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News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Mid-Term Elections: Thank you to everyone who stayed on for the Post-Midterm Election Recap. You can find the presentation, which is updated with links to additional resources on the OPRA website [or by clicking here](#). As mostly expected, Governor Mike DeWine was reelected with 63% of the vote, meaning we will likely see a stable cabinet and a budget introduced by late February. Other Statewide Offices such as Attorney General, Auditor, Secretary of State, and Treasurer all were won by the incumbents. Although we will likely not know which party will control the US House and Senate, J.D. Vance defeated Rep. Tim Ryan in the race for Senator Portman's seat, following his pending retirement. In the Ohio legislature, both Rep. Thomas West and Senator Tina Maharath lost their reelection bids, growing the Republican supermajority in both Ohio chambers. The next few weeks will be full of additional campaigning for the Ohio Speaker of the House race. The winner of this race will determine what the House will prioritize, who will become Committee chairs, how the House will operate. We will have much more news and updates in the coming weeks on the election and the lame duck and budget seasons going forward.

We also had the opportunity to attend the Impact Ohio Post-General Election Conference on Thursday hosted by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. Speakers included Lt. Governor Jon Husted and Senator-elect JD Vance. Themes of the conference included lame duck session priorities, the upcoming budget, cooperation between the parties, House and Senate District maps, and dealing with over-regulation



ICF Quality Indicators: This week the department put out a reminder for ICF's that submitted their policies for participation in the Quality Incentive program. The department has stated that random on-site reviews for those already participating in the Quality Incentive program will begin taking place in January 2023. If you are wanting to participate in this program, please be sure to get your policies written and into effect prior to December 31st of this year.

DD Day: The DD Legislative Advocacy Day Planning Committee is currently planning the theme and speakers for next year's event. If you support any people who might be interested in speaking during the day and will be comfortable speaking in front of a large crowd, please let [Christine](#) know. Please include the person's name and a short description of the topic they could speak about.

CMS/ICF QSO: CMS recently released [QSO-23-02-ALL](#). There are several changes within this QSO that ICF's need to be aware of. This QSO consolidates much of the information from previous QSO's including QSO 22-07-ALL Revised, QSO 22-09-ALL Revised, and QSO 22-11-ALL Revised. There are some changes that may offer providers more discretion and flexibility, particularly around what types of precautions a facility can implement for mitigation of transmission. This is a very long QSO with specific information for ICF's on pages 60-71. [You may find more information, including a PowerPoint, on our website here](#). Please contact [Rachel](#) with 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 information on a grant to build supportive tech capacity for residential providers, RFPs for digital literacy training and transition to adult healthcare, and info on the ICF quality initiatives and much more.

Conference: We would like to thank everyone who attended, participated and/or supported this year's Fall Conference. It was so great to see everyone for a fun few days of learning and networking. Congratulations to all of this year's award winners! We are beyond grateful to our members, sponsors, vendors and presenters for making this conference such a memorable one and we look forward to seeing everyone again in Spring 2023!



Pause. Reflect. Remember Your Impact This Thanksgiving Season.

THANK YOU!



Upcoming Events

[11/14: DODD Livechat-Day & Vocational
Provider Survey](#)

[11/15: OPRA Marketing and Communications
Committee Meeting](#)

[11/15: OPRA Health Care Committee Meeting](#)

News and Resources

["COVID-19 community spread drop across
Northeast Ohio compared to last week"](#)

["Americans with disabilities need an updated
long-term care plan, say advocates"](#)

["VOICES: A lack of adult changing tables prevents
those with disabilities from living productive lives"](#)

["With inflation top of mind, voters raise
minimum wage in two states"](#)

