

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JULY 17, 2020

**Single Plan Workgroup:** Earlier this week, the workgroup developing a statewide individual service plan met to further discuss and refine the plan template, focusing heavily on the level of support/supervision sections and how the plan/assessment can incorporate the AAI and LOC assessments. The group was originally planning to choose between the two template options including in the presentation, but opted to create a small sub-committee to combine the good elements from each template. Please contact Anita at Aallen@opra.org with any questions and feedback you have about the progress of the OISP workgroup.

[Click here to see the presentation from this week's meeting.](#)

**HHS/HRSA Webinar:** The application deadline of July 20 is quickly approaching for Medicaid and CHIP providers applying for funding from the provider relief fund made available through the CARES Act. Providers will have to apply to have their TIN verified prior to July 20th. A fact sheet released by HHS with application, eligibility and attestation processes [can be found here.](#)

**Day/Voc and Transportation Guidance:** On Tuesday DODD released updated guidance on day & vocational services as well as a new transportation best practice guide developed by the Ohio Public Transit Association. This is the guidance we have discussed on the last several member calls, relaxing key requirements for providing day, vocational and transportation services.

[The two new guidance documents can be found here.](#) Please contact Scott at smarks@opra.org with any questions or feedback.

**PPE Survey:** We were approached by the Ohio Department of Health and the Nisonger Center about the need for PPE in the DD field. They are working in conjunction with local EMAs to insure that people with DD and the staff who support them can get needed PPE free of charge. They have limited supplies of face masks, face shields, gloves and gowns and want to target distribution to populations and geographic locations in the most need.

Today we will be sending a PPE survey to the CEO or Primary Contact for each OPRA member agency. We ask that the CEO/Primary Contact complete the survey OR distribute it as necessary to agency staff so that we can get a complete picture of the agency's needs. The survey is the first step in determining how supplies will be distributed.

**Phase 4 Federal Legislation:** We are expecting the US Senate to take up the next phase of relief legislation for COVID-19 over the next few weeks. This bill is potentially a last opportunity for COVID-related financial and resource relief from the federal government for some time. OPRA will be coordinating a large-scale advocacy effort to communicate with our US Senators the need for key provisions from the HEROES act to be passed including enhanced FMAP, funding for HCBS services, hazard pay and funding for state and local governments. We will be sharing templates and tools for members to use in reaching out to Senators in the coming days.



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**OPRA Training Workshops:** OPRA is offering two online training opportunities next week.

-[Click here to learn more about and register](#) for 'Healthy Meal Planning for DSPs and the People They Support' on July 20 from 9 am to 12 pm facilitated by Sara Sherman.

-[Click here to learn more about and register](#) for 'Creating an Internal Compliance System' on July 23, 2020 from 9 am to 12pm.

**OOD Hiring Event Prep Video:** "Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) has created a Candidate Preparation video and accompanying Resource Guide to assist OOD job seekers in preparing for the upcoming Virtual Hiring Events. Providers may be requested to assist OOD job seekers with preparation activities to support their participation, and providers may participate in the interviews, if necessary.



**Ohio DD Talks:** "This month is the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Council Members Marci Straughter and Michael Denlinger, two community leaders and powerful self-advocates, share their journey in becoming self-advocates, what the ADA means to them and their advice for other advocates." Click above to see episode 2 of Ohio DD Talks.

## Upcoming Events

**7/20: OPRA Training Workshop:**  
**Healthy Meal Planning for DSPs and**  
**the Individuals They Support**

**7/23: OPRA Training Workshop:**  
**Create an Internal Compliance**  
**System**

## News and Resources

**"COVID-19 Update: 19 Red Alert Level Three**  
**Counties, Executive Order, PPE Manufacturing**  
**Grants"**

**"State task force to aid voters with disabilities"**

**OPRA PPE Resource Page**

**Disability Scoop: "Disability Employment**  
**Documentary Headed To TV"**

