

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

**DSP Week:** As this year's DSP Recognition week comes to a close, we want to thank all of the members who participated in our DSP Week raffle. We were so excited to have over 100 DSPs nominated to receive a gift basket hand-delivered by the OPRA staff. Winners from each of the 8 OPRA districts were selected on this morning's member call and the OPRA team will begin delivering gifts next week. Thanks again to all who participated, and most importantly, thank you to all of the DSPs for the dedication and commitment to supporting people with disabilities and their families that is shown every day. Click the videos to the right to see special DSP Recognition announcements from Governor DeWine and DODD's Director Hauck. Additionally, we just learned from our friends at ANCOR that the US Senate just passed a resolution to officially recognize this year's DSP Recognition Week!



**Blueprint:** Last week, reps from OPRA, OHCA and OACB met with DODD to outline our concerns with the current direction of the Blueprint group. We appreciate DODD's openness to our feedback, as they look to 'regroup' and determine next steps. We remain committed to proposals that grow capacity in employment and community services. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

**Masking Guidance:** You may remember that the [CDC changed the guidance](#) for masking in February by moving to a system that designates counties as Low, Medium, or High Risk. People who live in areas designated as "High Risk" should continue to utilize masks in indoor settings. To know where your county is currently at, you may utilize the [CDC's Know Your COVID-19 Community Level Tool](#). Considering this, many questions have come up specifically regarding ICF's and where they may fit in with the recently updated guidance. During a recent call, CMS stated that, to date no new guidance has been issued or updated regarding masking. ICF's should continue their masking practices until such time as further guidance may be issued. CMS did state that they are taking this issue under advisement and do recognize the difficulty the rapidly changing guidance poses to providers.

**Board Retreat:** This week we held our annual board retreat, which included a regular board meeting, guest speakers from OACB and our partners at Gallagher, and activities regarding provider quality and the top concerns for system reform in our future. We also reviewed some updates to the OPRA strategic plan, and will be revising the plan with updates directly related to the system reform initiatives in the budget request that we will be pursuing. We want to thank our Board Chair Adam Guinther and all of our board members for their leadership and support.

**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.



# 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 DSP Recognition week announcements, OISP Online support sessions, new resources for Trauma-Informed Care, OSSAS live-chats and 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 your PRF money. If you have any questions, you can learn more [here](#) or reach out to [Christine](#).

We have several upcoming training workshops led by our vendor partners, click on any of the trainings below to learn more and/or register!



Fall Training

## Nineteen Services Training

### ICF/IID Billing

Date: September 22nd  
Time: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

### ISP/Billing Process

Date: October 5, 2022  
Time: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Speaker:  
Kristi Black, CEO of Nineteen Services



## Intellinetics Training

### Taming the Document Monster

Date: October 5th  
Time: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Speaker:  
Matt Chretien, Intellinetics



**OISP:** We are fast approaching the time that we will be [moving over to the OISP](#). We continue to get questions regarding local implementation and the different platforms being used to access the OISP. If you have any questions or feedback about your local implementation, please let us know!

## Upcoming Events

[9/20: DODD Training: Non-pharmacological Interventions for People with IDD](#)

[9/22: OPRA Workshop: ICF/IID Billing by 19Services](#)

[9/27: DODD Training: Psychotic Disorders and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities](#)

## News and Resources

["Ohio reports 20,552 more COVID-19 cases"](#)

[KHN: "As State Institutions Close, Families of Longtime Residents Face Agonizing Choices"](#)

["COVID was top cause of death for people with intellectual disabilities in 2020"](#)

[Kohl's Unveils Clothing Collection For Adults With Disabilities](#)



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