

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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HHS Provider Relief: The application for Phase 3 funds opened this Monday October 5th and will close November 6th. Although the application appears to be streamlined from previous funds, there is still a lot to consider and the funds still come with significant reporting requirements. Providers who receive over \$10,000 through the funds will also be subject to additional reporting, and should be a consideration when deciding whether to apply for these funds. Click here to read [the announcement from HHS](#). Please contact Christine at Ctouvelle@opra.org with any questions you may have.

Day Array Core Committee: With the announcement of acuity C funding for day and vocational services through the end of 2020, DODD reconvened the 'core committee' to develop a plan for when that reimbursement system, starting in 2021. After a thorough review of claims and participant data over the past several months, the group discussed several 'assumptions' about what the landscape for day services will look like in 2021. While the assumptions among committee members were highly varied, provider reps were very cautious about increasing group sizes with all of the uncertainties and challenges the next few months pose. A sub-committee to examine a transitional rate structure in 2021 was formed at the end of the meeting. Jeff Johnson of Weaver Industries and Scott Marks of OPRA will represent OPRA on this sub-committee and on the core committee going forward. Please contact Scott at smarks@opra.org with any questions.

SBA/PPP: Recent reporting over the past few weeks indicate that none of the loans from the Paycheck Protection Program have been reviewed for forgiveness at the federal level. We hope that should begin to change shortly. If you have had your loan forgiven, or are in the process, please contact Christine at Ctouvelle@opra.org with any feedback about the process and how much of the loan was forgiven.

Federal Update: Given the nature of the past few weeks, the outlook for further federal relief is very unclear, with the status of negotiations changing by the minute as the two parties look to reconcile Republicans' \$1.6T proposal with the Democrats' \$2.4T plan. After walking away from talks on Tuesday, President Trump later indicated he was ready to pass a relief package including individual stimulus checks and recovery funds for the airline industry. OPRA will continue to advocate for relief priorities, some included in the HEROES 2 bill, including enhanced funding for HCBS services, but the future of relief talks is still very unclear. [Click here to read more](#)



OPRA Fall Conference: Registration is live for OPRA's Virtual Fall Conference, which will be held on October 28th and 29th. 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

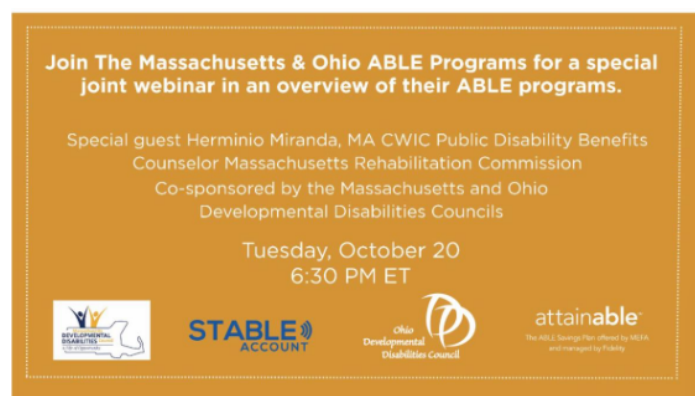
Funding Chart: Earlier in the Summer, Christine shared a chart detailing the several different funding opportunities made available during the Pandemic and the different requirements and reporting required for each. [The updated chart can be found on the OPRA website here.](#) Please reach out to Christine at Ctouville@Opra.org with any questions or any feedback on additional information you'd like to see included on this chart.

"No Right or Wrong" Video: A few weeks back, OPRA met for a conversation with Kelly Miller and reps from OACB about how teams can better navigate the difficult discussions around COVID-19. We hope this discussion and the framework laid out lead to open, honest conversations among teams determined to meet the needs of people they support, while considering all of the risks and benefits to the person and those they may live with.



DODD Pipeline: The Department's monthly newsletter covered included stories celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Dr. Laura Sorg's Medical Moment, MSY Training Opportunities and a recap of September's DODD provider meeting. [Click here to read the Pipeline.](#)

STABLE Webinar: Ohio and Massachusetts ABLE Account reps will be jointly hosting a webinar on their respective state programs. Click the image to register!



Upcoming Events

10/12: OPRA Policy Committee Meeting

10/15: OPRA Day & Employment Service Joint Committee Meeting

News and Resources

"Several central Ohio counties move to red in latest coronavirus advisory map, 18 total in the state"

"Ohio accessible voting guide: What you need to know"

"October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month"

OPRA COVID-19 Toolkit

