

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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## Upcoming Events

1/1: Happy New Year!- OPRA Office Closed

1/9: Day Array Committee Meeting

1/13: OPRA Policy Committee Meeting

## News and Resources

"Governor DeWine's Office of Children's Initiatives Announces Early Childhood Safety Grants" [Click to Read...](#)

"Settlement coming for 1993 lawsuit against Ohio on behalf of special education students" [Click to Read...](#)

"What CEOs Can Learn From Presidential Candidates Who Aren't Addressing People With Disabilities" [Click to Read...](#)

## THE WEEK'S TOP STORIES

**Wage Verification:** OPRA continues to work with system partners to develop a documentation methodology for enacting the HPC rate increase to lead to higher statewide wages for direct support professionals. OPRA and partner stakeholder associations are finalizing a tool for use of providers to capture how they have applied the rate increase. This new tool will replace the NCI Staff Stability survey in 2020. Please contact Pete at [Pmoore@opra.org](mailto:Pmoore@opra.org) with any questions.

**Blue Print for Adult Day:** Earlier this week, Director Jeff Davis sent a welcome letter to stakeholder representatives, outlining the process for the 'Blueprint for Adult Day' workgroup. This group will be tasked with developing a report of recommendations for adult day array and employment services to be implemented throughout 2021-2024. OPRA representatives include Scott Marks-OPRA, Liz Owens-Alpha Group and Kurt Smith-ARC Industries. As part of the lead-up to the initial workgroup meeting on January 29th, DODD has asked that representatives visit at least two sites providing either day array or employment services. If you are willing/interested in hosting a workgroup rep for a tour of your agency, please let Scott know at [Smarks@opra.org](mailto:Smarks@opra.org).

**EVV Implementation Survey:** Earlier this week, Christine sent an email to members providing services under Electronic Visit Verification. Per Christine's email "If you are providing services subject to EVV (HPC billed in 15 minute units, waiver nursing, and nursing delegation), we would be so appreciative if you could complete our survey. We will use this information gathered in the survey in our advocacy efforts with the Ohio Department of Medicaid. The survey will remain open for a few weeks to give enough time to gather any data if needed. You can make edits as necessary until you submit the survey. Find the survey [here](#)."

**Spring Conference Speaker Proposals:** We are currently soliciting presentation proposals for the Spring 2020 OPRA Conference. "Attendees come to the conference to learn about promising best practices in service delivery, to hear updates from regulatory officials, and to learn about tools and resources that they can use at their agency." If you are interested in submitting a proposal for consideration, please [Visit Our Website](#) to learn more information.

