Adult Day & Vocational Guidance: In this week's Memo Monday, DODD published 2 new guidance pages for ADS and Voc Hab services. The new **Adult Day Support guidance page** contains information on how to authorize, provide and bill for the service. We are requesting that DODD includes guidance regarding the ability to 'drop in' to center-based services while providing community services at a daily billing rate. **The Vocational Habilitation page** is a little more curious as it doesn't contain any of the same type of information as the ADS page, instead focusing on federal definitions of pre-vocational services and Ohio's efforts towards community employment. Given the indefinite delay of the 'BEST' service, we believe this guidance is intended ensure that Voc Hab services are provided in alignment with CMS's definition of pre-vocational services, as outlined in the guidance page. Please contact **Scott** with any questions or feedback.

Level of Care: Earlier this week, DODD put out a notice that beginning on June 27th, ICF Level of Care system users will have access that allows you to assign up to two people the ability to receive emails for certain LOC functions. We know this at times has been frustrating from a communications standpoint and only having the ability to have one person listed. This function will be available for ICF users who have the ICF CEO role within the Level of Care application. Hopefully this can help with some of the issues that can result when you only have 1 person being able to be listed in there. **Click here for step-by-step instructions for DC and private ICF users who have the "ICF CEO" role.** Please reach out **Rachel** with any questions.

Retention Program: We are still awaiting approval from CMS on the 6.5% retention bonus project. Although we are still awaiting Federal approval, we did have some activity around the project as Clay Weidner from DODD did provide us some draft FAQs that we are sorting through in preparation for the rollout of the project when it is ready to go. It is obvious there's going to have to be a training component included to make sure that providers fully understand the project and how to opt in, report, distribute payments, etc... Once those materials are ready we will work with all of you to make sure you are ready to go.

Provider Relief Fund: If you received more than $10,000 in PRF money between 1/1/21 and 6/30/21, then you will need to report during this next phase. Reporting opens next Friday. **You can access the reporting portal by clicking here.** Email Christine with any questions!

Leadership Training: We want to thank Scott Warwick and Jamie Steele for providing leadership and work culture training this week. Even though the answers are hard to come by, there are still strategies that can be utilized to improve agency culture and work with the 'new generation' of employees. Thanks to Jamie and Scott for kicking off this 3-part series that focuses on those ideas and strategies. **Click here to learn more about the series and how to register for the upcoming sessions.**

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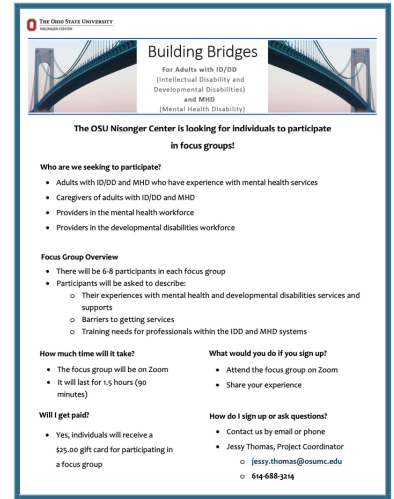
In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday/Pipeline: Click here to download **DODD's Memo Monday**, containing the ADS/Voc guidance referenced earlier, as well as OSSAS training and more!

Building Bridges Grant: Our friends at the OSU Nisonger Center have asked us to share the poster (Click to the right for more info) looking for participants for a focus group for the Building Bridges grant project. The grant is intended to develop resources for people with dual I/DD and mental health diagnoses and is looking for people with dual diagnoses, caregivers and providers to participate in the focus group. Contact info is on the flyer or you can be connected by reaching out to **Scott.**

Behavior Support Rule: Reminder that the Behavior Support Rule will go into effect October 1, 2022. The rule has been revised with a new definition of chemical restraint, clarifications on prohibited measures, and a new process for review of behavior support strategies in an emergency. DODD training is included in the 'events' linked below.

