

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023



Justin Gall: This week we are mourning the loss of Justin Gall, CEO of Mount Aloysius in New Lexington. In Justin's 4 years there, he had a tremendous impact on the people they support, their families, and the entire Mount AI team. He was a passionate professional and dedicated community member and will be deeply missed by so many. Justin was a committed and engaged part of the OPRA community and his contributions and friendship will always be remembered. Our hearts and thoughts go out to Justin's family, friends, the team at Mt AI and all of the communities he so positively impacted.

ADS Pilot: Earlier this week, DODD released all of the pertinent information regarding the application process for the ADS Quality Pilot. Following the CMS approval of funding to support the project, applications for the project will begin to be accepted on October 12th at 2pm. Given the interest in the pilot and the 'first come, first served' nature of the application process, it will be crucial for applying providers to complete their applications beforehand and submit as early as possible during the application period, which closes on October 16th. [Click here to visit DODD's webpage](#) and download the application packet. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

Provider Data Collection: Earlier today, DODD sent out [this 'provider cost collection tool'](#), intended to help inform the waiver system redesign work being done with contractor, Deloitte. This is not a mandatory survey, but DODD is asking that providers willing to complete it submit by Friday, October 20th. The survey tool contains both qualitative questions about cost centers and unfunded activities, as well as quantitative data questions. This survey is trying to understand the actual costs related to being a provider in Ohio and attempting to determine if the rates allow you to provide those services. It was vetted by a small group of providers and associations before being sent out to the field today.

Pre-Voc and Employment Group: Today DODD held an in-person stakeholder meeting to continue previous discussions around pre-vocational and employment services. The previous iteration of this workgroup produced the proposal around BEST (Basic Employment Skills Training) before that plan was shelved when the COVID pandemic began. Through the workgroup, DODD is focused on ensuring our pre-vocational and employment services align with CMS expectations and that we have employment services that support people across the 'place on the path to employment', as well as looking at transportation rates that support community employment. OPRA will continue to advocate for a spectrum of services that addresses and supports the needs and outcomes for people wherever they may be on their own path.

Works 4 Me: We are continuing our discussion with OOD about the Works 4 Me grant project and how we can work together to make the most of this funding opportunity to support people to move into competitive employment. If you would like to know more, reach out to [Scott](#).



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 info on the ADS quality pilot, retention payment reporting deadlines, Charting the lifecourse, RFPS for inclusive technology solutions, and OISP regional gatherings.

OPRA Board: The OPRA Board is made up of representatives from all 7 of the Geographical OPRA districts, which now hold elections in each district every year. If you are interested in running for a seat on the OPRA Board you will have your chance over the next few weeks. Please be on the lookout for our call for nominations that will go out next week.



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Fall Conference: We are excited to announce that registration is officially open for the OPRA Fall 2023 Conference. We are looking forward to seeing you all on October 26th-27th. [Click here to register](#), as well as learn about the sessions, sponsors, networking opportunities that are already planned. Please reach out to [Melissa](#) with any questions or help needed.

Upcoming Events

[10/5: OPRA Day Array Committee](#)

[10/19: Webinar: Benefits of Sandata's Full-Featured Agency Management System and RCM](#)

[10/25: OPRA PAC Fundraiser at Top Golf](#)

[10/26-27: OPRA Fall Conference](#)

[Click here for DODD September Trainings](#)

News & Resources

["Bipartisan Ohio commission unanimously approves new maps"](#)

["COVID-19 cases are ticking up in Ohio. Here's what state health officials recommend"](#)

["How a government shutdown would affect Medicare, Medicaid benefits"](#)

["Hundreds of young people with disabilities are learning at a new university founded by CNN Hero of the Year Jeison Aristizábal"](#)



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