

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

NOVEMBER 3, 2023

**ADS Quality Pilot:** At approximately 6:45pm last Friday, DODD contacted the nearly 200 pilot project applicants as to whether they were awarded the pilot grant. Congratulations to the 56 OPRA member agencies who were awarded the grant and will be working on the pilot project. The project officially begins next week as DODD will host two kick-off webinars (attendance only required at one) and providing additional guidance and resources on the project. Thanks to all of the OPRA members who have expressed interest in the project and for applying in such a timely manner as the pilot was 'full' about 28 minutes after the application period began. Due to the larger number of 'small' providers that applied, DODD was able to fund almost 100 agencies as opposed to the 76 originally announced. Reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

**DOL Overtime Rule:** Comments on the [US Department of Labor's proposed Overtime rule](#) are due next week. As we have discussed, the proposed rule would increase the salary limit on what employees are exempt from overtime. We have been gathering feedback from members and working with our partners at ANCOR to develop our feedback and comments on the proposed rule. Those comments are due next week by November 7th, so please reach out to [Christine](#) if you have any questions, comments or additional feedback.

**14c Stakeholder Sessions:** Following their announcement of a programmatic review last month, the US Dept. of Labor and the Office of Disability Employment Policy began their [stakeholder listening sessions concerning the future of the 14c program](#) last week. So far, the comments from stakeholders have been largely in favor of preserving the certificate/program, with some also weighing in on the need for its elimination/phase out. It is still uncertain how these listening sessions will factor into any recommendations that DOL ultimately makes on the program. As of now, there is still one more session, planned for November 15th at 5:30pm. If you would like to listen in or share your perspective at that session, [you can register here.](#)

**Waiver Modernization:** DODD held a stakeholder update meeting regarding their progress on the Waiver Modernization project being conducted with contractor, Deloitte. The updates were centered on the family focus groups held about the DDP/Assessment experience, as well as recently held county board fund/sustainability meetings as well.

**OOD Stuff:** Earlier this week, OOD officially announced the extension of the 'CESP Supervisor' waiver allowance put in place last December for another year. This waiver/flexibility allows the 'Supported Employment-Job Development' service to be provided by a staff who is supervised by a CESP, even if they do not hold that credential themselves. OOD also shared additional details about the REACH 2.0 service, which will be in effect in January of 2024. The service will reimburse providers up to \$200 for each OOD participant they contact and help direct back to OOD services.

**Speaker of the House:** After several uncertain weeks, [the US House of Representatives has a new speaker.](#) Rep. Mike Johnson of Louisiana was voted gavel-holder by the house after several failed bids from other Republican members. Although we do have a new speaker, we are still likely heading towards a government shutdown in the near future, if early maneuvering is any indication.



# 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 Medicaid Services System (MSS) Downtime, Residential Respite Updates in PSM System and MSS, Community Resource Coordinators (CRCs) Open Door Office Hours and Updated DODD Branding.

Thank you for attending!



**Fall Conference:** It was so great to see everyone at last week's OPRA Fall 2023 Conference. Huge thanks to everyone who attended, presented, vended and sponsored for making it such a special event! Presentations from the conference can be found on the [OPRA website here](#). Please be sure to click the image on the left (or scan QR code) to provide feedback on your conference experience. We look forward to seeing everyone in the Spring in Toledo!

## Upcoming Events

[11/8: OPRA Policy Committee Meeting](#)

[Click here for DODD November Trainings](#)

## News & Resources

["HUD Announces \\$212 Million Funding Opportunity to Expand Affordable Housing Options for Persons with Disabilities"](#)

["Weekly COVID-19 cases up in Ohio for 4th straight week"](#)

["Voters with disabilities can face obstacles at the polls"](#)

["DOJ Document: Questions and Answers on the Application of the ADA's Integration Mandate"](#)

