

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

AUGUST 25, 2023

**OPRA Board Retreat:** This week, OPRA's Board of Directors met in Sandusky, Ohio for their yearly board retreat. We are grateful to the board for the thoughtful and productive few days of strategic planning and team-building. Discussions focused on the current and future priorities for OPRA, system reform, and leading in quality services. Thank you to our Board Chair, Adam Guinther, and our Events Manager, Melissa Fannon, for organizing this great event. We would also like to thank our partners and friends at Gallagher and GT Independence for their support of the retreat.



**Employment Service Resource:** Our friends at ICI of Boston reached out with a free resource for employment providers called [ES-Coach](#), which, per published materials, "enables teams of employment consultants to visualize their supported and customized employment practices, reflect, set goals, and take action for continuous quality improvement." [Click here to view the recent 'open house' and learn more about the free resource.](#)

**DSP-U:** DSP-U is an educational program designed to prepare high school seniors and/or adult learners for work in the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities field as Direct Support Professionals (DSPs). Limited funding is available right now through a partnership between the Ohio Department of Education and DODD to assist schools with onboarding the program through student scholarships and support for county boards. If you are interested in being a DSP-U internship site, and/or know of a career center or high school who may be interested in the DSP-U program, please contact Becky Watson, OADSP Director of Engagement at [bwatson@oadsp.org](mailto:bwatson@oadsp.org) for more information. [Read the DODD DSP-U Press Release Here.](#)

**ICF Webinar:** OPRA will be hosting a [Zoom Webinar regarding ICF Rate Maximization with Denise Leonard on Wednesday, August 30th from 1pm-2pm.](#) 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.

**Quality Pilot Application:** As of this writing, we are still awaiting approval from CMS for the ARPA dollars to fund the ADS Quality Pilot. On Monday, DODD included a link to register for an informational webinar about the Pilot, scheduled for August 28th at 10am. We know there will not be much of a turnaround time between your reading this newsletter and the webinar, but [here is the Technical Implementation Guide](#) for the pilot project for your review prior. 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.



# 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](#), which includes a lot of important information discussed on this morning's call, including Appendix K, GED/16/17 Waiver, and the day/employment related webinars discussed today.



Conveniently located 5 minutes from the conference

## PLAY OR SPONSOR OPRA PAC TOP GOLF EVENT!

October 25th from 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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## Upcoming Events

[8/30: ICF Rate Maximization Webinar](#)

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

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

[Click here for DODD September Trainings](#)

## News & Resources

["Improving law enforcement response to persons  
with intellectual and developmental disabilities"](#)

["Special Education Teacher Shortage Persists How  
Medicaid Home And Community Based Services  
And Supports Can Chart Pathways To  
Independence"](#)

["With developmental disabilities on the rise,  
schools are working to address educational  
needs"](#)





# **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