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News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

AUGUST 19, 2022

Workforce PSAs: As part of the state's initiative to recruit more direct care professionals- DSPs and other direct care workers, Ohio launched a statewide PSA this week, including the commercial spot linked on the right. The campaign will be featured on cable TV, broadcast TV, YouTube, social media, billboards, etc. "To ensure the recruitment campaign is most effective, providers should list their jobs on the Ohio Means Jobs site in a way to ensure their jobs are shown in the results. To do this, providers simply need to list the job title as "Direct Support Professional"". The landing page for this initiative is ohiomeansjobs.com/directcare.



Direct Care Job in Ohio

Direct care jobs involve helping individuals with their day-to-day challenges, whether in their homes or at a facility. It's one of Ohio's fastest growing fields, with long-term opportunities to fit any schedule in every part of the state.

DODD shared these additional resources related to the campaign.

- <https://ohiomeansjobs.ohio.gov/help-center/employers/employers>
- <https://ohiomeansjobs.ohio.gov/for-employers/resources-for-employers/Workforce-Services-Team>

Blueprint: The Rule and Waiver Implementation Committee of the Blueprint workgroup met this week for what we knew was going to be a crucial moment for the workgroup. After a string of meetings that generated significant stakeholder feedback, DODD and the Milliman rate consulting team demonstrated that they were incorporating much of what they've received and provided the platform for additional feedback and discussion. The meeting was encouraging, but there is still much work to be done to advocate and ensure that proposals developed through this workgroup are positive and align with our priorities, especially as we head into next year's biennium budget. OPRA will be meeting with DODD and their team next week to dive into some of our specific concerns and feedback around their rate methodology work.

Senate Meetings: It's been a busy and productive week of legislative connections, especially with members of Ohio's Senate. OPRA members and team members had the opportunity to spend time with Senators Jerry Cirino, Bob Hackett, George Lang and Nicki Antonio at separate events and meetings this week. We are incredibly proud of the efforts members have been making to connect with your legislators and regardless of the outcome of the upcoming budget, the relationships you are building will be invaluable in the long run. We want to especially thank Michelle Madden, Scott and Will Poffenberger, Van Viney and Anthony Aquillo of the Success Group for their leadership and advocacy in coordinating and participating in growing these important connections.

Updated CDC Guidance: The CDC has updated their COVID-19 guidance. For more information on the new guidance, [please visit the CDC's website](#). For ICF's, all QSO's are still in place despite the CDC issuing less restrictive covid guidance. ICF's should continue to follow the QSO's until such time as CMS issues any further guidance.

Thanks to all of you who submitted nominations for the annual OPRA awards. We were thrilled to have over 100 nominations! The OPRA Awards Ceremony will be held on the evening of Thursday October 27th, following Day 1 of the Conference.



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 information on the Ohio Incident Tracking and Monitoring System (ITMS), including upcoming provider trainings, Trauma-Sensitive Mindfulness practice groups, updates on the 'Vision for DSPs' grant and more!

GED/Age Waiver Survey: Following last month's extension of the GED/Age waiver for direct support professionals, [DODD developed this survey](#) in order to assess the statewide usage of the waiver and consider its permanency past the next year. If you'd like to see this hiring ability continue, it is important that providers complete the survey so DODD has the necessary data to make that decision.

Provider Relief Fund: "Providers who received one or more Provider Relief Fund (PRF) payments exceeding \$10,000, in the aggregate, from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 must report on their use of funds during Reporting Period 3 (RP3). The PRF Reporting Portal for RP3 is now open and will remain open through September 30, 2022. Learn more [here](#) or reach out to [Christine](#).

Today is the last day to nominate a DSP for this award. To honor and celebrate Dustin Wright's memory and legacy, SHIFT has created the "Dustin A. Wright Tech Champion Award." Annually, the Dustin A. Wright Tech Champion Award will honor five Direct Support Professionals actively working for an IDD support provider who demonstrates a commitment to Technology First education and transformation. During Direct Support Professional Recognition Week (September 11th-17th), SHIFT will spotlight five DSPs who demonstrate these qualities and are committed to their organization's shift to Technology First programming. The honorees will each receive a framed certificate and a special gift. SHIFT will provide a copy of a press release to the organization for marketing purposes. SHIFT will also submit a letter to the state disabilities division or department announcing the award and winning recipient. [Click here to learn more and nominate!](#)



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Upcoming Events

[8/23: DODD Training: OhioITMS for Providers](#)
[1 PM-2 PM](#)

[8/23: Dinner Program: Nursing Delegation in the DD Setting w/ Tarrytown Pharmacy \(Cincinnati Session\)](#)

[9/1: OPRA Day & Employment Services Committees Meeting](#)

News and Resources

["Biden signs sweeping climate, health care, tax bill into law"](#)

["Ohio bill could provide more resources for kids with disabilities to succeed"](#)

["Ohioans now able to receive extended Medicaid coverage after childbirth"](#)

[CDC: 'Know Your COVID-19 Community Level' Map](#)



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October 26th OPRA PAC Top Golf Event

What?

Top Golf OPRA PAC Event

So what is Top Golf?

In short, a sports entertainment complex that features an inclusive, high-tech golf game that everyone can enjoy. Paired with outstanding food and beverage, climate-controlled hitting bays and music.

No previous experience required!



Where?

Top Golf Polaris

2000 Ikea Way
Columbus, OH 43240

When?

Wednesday, October 26, 2023
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

REGISTER

Register to golf, sponsor, or socialize!

No previous experience required.
Golf clubs and lunch buffet included.

Cost

Play \$60
Social Bay Attendee \$30

Sponsorship pricing varies

Click "Register" for details.

[Register](#)



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