

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

NOVEMBER 22, 2019



## Upcoming Events

11/28: Happy Thanksgiving!

12/2: OPRA CEO Training

12/5: OPRA Adult Day Array Committee Meeting

12/5: OPRA Employment Services Committee meeting CANCELED

## News and Resources

Dispatch: "Medicaid and its contractor shed little light on network reduction" Click to Read...

Disability Scoop: "Santa Offering Sensory-Friendly Events Nationwide" Click to Read...

"First longitudinal study highlights positive responses to established catatonia therapies" Click to Read...

"Ohio DODD To Launch 'Ohio Family Network' For Those With I/DD" Click to Read...

## THE WEEK'S TOP 5

**Wage and Benefit Survey:** Planning has begun for our 2020 Member Wage and Benefit survey. The Biennial survey is important in providing OPRA information necessary to our advocacy efforts. We would like to see increased participation in next year's survey and will be conducting a webinar prior to sending, outlining tips and tricks for completing efficiently. The survey will be sent in Mid-February of 2020. Please contact Anita at Aallen@opra.org with any questions.

**Statewide ISP:** The workgroup tasked with creating the single statewide plan and assessment met this week on Wednesday, Nov. 20. The meeting focused on how to streamline the assessment, which began the meeting at 77 pages. A sub-committee was formed to condense, standardize and format the assessment so that it may be ready to pilot early in 2020. Meeting minutes will be posted next week. Please contact Anita or Scott with any questions regarding the statewide ISP process.

**Legislative Meetings:** This week Pete and Christine met with Senator Hackett and Representative Lipps, as well as staff from Senator Hottinger's office. Christine and OPRA's contract lobbyists also had the opportunity to attend a fundraiser for Speaker of the House Larry Householder. Many of the conversations centered around the 'great start' of last year's HPC rate increase, acknowledging the work still needing to be done to ensure a stable, quality service system, including much-needed rate structure redesign and increase in adult day array services. Please contact Christine at Ctouville@opra.org with any questions.

**DSP Ohio:** We are still actively monitoring the data we are getting through DSP Ohio. Since the launch of the media campaign in September, over 1,300 people have submitted their information to providers through the site, and we have seen traffic to the site in every county in the state. Please let us know your experience with hiring DSPs through the site. Please contact Anita or Christine with any feedback on DSP Ohio.

**Wage Verification:** This week's wage verification resulted in a potential path forward for how providers demonstrate that the rate increase is utilized towards direct staff wages and benefits. The "NCIS Alternative" tool, developed by Gary Brown, will be able to generate the data needed in a consistent, efficient way. Please contact Pete at pmoore@opra.org with any questions.



# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

## Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Rule Comments:** This week, OPRA submitted public comments in support of the changes to Non-Medical Transportation and HPC-On site/On Call. To read the comments click [here](#).

**BEST Implementation:** We are still gathering member feedback on Basic Employment Skills Training (the 'new' Voc Hab). To take our 5-question survey, click [here](#).

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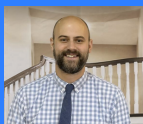
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