

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

DSP Week: In honor of DSP Recognition Week, We here at OPRA are again rolling out a Raffle to celebrate and show appreciation for these essential professionals serving in our great state. Please nominate one DSP from your organization and we'll draw one DSP name per OPRA District. The winning DSPs will be visited by an OPRA staff member and hand-delivering their raffle prize! To nominate a DSP for the raffle, please submit the following to [Gina](#).

- 1) Your name as nominator:
- 2) Your organization:
- 3) Your district (see attached OPRA District Map):
- 4) Name of nominee:
- 5) Your phone number, so you can help us coordinate our visit:



The deadline for submitting your nomination is end of business Wednesday 9/14.

HB 716: Last week we shared that Ohio Reps Brigid Kelly and Dontavius Jarrells had introduced [HB 716, which intends to eliminate the use of commensurate wages for workers with disabilities in Ohio](#). As the bill was introduced last week, we have seen increased attention on the potential legislation, [including this news story](#), featuring Rep. Jarrells and Rep. Scott Lipps, who currently does not support the bill for the reasons he cites in the video. As we have mentioned, the outlook for the bill's passage is slim, considering the time left in this general assembly. In the linked news story, Rep. Jarrells states that the bill is intended to be the start of a 'long overdue conversation'. We look forward to that conversation and continuing to advocate for supports and resources that help people with disabilities find and keep great jobs in their communities. Please contact [Scott](#) and/or [Christine](#) with any feedback or questions.

OOD: Earlier this week, OOD held a Q&A session, following the release of their [online training of their new fee schedule](#) set to implement on October 1st. We will be meeting with OOD in the coming weeks regarding this year's SYWE and strategies to build capacity for Supported Employment services.

Fundraiser Webinar: Last week we mentioned a webinar we will be holding for members on attending political fundraisers. We are going to host that webinar the morning of September 20th at 8:30 am for a Townhall Tuesday. Registration is required and [you can register here](#). Please reach out to [Christine](#) if you have any questions.

District 3 Meeting: Members from OPRA's District 3 were joined by Rep. Adam Holmes and shared their challenges in providing important, necessary services in today's labor market and the impact the direct support workforce shortage has had on the Ohioans with disabilities and families they support. We are incredibly grateful for Representative Holmes' time, attention and commitment to supporting people with disabilities and look forward to working with him in his role as Vice-chair of the House Health Committee.



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 clarification of the sub-leasing memo discussed on the last few calls, the HUD Fair Market Rent, Behavior Support workshops, Tech first community of practice and much more!

Provider Relief Fund: Don't forget- We are in the FINAL month for reporting on Phase 3 money received from the federal Provider Relief Fund distributed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration. Reporting closes at the end of this month and failure to report will lead to the need to payback you PRF money. If you have any questions, you can learn more [here](#) or reach out to [Christine](#).



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HUD Fair Market: This week the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released new Fair Market Rents. There was a 10% increase for most of Ohio. The new Fair Market Rents go into effect on October 1st. [The new Fair Market Rents can be found here.](#)

Upcoming Events

[9/14: Workshop Using Technology to Streamline and Automates Caregiver DSP Scheduling, Assignment and Appointment Management Processes- Sponsored by OnSeen](#)

[9/15: HIPAA: Risk Assessment: Set Up For Success](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio COVID-19 cases see a drop-off"](#)

["Ohio bill could raise wages for people with disabilities"](#)

["Trump backs GOP's DeWine for second term as Ohio governor"](#)

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



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