

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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**Single Plan Workgroup:** The statewide workgroup tasked with developing a single assessment and service plan met on Wednesday to finalize discussions on the plan template and look at next steps for the testing and further plan development. The workgroup voted to include the plan and assessment as a single document, with IT/cloud solutions being developed by DODD for ease and availability of usage. We will share the minutes from the meeting as they are made available to us next week and we will seek member feedback on the template as the work moves into further testing phases, including a DSP focus group..

**Core Committee:** DODD's committee focusing primarily on reopening day and vocational service centers met yesterday to discuss potential changes to the state's guidance on the requirements to reopen centers and reengage people in services. The draft presented breaks down the current DODD guidance into mandatory and best practices and is intended to better align the guidance with other sector-specific 'Responsible RestartOhio' requirements. We are expecting the guidance will modify the requirements that each service 'pod' have its own designated entrance/exits and restrooms to allow for staggered usage and cleaning of those areas when distinct areas cannot be accommodated. As long as the ODH order concerning service centers stands, group sizes will remain at 10 or less. We are hopeful to see the updated guidance early next week.

**Military Waiver Bill:** On Tuesday, [Governor DeWine signed HB 287](#), a bill that dedicates Medicaid waivers to military families who are stationed in Ohio. The bill was introduced in June 2019 by Reps Russo and Perales and passed the Ohio Senate in May. OPRA is glad to see this bill, which we have supported and submitted testimony in favor of, become law this week.

**Town Halls:** We will have our first Tele-townhall with representative Marcy Kaptur's office today at 1pm. We invite you to join us if you provide services in her district (up around lake from Toledo to the west side of the Cleveland area). [You can register for this afternoon's town hall here](#). We will members provide their experience so far, ask questions for Representative Kaptur's office to respond to and give the office an opportunity to share their insight on how things are going on the federal level. We are also very excited to host Rep. Steve Stivers on next Friday morning's OPRA member call.

**HHS Webinars:** The US Dept. of Health and Human services will be holding tow informational webinars to assist providers looking to access funding from the 'Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Portal'. There will be two sessions held, one on June 23rd at 2 PM ([register here](#)) or June 25 at 2 PM ([register here](#)) Upon registration you will also have the opportunity to submit questions you would like answered during the presentations.

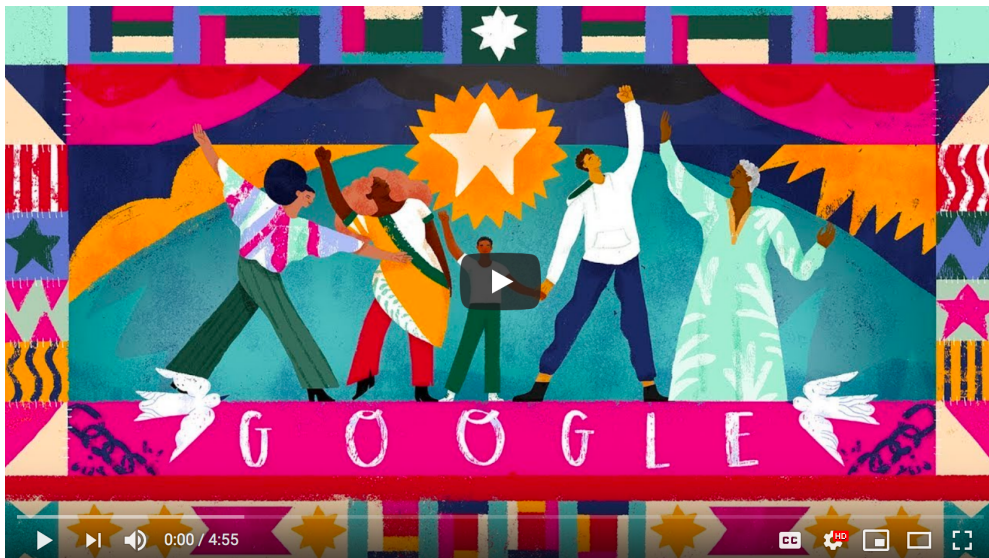


# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Memo Monday:** This week's roundup of DODD memos included guidance around the HHS provider relief fund, the NCI staff stability survey, and new guidance and service codes for the reimbursement changes to day and vocational services. [To read the memos, click here.](#)

**Honoring Juneteenth:** Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Check out today's Google Doodle that honors this important day. Illustrated by Los Angeles-based guest artist Love is Wise and narrated by actor and activist LeVar Burton, honors the 155th anniversary of Juneteenth. Short for "June Nineteenth," Juneteenth marks the true end of chattel slavery across the United States—which didn't actually occur until 1865, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation



## Upcoming Events

**6/22: OPRA Training: On-going Training Techniques with Sara Sherman**

**6/23: DODD 2020 Virtual Transformation Summit - Day One**

## News and Resources

**Today Show: How families caring for children with special needs are coping during the pandemic**

**Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities working harder than ever to get people hired**

**UPDATED: OPRA PPE Resource Page**

**Ohio Medicaid to pay pharmacies to give COVID-19 tests**

