

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

OCTOBER 6, 2023

**Pre-Voc and Employment Group:** Last week, DODD held an in-person stakeholder meeting to continue previous discussions around pre-vocational and employment services. Part of this work includes the potential of bringing up a new service/rate specifically designed for transporting people to their jobs in the community. Ahead of the next workgroup meeting, which will be solely focused on this topic, DODD and contractor Milliman have put together a short data request for providers who have utilized a usual customary rate (UCR) to provide transportation. We hope providers who have developed a methodology for a UCR (likely to provide 'commercial transportation') will participate in the survey, which DODD plans to distribute as soon as today.

**ADS 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.

**Speaker of the House:** This week, the US House of Representatives removed Speaker Kevin McCarthy from the Speaker role. This leaves the US House in a moment of great turmoil as no legislative work, including avoiding another federal government shut down, can happen until a new Speaker is selected. You can read about the events leading up to Speaker McCarthy's removal and what it could mean for the ability of Congress to complete any legislative work [here](#).

**Works 4 Me:** This week OOD released an RFP for a Family Outreach and Engagement Coordinator for the Works 4 Me grant. Following the discussion in yesterday's Day Array committee, we know there is more detail that needs added to the listing, but [those interested can learn more here](#).

**DSP Gifts:** The OPRA team has been having a great time traveling the state to deliver OPRA 'Swag Bags' to the winners of our DSP raffle for DSP Week. We still have more to deliver and more pictures to share! Just a small way to express our gratitude and appreciation for their unwavering dedication.



# 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 Appendix K and Budget Rates, Blueprint for Adult Day and Employment Services Pilot Program, Retention payment deadlines, Employment First Trainings and more.

**Committees:** Due to scheduling conflicts, many OPRA committees scheduled for the next two weeks are either canceled or rescheduled. HR, ICF, and Residential Waiver are canceled; Policy and Health Care have been rescheduled. For more information on Policy and Health Care, please email [Christine](#).



**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.



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

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## Upcoming Events

[10/17: OPRA Policy 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

["October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month"](#)

["Examining 50 years of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973- Advancing Access and Equity for individuals with disabilities"](#)

["Ohio sees new COVID-19 cases falling"](#)

["Sub-Minimum Wage for Adults with Disabilities Addressed During Cincinnati's 'State of Disability' Town Hall"](#)



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# **FALL CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

October 26-27, 2023 *#oprafall*

