

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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## Upcoming Events

12/10: OPRA Residential Waiver Committee Meeting

12/11: OPRA ICF Committee Meeting

12/11: DODD Livechat- OSSAS Update

12/12: OPRA Program Directors Committee Meeting

## News and Resources

"Public invited to celebrate CRSI's retiring CEO" Click to Read...

"Bill Seeks To Make Ohio Restrooms More Accessible" Click to Read...

"Ohio Earmarks Funding For Children Involved In Multiple Public Systems" Click to Read...

"HUD awards \$484,580 to Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority for housing vouchers for people with disabilities" Click to Read...

## THE WEEK'S TOP 5

**Day Array Committee:** OPRA's Adult Day Array committee met on Thursday and welcomed guests, Shannon Komisarek-ODD and Stacy Collins-DODD. Discussions included efforts to re-evaluate the Employment First Partnership between OOD and DODD, as well as updates on the implementation of Basic Employment Skills Training (BEST). Thanks to all who attended in person or by phone, minutes will be posted in Basecamp early next week. please contact Scott at [smarks@opra.org](mailto:smarks@opra.org) with any questions.

**NMT/Transportation Hearing:** The public hearing related to changes to the Non-Medical and HPC Transportation rules was held on Nov. 22. To read the hearing summary, including comments made by OPRA and other stakeholders, click [here](#). The rules are scheduled for JCARR next week. We are optimistic that the proposed changes will be in effect February of 2020. Please contact Scott at [smarks@opra.org](mailto:smarks@opra.org) with any questions.

**Hazardous Waste Exemption:** After nearly a year of extensive research, action and advocacy, we received news this week the Ohio's EPA have accepted the interpretation of Vorys, exempting ICFs from new regulations regarding the management of hazardous waste. Per release from Vorys: "With the support of the Ohio Provider Resource Association, the Vorys Health Care team reached out to U.S. EPA to request guidance on this issue and to advocate for the exclusion of ICF/IIDs from the LTCF definition... Accordingly, the December 2nd confirmation for the first time conclusively resolved that Ohio ICF/IIDs will not be considered LTCFs for purposes of RCRA and may continue to rely on the household waste exclusion. To read more, click [here](#) or contact Anita at [Aallen@opra.org](mailto:Aallen@opra.org) with any questions.

**Legislative Visits:** Pete and Christine are continuing to meet with Ohio legislators to discuss important issues and priorities for OPRA's members. This week Pete and Christine met with Senators Gavarone and Obhof, discussing a range of issues including system simplification and the need for an increases in the rate model for day array services. Please contact Christine at [Ctouvelle@opra.org](mailto:Ctouvelle@opra.org) with any questions.

**"Advocacy Army":** OPRA staff met with Amy Showalter of the Showalter Group to discuss plans for the 'advocacy army', a network of members and allies who can help further policy and legislative advocacy. We are excited about this initiative, which will get into full swing in early 2020. Please contact Christine at [Ctouvelle@opra.org](mailto:Ctouvelle@opra.org) to learn how you can be involved.



# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

## Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**DSP Ohio:** The first leg of the marketing campaign to bring awareness of the DSP profession and drive people to the DSP Ohio website concluded on November 15th. According to Bravura Media, the campaign resulted in over 2 million social media impressions, driving over 40,000 people to visit the website. Please let us know your experience with DSPOhio and whether you have interviewed or hired anyone through the website since September.

**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](#).

**Memo Monday:** DODD's weekly memo included updates on the Medicaid Services System (MSS), Ohio Tobacco Laws, the upcoming dates to "flip" site to the Monthly Rate Calculator (MRC) and end-of-year updates for ICFs. To read the memos, click [here](#).

**Single Plan Update:** Earlier this week, DODD provided an update on the workgroup developing a single, statewide ISP. To read the update, click [here](#) (Featuring a post-meeting interview with Scott, also linked below).

**OOD Summer Youth Training:** Today OOD announced upcoming trainings for providers of Summer Youth Work Experiences. Per OOD: "OOD will be conducting our annual Summer Youth training, which covers Summer Youth requirements and best practices for providers. The training will be online, using GoTo Training. Providers should spell out the full name of their organization, e.g. Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation instead of BVR." The training will be held on January 8, 2020, with two session options to choose from, 9-11 am or 1-3pm. To register for the training, click [here](#).

## MultiMedia



Scott's post-meeting interview with DODD regarding progress made in the statewide service plan workgroup.



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