

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

OCTOBER 7, 2022

Risk Toolkit: OPRA is pleased to have partnered with APSI and OACB to develop a toolkit to look at supervision and risk. This toolkit will provide teams with information on balancing risks and supports to maximize an individual's quality of life. This toolkit includes information, easy checklists for teams to take a look at, supervision terminology and meanings as it relates to the OISP, and many other ideas and information. We will be presenting this information with APSI at our conference at the end of the month, which we are looking forward to. APSI is also hosting an 'APSI Institute' session, introducing the new toolkit on October 18th, [to learn more click here.](#)

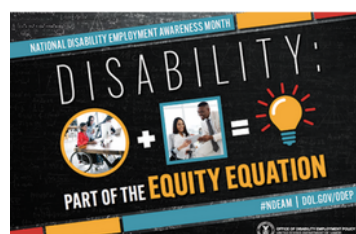
DRO Hearing: The last budget bill included a provision that requires Disability Rights Ohio to submit a report and testimony to a joint oversight committee that will then submit a report and recommendations to Ohio Senate and House Leadership. The first meeting for this committee is on November 1st, 2022. [Click here to learn more about the oversight committee.](#) If you would like to submit testimony [please let us know.](#) We will provide more details about the meeting as we get closer to the date.

Ohio Minimum Wage: This week, the Ohio Department of Commerce announced the minimum wage increase for 2022. Ohio's minimum wage will increase to \$10.10, up from \$9.31 for this year. [You can read more about the increase here.](#)

Nursing QA: This week the department sent out notice to waiver providers regarding ensuring that a quality assessment review is completed by a registered nurse. These must be completed at least once every three years at each provider location within a county and include observation, review of systems, administration of medication, review of documentation, and a review of all medication/treatment error from the past 12 months. [The department did put out a notice about this in Memo Monday](#) so they will be looking for those nursing QA's when they come out for review.

CMS QSO: On September 23, 2022, the CDC came out with their latest set of recommendations. This new guidance specifically outlines recommendations for Assisted Living, Group Homes, and other Residential Care Settings (excluding nursing homes). [The latest CDC Guidance can be found here.](#) CMS then released their [REVISED QSO 21-8-NLTC](#). In this latest revision, CMS states that at this time they are NOT issuing updated guidance on visitation and that facilities should continue to utilize prevention and control methods that are consistent with national standards such as the CDC. This week we met with both DODD and ODH. ODH stated that they expect ICF's to be following infection control policies and procedures and stated that masking would be a part of that but stopped short of stating that masks were still required. We are hoping to have clarity on the requirement soon.

NDEAM 2022: October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This year's theme is 'Disability: Part of the Equity Equation'. Click the links on the right to download resources and toolkits to help celebrate this year's NDEAM!



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 Capital Housing funds, the PNM launch, the Internet Assistance program, behavior support workshops, and Bivalent vaccine guidance.

Provider Network Module (PNM): The new PNM module went live on the 1st. This is the new single point of entry to DODD's Provider Services Management PSM system. All providers will be utilizing this new PNM module for all activities related to certification for waiver and non-waiver services including initial cert, renewal cert, address changes, etc. We have heard many reports of the system not working correctly or being down completely.



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When?

Wednesday, October 26, 2023
2:30 PM Registration
3:00 PM PLAY + LUNCH
5:00 PM Prizes and Raffle

Upcoming Events

[10/19: OPRA ICF Committee Meeting](#)

[10/19: OPRA Residential Waiver Committee Meeting](#)

[10/27-10/28: OPRA Fall Conference](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio's COVID-19 cases hit milestone unseen in months"](#)

["New COVID-19 vaccine boosters and flu shots available"](#)

["DeWine invests \\$2 million to help students with disabilities"](#)

[October Begins National Disability Employment Awareness Month 2022](#)



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