Call for Speakers: OPRA is proud to announce the call for speaker proposals is officially open for the 2022 OPRA Fall Conference. The conference will be in person and hosted at Nationwide Conference Center on October 27th & 28th, 2022. **Click here to submit a proposal.**

Award Nominations: OPRA is pleased to announce the call for nominations are now open for the 2022 OPRA Annual Awards. The purpose of the OPRA Annual Awards is to honor dedicated service professionals, groups and volunteers who have made outstanding contributions in the I/DD Field. We encourage all member agencies to submit nominations to recognize those that have worked hard and dedicated their time to help support the people they serve.

You can **CLICK HERE** to be directed to the Annual Award Form to submit your nomination. You will be contacted no later than Friday, September 9th regarding the status of your nomination. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this year's nomination process.

Upcoming Events

6/30: Leadership Workshop: Take Back Your Culture Now - Part 2

6/27: DODD Training: Behavior Support – Chemical Restraints and Blunt Suppression

News and Resources

"Ohio reports 16,159 more COVID-19 cases: weekly coronavirus update for Thursday, June 23"

"Ohio transportation pilot program combines agencies with hope of efficiency"

"DD Council Unveils New Logo and Website"

CDC: 'Know Your COVID-19 Community Level' Map

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
1,142	0	1,647	2,789

- 1,647 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. There were **5 additional positives** since the 6/17 report.
- There were **5 additional hospitalizations** since the 6/17 report. This is a total of 2,611 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19.
- A total of 2,789 COVID-19 reportable MUIs have been filed as 178 individuals were never hospitalized but COVID-19 was suspected or later determined as their cause of death.
- 385 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were 0 **additional confirmed deaths** since the 6/17 report.

Impacted Counties/Developmental Centers:
- There are 87 counties and 8 developmental centers with COVID related MUIs (CADC, CDC, GDC, TDC, MVDC, SODC, WDC and NODC).
- Franklin had the most people hospitalized and tested with 272 followed by Cuyahoga with 266.
- Cuyahoga had the most people tested positive with 168 and Franklin had 150.

Testing Demographics:
- Males accounted for 59.03% of those tested and females 40.97%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 11 months to 95 years. The average age was 54 years. The most common ages are 59.
- The breakdown of people tested by race is:
  - Black or African American-14% (60% positive testing rate)
  - Other Race -2% (56% positive testing rate)
  - Unknown-5% (52% positive testing rate)
  - White/Caucasian 79% (59% positive testing rate)

COVID-19 Deaths:
- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (385) and the total people served (98,956) is 0.389%.
- The ages of those who died range from 11 months-95 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 60 years old.
- A total of 70 counties and 4 DCs (CDC, MVDC, NODC, TDC) have reported COVID-19 deaths.
- Franklin has the most confirmed COVID deaths with 30.

COVID Related Deaths:

County or DCs with COVID Deaths							
Adams	2	Franklin	30	Lucas	22	Richland	8
Allen	6	Fulton	2	Mahoning	8	Ross	2
Ashtabula	4	Gallia	4	Marion	1	Sandusky	7
Athens	2	Geauga	1	Medina	1	Scioto	2
Belmont	1	Greene	3	Meigs	1	Seneca	1
Brown	1	Hamilton	15	Miami	4	Stark	26
Butler	10	Hancock	5	Montgomery	15	Summit	18
Carroll	1	Hardin	1	Morgan	2	TDC	1
CDC	2	Henry	1	Morrow	2	Trumbull	10
Champaign	1	Highland	3	Muskingum	1	Tuscarawas	6
Clark	6	Holmes	3	MVDC	2	Vinton	1
Clermont	6	Huron	1	Noble	1	Washington	1
Clinton	1	Jefferson	2	NODC	4	Warren	8
Coshocton	8	Knox	3	Ottawa	10	Wayne	4
Cuyahoga	26	Lake	13	Perry	4	Williams	1
Darke	2	Lawrence	2	Pickaway	2	Wood	5
Delaware	5	Licking	8	Pike	1	Wyandot	2
Erie	1	Logan	1	Portage	3		
Fairfield	5	Lorain	6	Preble	4	Grand Total	385