

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

AUGUST 18, 2023

**ICF Webinar:** OPRA will be hosting a [Zoom Webinar regarding ICF Rate Maximization with Denise Leonard on Wednesday, August 30th from 1pm-2pm](#). Rate maximization will be an incredibly important issue as we move forward with the new rates for all ICF providers across the state. To that end, this webinar will be open to both members and non-members. OPRA is currently working on sending out information regarding the webinar to non-member organizations. Rachel sent a calendar invitation for the webinar earlier this week. If you are a member and know of a non-member ICF, please feel free to forward the meeting invite to them. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) for any questions.

**Committees:** This week OPRA hosted both our ICF and Residential Waiver Committee meetings. Discussion in both meetings centered around the OISP and some of the concerns that providers have expressed. Guests for the ICF Committee also included Kelly Sites and Stacy Pickenbaugh from ODH. Recordings for both meetings are [available on the website](#).

**D.C. Fly-in:** We have been invited to participate in a DC fly-in with the Ohio DD Council. The event is scheduled for September 13th and 14th and will include providers, self-advocates, members of the DD council, DSPs and county board representatives. The day and a half event will start with a series of advocacy presentations on the 13th and then meetings with your congressional delegation on the 14th. Please reach out to Christine with additional questions.

**Survey:** Earlier this week, Scott sent out [this survey](#) to the Policy Committee listserv. This survey is intended to gather feedback to help inform OPRA's advocacy for DODD's Waiver Redesign/Modernization project being led by DeLoitte. The questions are meant to identify the pain points and potential process improvements throughout the 'path' of service delivery from assessment/eligibility through billing for services. The survey is open to all membership staff and there is not a limit on how many people per agency can respond. The more responses, the better! Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

**Quality Pilot Application:** Another non-update as we are still awaiting approval from CMS for the ARPA dollars to fund the ADS Quality Pilot. DODD will be sending out more information about the project through a memo in next week's Memo Monday, including a webinar scheduled for August 28th. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions or feedback about the project. We will let members know as soon as we learn of the approval.

**COVID Policies:** This week we have heard from a number of members who have seen a rise in COVID cases amongst people you support and your staff. If you are a day array provider currently experiencing a surge and have re-implemented a COVID response plan, would you be willing to share those plans? A number of members are looking to update and re-implement revised COVID response policies. Please reach out to [Scott](#) or [Christine](#) with any feedback.

**PRF:** Reporting for phase 5 funding of the federal Provider Relief Fund (PRF) is now open. Providers who received PRF funding of at least \$10,000 in the aggregate from January 1 to June 30, 2022 need to report on spending by September 30th, 2023. [You can find more information here](#).



# 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](#), including Ohio Department of Medicaid: Appendix K Authority Updates, Ohio HCBS Settings Compliance Updates, Follow-up: on County Boards Providing Waiver Services, Newly Certified Provider Resources, Outcome Tracking System Upcoming Reporting Period info and more.



**PLAY OR SPONSOR  
OPRA PAC TOP GOLF EVENT!**  
[October 25th from 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm](#)

**PAC Fundraiser:** Back by popular demand, we will be hosting a PAC fundraiser at TopGolf, on October 25th, the day before the conference begins. We'd like to thank our title sponsor, [SafeDose Pharmacy](#), for their support of this event, which helps drive OPRA's advocacy. [Click here to learn more](#), register, or learn about sponsorship opportunities. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Awards:** OPRA is pleased to announce the call for nominations are now open for the 2023 OPRA Annual Awards. The purpose of the OPRA Annual Awards is to honor dedicated service professionals, groups and volunteers who have made outstanding contributions in the I/DD Field. We encourage all provider member agencies to submit nominations to recognize those that have worked hard and dedicated their time to help support the people they serve. We are accepting (2) nominations for each category per agency. Please take a moment to review the attached OPRA Awards Descriptions and coordinate with your staff before submitting your nominations. **All nominations must be submitted no later than Friday, August 25th, 2023.** You can [CLICK HERE](#) to be directed to the Annual Award Form to submit your nomination. You will be asked to log into your OPRA account. Nominators will be contacted no later than Friday, September 8th regarding the status of your award nomination. Please reach out to [Sonya](#) if you have any questions.



## Upcoming Events

[9/5: OPRA District 3 Meeting](#)

[9/7: OPRA Day & Employment Services Committee](#)

[Click here for DODD August Trainings](#)

## News & Resources

["Covid Eris: What to know about new variant EG.5 dominating U.S. cases"](#)

["Ohioans with disabilities are eligible for \\$7,000 in higher education funding this fall"](#)

["Special Education Teacher Shortage Persists Nationally"](#)

["Report: HCBS Utilization Remains High, But Varies Drastically By State"](#)



# Have you or someone you have cared for experienced a coma, unconsciousness or minimally conscious state?

If **YES**, complete this survey to help us learn more about the needs of Ohioans impacted by brain injury

## WHY?

The Ohio Brain Injury Program is looking to identify the unique needs of those who have experienced brain injury resulting in coma, unconsciousness state or minimally conscious state.

Information will be used to inform and recommend policies and to improve services for Ohioans with brain injury and their families.



## HOW?

- A brief online survey
- If you choose to, a follow-up interview about the injury and the care you received
- **All information will be kept confidential**



## Interested?

Fill out the survey by scanning QR code or click the link below



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NVNH5SQ>

## Questions?

Contact Brei Miller at 614-293-8879 or email [Brei.miller@osumc.edu](mailto:Brei.miller@osumc.edu)

## Who?

- A person or a caregiver of a person who experienced a brain injury resulting in coma, unconsciousness or minimally conscious state.
- **Respondents must be at least 18 years old and currently living in Ohio**



**Ohio Brain Injury**  
Program



# **Advancing the Overall Health of Ohioans with Developmental Disabilities**

**September 13th, 2023**

8:45am to 4:00pm (registration begins at 8:15am)

Dwell Community Church  
1394 Community Park Drive  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

## **Featured Speakers:**

Scott Phillips, Assistant Deputy Director with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Major Unusual Incident Division,  
and Dustin Poore the DODD MUI Regional Manager will discuss:  
*Important facts to help protect the health and safety of individuals with developmental disabilities.*

Dr. Beetstra, DDS, MHSA and Dr. Casamassimo, DDS, MS, of the Ohio State University along with Marla Morse of Oral Health Ohio, and Erika Cybulskis of Delta Dental will discuss:  
*The importance of maintaining good oral health to benefit one's overall wellbeing*

6 OBN CE's pending approval by the OBN approval unit of DODD OBN-010-93  
6 DODD contact hours pending

For Questions regarding CE status call: 513-785-4678 or email [kltallon@butlerdd.org](mailto:kltallon@butlerdd.org)

You must attend the entire conference & complete an evaluation to receive CE's and Contact hours

**Registration Fee: \$75.00 - Continental Breakfast and Boxed Lunch included**

**Register online at: HAC Fall Conference Registration**

<http://reg.planetreg.com/E876544161886>

For registration problems call: 419-307-5291

Registration is from August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Midnight  
No cancellations will be accepted after September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The temperature of the building may vary at times so please dress accordingly for your comfort

The Healthcare Advisory Committee reserves the right to cancel this event. Registration fees will be refunded if canceled.  
Personal cancellations will be refunded minus \$10 due to committee costs