

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2020

Federal Relief Legislation- Yesterday, Senator McConnell and Senate Republicans introduced a \$300 Billion COVID Relief bill designated as a 'skinny relief' package. The bill, which had the support of 52 GOP Senators, did not advance after a Democratic filibuster. The failed legislation included a continuance of additional \$300 weekly unemployment benefit, as well as civil liability provisions, but did not include any direct relief for Medicaid service providers. Even though the outlook for further Federal relief prior to the election is looking slimmer by the day, OPRA will continue to advocate for our relief priorities, many of which were included in the HEROES act, passed by the house back in May. [To learn more about the legislation, click here.](#)

ICF Intensive Behavior Add-on: The application period is now open for the intensive behavior support add-on rate for ICF providers who can support youth ages 10-17 with dual diagnoses in mental health and developmental disabilities. The process, which includes an application for the provider and then individual-specific application for the add-on will be open through November 2 for interested providers. DODD will be taking questions on the rule, process and application through September 23rd at ICFRateAddOn@dodd.ohio.gov. [To read the rule, and the processes for application, click here.](#)

OSHA Resources and Training: We have compiled several OSHA-related [resources on the OPRA website, which can be found here](#). Additionally, our partners at Vorys will be facilitating a webinar discussion on these requirements this Tuesday, September 15th at 8:30am. [Click here to sign up to attend and receive a link to the Zoom webinar on Tuesday morning.](#)

District Meetings: We want to thank Lisa Reed, Jerri Elson, and all of the District 3 members who attended the district meeting this week, which was also joined by Director Jeff Davis. We will begin to schedule more district 'Listening Sessions' over the next several months where members will have the opportunity to share experiences as we look to continue regular district meetings again.

Blueprint Committees: Sub-committees for the Blueprint for the Adult & Employment services workgroup have been meeting over the past few weeks to continue making recommendations in the area of work, non-work, transportation and governance areas of Day Array services. This afternoon both the work services and quality/governance committees will meet to work on system scenarios and further develop policy recommendations. We will continue to advance OPRA's principles for system reform through this workgroup, with recommendations that help simplify the system, provide more resources for the full spectrum of adult supports and enhance relationships between front-line staff and the people you support. [To learn more about the Blueprint Committee, click here.](#)

OPRA Fall Conference: Registration is live for OPRA's Virtual Fall Conference, which will be held on October 27th and 28th. We are excited to bring you the sessions, vendors and good times you expect from an OPRA conference in this safe, online environment. Please visit our [Training & Events page](#) to learn more and register for the fall conference! Please contact Melissa at Mfannon@opra.org with any questions you may have.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: This week's roundup of DODD news contained updates regarding Phase 3 EVV Implementation for Self-directed HPC providers, information on upcoming National Provider Identifier requirements as well as the DODD Podcast featuring Director Davis and Dr. Laura Sorg. [To read Memo Monday, click here.](#)

C3PO Internships: Community Careers & Connections Partnership (C3PO), has kicked off another school year, welcoming new and returning students to the program. C3PO is an opportunity for high school students to receive educational credit for instruction in the DSPaths curriculum, while participating in internships with providers. This program is intended to spread awareness of the DSP Profession and create a pathway for students to enter the DSP workforce. Due to COVID-19, students will be working on the educational component of the program before starting internships in January of 2021. If you are interested in learning more about C3PO or hosting interns in a community-based or 'virtual' internship, please reach out to Scott at Smarks@opra.org.

WE STEP UP AT SMITH HOUSE! Thanks to the team at Koinonia for sharing with us a "We Step UP" video, featuring the team at Smith House, who banded together to keep the people they support and each other healthy and safe, especially as COVID-19 entered the home. We look forward to sharing more videos like these as we continue our advocacy for DD providers and celebrate DSPs next week during [DSP Recognition Week](#). [Click here to download OPRA's "Tips for Making Memorable Videos" 1-pager.](#)



Upcoming Events

**9/14 & 9/15: Frontline Supervisor
Training Techniques 2 DAY
WORKSHOP**

**9/17: Day & Employment Service
Committees Joint Meeting - 10 AM**

News and Resources

**"New Ohio health director backs out hours after
Gov. Mike DeWine announces appointment"**

**"Ohio reports 1,121 new COVID-19 cases, 30
new coronavirus-related deaths, both above
21-day average"**

OPRA Updated COVID-19 Toolkit

**"College coronavirus cases in Ohio significantly
contributing to county alert status"**



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OPRA PAC Virtual Golf Outing October 4th-10th, 2020

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We are requesting a \$75 donation per player.

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Play at Urbana Country Club (space is limited)
Friday, Oct. 9th
Tee times will be reserved, lunch will be included.
\$150 per golfer



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Simply Donate and Watch TV

Don't play at all and support the OPRA PAC.
Send us a picture of your non-golf activity.

We are requesting a \$75 donation per person.

For those of you choosing Option 1 or 3, please make your personal check payable to OPRA PAC and send it c/o Pete Thompson, 1152 Goodale Blvd, Columbus, Ohio 43212

For those of you choosing Option 2 you can pay on-site at the Urbana Country Club (4761 US-36, Urbana, OH 43078)

The following health and safety precautions will be followed at the Urbana CC:

- Scorecard results will be returned by mobile texting only.
- Single carts available upon request. All carts are sanitized prior to use.
- Individual lunch boxes will be prepared by masked and gloved Urbana CC staff.
- Social distancing is required. A mask is required in Clubhouse and where appropriate.

[Click here to learn more and Register!](#)

