

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JANUARY 27, 2023

**DD Day:** Registration for the DD Awareness and Advocacy Day, the annual Statehouse advocacy day sponsored by the Ohio DD Council and LMK Advocacy, is now open. This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at the Ohio Statehouse. A program featuring speakers with developmental disabilities, family members and other stakeholders will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Statehouse Atrium. Following the 1-hour program, participants have the opportunity to meet with legislators and staff. Appointments will be made for all participants who wish to meet with their Representatives and Senators. New to this year's event is dedicated space for adult changing tables. You can register yourself and others [here](#).



**Ohio House:** Since last the last Friday 5, we have learned about some Ohio House Committee assignments. Representative Bride Rose Sweeney (D- Cleveland) will serve as House Finance Ranking Minority Member. Representative Jay Edwards (R- Nelsonville) will chair House Finance Committee. Representative Sara Carruthers (R- Hamilton) will serve as the Chair of the House Finance Health and Human Services sub-committee. This is the first time serving on the sub-committee. Democrats on the HHS sub-committee include Representative Beth Liston (Dublin) as Ranking Minority Member and freshman Lauren McNally (Youngstown). If you provide services in these districts, please let either Christine or Pete know.

[Rep. Edwards](#)

[Rep. Sweeney](#)

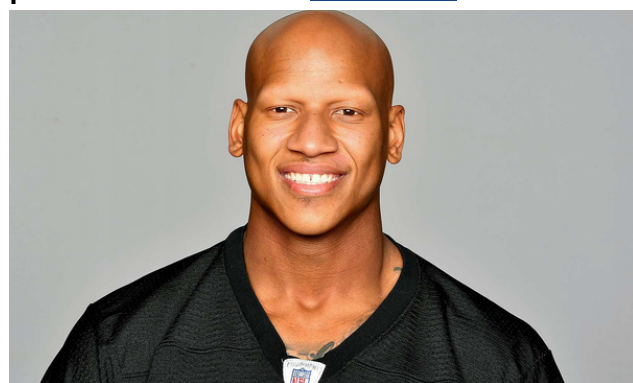
[Rep. Carruthers](#)

[Rep. Liston](#)

[Rep. McNally](#)

[House Dem Committee Assignments](#)

**Town Hall Tuesday-OhioRIse:** Thanks to everyone who attended our Town Hall Tuesday this week on the OhioRISE program. We have a follow up meeting with ODM and Aetna next week to debrief and discuss what additional information may be helpful for providers interested in joining the program. [The recording is currently posted to the OPRA website here](#). If you have any questions about OhioRISE, please reach out to [Christine](#).



We are beyond excited to announce that former OSU Buckeye, Ryan Shazier, will be our keynote speaker at the [2023 OPRA Spring Conference](#). While playing for the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2017, Ryan suffered a spinal contusion that left him unable to walk. Ryan will share his story of resilience and recovery in a moderated keynote discussion to kick off the conference. Registration for the Spring Conference will open in March.



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Memo Monday/Pipeline:** Click here to download [Memo Monday](#), containing new human trafficking prevention resources, info on the OSSAS provider training series, Trauma-informed care summit, DSP Experience sessions, and updated claims submission timeline discussed on the morning call.

**PRF:** Don't forget that reporting on phase 4 funds is now live and will remain open till the end of March! Please contact [Christine](#) with any questions.



**Ohio DD Talks Podcast:** Our friends Nathan Turner and Marci Straughter are the new hosts of '[Ohio DD Talks](#)', [DD Council's web series 'featuring conversations stories and conversations of Ohioans with Disabilities'](#). Check out the new episode featuring a discussion with Jennifer Kucera of the DD Council.



## CALLING ALL SPEAKERS

We are now accepting proposals for the 2023 Spring Conference! Learn more and submit your proposal [here](#).



## Upcoming Events

[2/1: OPRA Workshop-HIPAA Session 1: Set Up for Success: Plan out your risk assessment](#)

[2/2: OPRA Day Array Committee Meeting](#)

[Click here for DODD February Trainings, including the 2/7 ICF Quality Onsite Review Implementation Webinar](#)

## News & Resources

["Ohio's COVID-19 cases are sticking around at a new level"](#)

["DeWine says he is not worried about introducing budget proposal amid tension in the House"](#)

["Ohio House speaker asserts leadership, dismisses rival group"](#)

["VR used to treat anxiety in adults with disabilities"](#)

