# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

## News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

### JUNE 26, 2020

**OPRA Fall 2020 Conference:** After much deliberation, we decided that this year's conference will be held exclusively online in a virtual format. We sincerely wish that we could all gather in person, but we're thrilled about the potential that an online format offers. We want to make OPRA's 2020 Fall Conference our biggest event yet! Holding this event virtually makes it possible for us to come together in a way that has never been done before. You'll still be able to meet with exhibitors, network, earn CEU's, & attend our awards ceremony! Plus, you'll have the option of going back and reviewing the presentations anytime you want. Please contact Melissa at Mfannon@opra.org with any questions you may have!

**Town Halls:** We want to sincerely thank US Rep. Steve Stivers for joining us for our 3rd tele-townhall with Ohio's federal delegation this morning. Big thanks to Jennifer Marshall of Goodwill Columbus and Dan Sechkar of the Sech-kar Co. for presenting on their experiences and ongoing needs during the pandemic, and to all of the members who joined us. We plan to host Senator Sherrod Brown next Thursday afternoon, so look out for that announcement early next week. Please contact Christine at Ctouvelle@opra.org with any questions or feedback.

**ICF Guidance:** DODD and CMS have released new guidance for ICF providers, and **the 3 documents are linked here.** The guidance documents outline the ongoing/updated process for completing virtual ODDP assessments, bed hold prior authorization and relevant sections of a recent FAQ specific to ICFs. Please contact Pete at pmoore@opra.org with any questions.

**MSS Workgroup:** DODD's workgroup charged with rebuilding the Medicaid Service System (MSS) met Wednesday to review the progress made on the rebuilt service calendar as well as establish all necessary user roles in the updated system. Please see the screenshots below to begin to see what the system will look like and please feel free to contact Scott at smarks@opra.org with any questions or feedback you have!
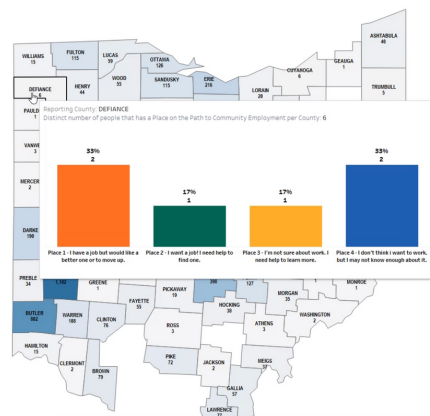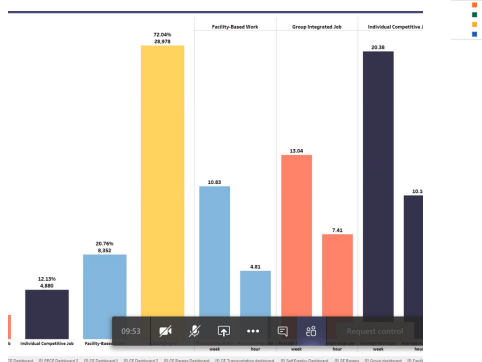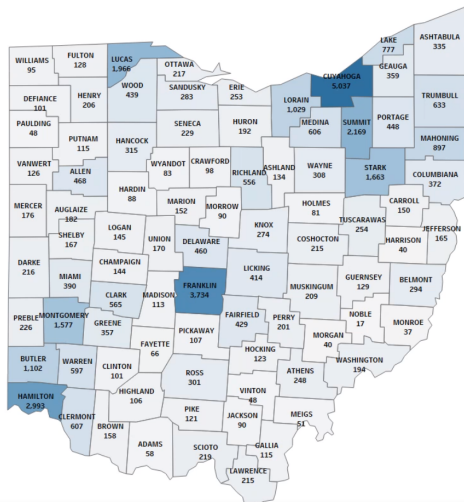
# In Case You Missed It...
Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Unemployment Insurance:** ODJFS recently released an FAQ with important information for agencies who are reimbursing employers for unemployment insurance. Provisions in the CARES Act allowed for a 50% credit for reimbursing employers, and this FAQ outlines the process/schedule to receive those credits starting next month. We know this has been a major issue for many members, and we are glad to see some relief as we continue to push for further relief and solutions. **The specific guidance can be found under the 'tax and payment implications' in this FAQ.**

**OTS Demonstrations:** DODD has held two meetings over the past weeks to demonstrate the reporting capabilities for the Outcome Tracking System (OTS). This system is designed to collect data from providers and county boards as to the outcomes achieved in adult and employment services and provide both qualitative and quantitative data on Ohio's progress towards community employment and integration outcomes.  The screenshots below are only examples of the system's reporting capabilities through it's clickable Tableau map interface and **do not reflect real data.** The actual data will be available and published by DODD later this summer.



# Upcoming Events

**7/2: OPRA Day Array Committee**

**7/2: OPRA Tele-townhall (further information forthcoming)**

**7/3: OPRA Office Closed. Happy 4th of July!**

# News and Resources

**"Coronavirus in Ohio Thursday update: 47,651 cases"**

**"Neighbors' strong rejection of homes for disabled youth leaves hurt feelings, accusations of discrimination"**

**OPRA PPE Resource Page**

**"Ed Department Issues New Guidance On Special Education During Pandemic"**