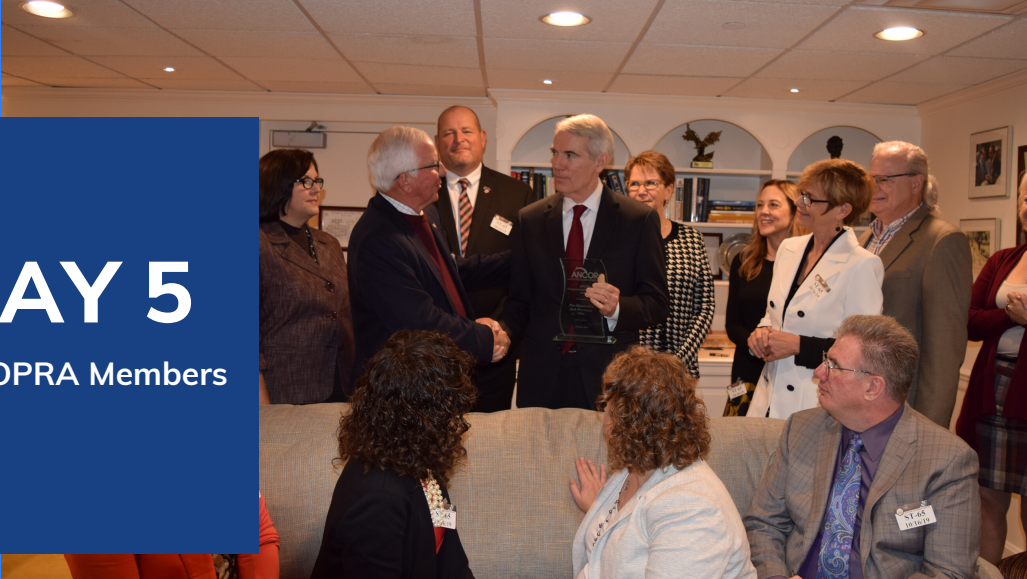


OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

OCTOBER 18, 2019



Upcoming Events

10/23: OPRA Member Orientation & Conference Welcome Social

10/24-25: OPRA Fall Conference- See You There!

News and Resources

"Development Disabilities of Clark County selects next agency leader" [Click to Read...](#)

Disability Scoop: "Government Setting Aside \$112M To Expand Disability Housing" [Click to Read...](#)

"Prevalence Of Youth With Developmental Disabilities Increased Almost 10% Since 2009" [Click to Read...](#)

The Hill: "Improving data on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities" [Click to Read...](#)

"Supported Decision Making Promotes Independence in Traumatic Brain Injury Survivors" [Click to Read...](#)

THE WEEK'S TOP 5

Ancor Policy and Hill Summit: OPRA Staff and members were in Washington DC this week for a jam-packed day of hill visits and learning. Our team met with the offices of Representatives Joyce, Kaptur, Stivers, Gonzalez and Jordan to discuss the issues facing disability service providers in Ohio. In addition to meetings with Senator Brown's office, our team helped to present an Ancor Award to Sen. Rob Portman. Congratulations to OPRA/CRSI's Than Johnson, who was presented an award by ANCOR for his many contributions and advocacy over the years. We look forward to continuing our conversations with legislators as we monitor federal legislation concerning HCBS infrastructure and waiver services during hospital stays. See pictures from the trip below and contact Christine at Ctouvelle@opra.org for more information.

Statewide Single Plan: On Oct. 16, the statewide single ISP workgroup met to continue work on the standard assessment to be used by SSAs and QIDPs to inform the content of the single plan. The current draft assessment, which began the meeting at 85 pages, will need to be considerably streamlined and simplified before being ready to pilot. OPRA will continue to work with DODD and other system stakeholders to ensure this work leads to simplification, and a more consistent process for providers throughout the state. For more info, please contact Scott at Smasks@opra.org.

EVV: Earlier this week the Ohio Department of Medicaid held their monthly stakeholder meeting. They reviewed utilization data, new reports available, and changes to the alternate vendor communication and certification process. You can find the presentation from the stakeholder meeting [here](#). ODM will also be presenting webinars on the Oct 22nd and 29th that will explain these changes. Christine will be sending a comprehensive email this afternoon, fully detailing the important updates outlined in this week's Stakeholder meeting.

Rules Filed: This week, many of the rules we have been following since the biennium budget were filed. Those rules include updates to NMT, Transportation, and HPC-On-site/On-call. OPRA is primarily in support of these changes and are very appreciative of the support and advocacy of our members and system partners. To read the filed rules, click [here](#).

DSPOhio- Over the past week we have had 130+ unique job-seekers submit their information to providers. If you have hired someone as a result of an application through DSPOhio, please let us know!



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

DODD Memo Monday- This week's update from DODD included information on many important topics including posted webinars on the updated guidance regarding residential options counseling, the efforts to automate authorizations to reflect the rate increases to HPC, EVV claims report data and updates to DODD's MyLearning platform. To read the memos, click [here](#).

Fall Conference- As a reminder, today is the last day you can register online for the conference and awards ceremony. If you decide next week you would like to attend, we will have onsite registration. We are really excited to see everyone! Click [here](#) to register.

Pics From The Hill

