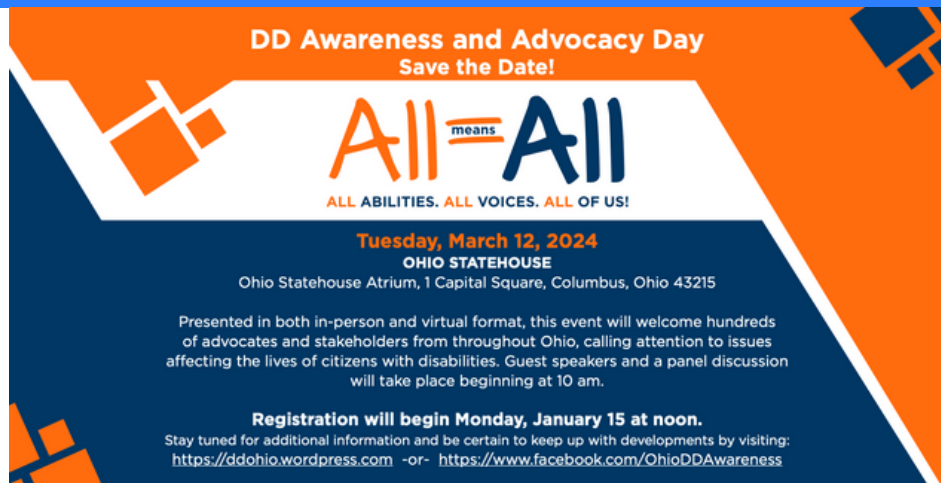


OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JANUARY 12, 2024

DD Day: Registration will be going live next week for this year's DD Awareness and Advocacy Day at the statehouse. This year's event will be held on March 12 and will feature speakers and panel presentations call attention to issues impacting Ohioans with disabilities followed by opportunities to meet with legislators. [You can learn more about the event by clicking here.](#) Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.



DD Awareness and Advocacy Day
Save the Date!

All means All
ALL ABILITIES. ALL VOICES. ALL OF US!

Tuesday, March 12, 2024
OHIO STATEHOUSE
Ohio Statehouse Atrium, 1 Capital Square, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Presented in both in-person and virtual format, this event will welcome hundreds of advocates and stakeholders from throughout Ohio, calling attention to issues affecting the lives of citizens with disabilities. Guest speakers and a panel discussion will take place beginning at 10 am.

Registration will begin Monday, January 15 at noon.
Stay tuned for additional information and be certain to keep up with developments by visiting:
<https://ddohio.wordpress.com> -or- <https://www.facebook.com/OhioDDAwareness>

ICF Rules: This week the department listed several ICF proposed rules that are up for comment. Many of the changes reflect the department's wish for the rules and code to align with one another. [The proposed rule changes can be found in this presentation here.](#) Comments are due by January 17, 2024. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) with any questions or comments.

Marketing & Comms Committee: Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in this week's Marketing & Communications meeting, focused on different strategies and approaches to Annual Reports. [The meeting recording and sample reports and resources can be found here.](#)

Wage & Hour Rule: Earlier this week, the U.S. Department of Labor announced the issuance of a final rule to help employers and workers analyze whether a worker is an employee or an independent contractor under the FLSA. [Click here to read the announcement and rule.](#)

OOD AWARE Portal: Our friends at OOD announced some changes to the AWARE portal that will be in effect today.

1. Enhanced search features. You can now search by the participant's name on the authorizations eligible for payment page. Authorizations issued in advance of the current date are now searchable.
 2. Additional information available. The invoice date on the vendor-requested payment page now includes when the payment request was created. The authorization detail page will show the authorization beginning and end date.
 3. Various format/error fixes. Full column names are now readable on various pages throughout the AVP along with the warrant detail page should show correctly without an error screen.
- Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any feedback about the system updates.

MLK Day: In honor of Monday's Martin Luther King Jr Day, Pete shared some of these great MLK quotes on the morning call;

"There is nothing more tragic in the world than to know right and not to do it."

"Love is usually a force able of transforming a rivalry into friend."

"If you can't fly then run. If you can't run then walk. If you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: Click here to read this week's [Memo Monday](#), which includes Guidance Regarding Transition Period in Recent Rule, several RFPs including a Mentorship Program, Ohio Leadership Academy and Supported Decision Making, Retention Bonus Reporting, the Medicaid Maximum Rate Increases and much more....

OADSP BTWB: Our friends at OADSP are once again hosting several 'Beat The Winter Blues' events. Now in its 4th year, BTWB events include the Spectacular Seasonal Sensory Project with [Pam's Den of Creative Fun](#), as well as Bingo night, Self-care sessions and the Kalahari escape (click on the flyer below). [To learn more about the BTWB events, click here.](#)



Upcoming Events

Jan 24		HIPPA Training Authorizations for Release of Information Online Workshop
Feb 1		OSU Basketball OPRA PAC EVENT OSU vs Wisconsin Value City Arena
March 3		CAVS vs Knicks OPRA PAC EVENT CAVS vs Knicks Game Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse

REGISTER TODAY!

**BEAT THE WINTER BLUES**

Now entering its 4th year, OADSP's [Beat the Winter Blues \(BTWB\)](#) series features entertaining, informative, and show-stopping events - and 2024 is no exception - read on!

[Need a printable flyer? Click here!](#)

Kalahari Escape: 2/25-2/27



Meet OADSP and fellow frontline professionals at Sandusky's [Kalahari Resort](#) for 3 days and 2 nights of indoor-water-park fun. For just **\$299**, you get a room for up to six people (rooms consist of two queen beds and a pullout sofa) and admission to the water park. Plus, if you're a DSP or Frontline Supervisor, you're cordially invited to an *exclusive* reception at the Marrakesh Market on Sunday evening. [Book your room - or rooms! - by January 26](#), and [click here](#) for what-to-know before you register.

[Book a Kalahari Escape](#)

Employers are *strongly encouraged* to purchase bookings for DSP and Frontline Supervisor staff. You can use the exact same link.

Upcoming Events

[1/24: HIPAA Training: Authorizations for Release of Information Online Workshop](#)

[Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events](#)

News and Resources

[“ANCOR: The State of America’s Direct Support Workforce Crisis 2023”](#)

[“Nearly All Community-Based Providers Faced Moderate To Severe Staffing Shortages In 2023”](#)

[“Ohio politics: The biggest stories in state government coming in 2024”](#)

[“Unlocking the World of Travel for Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities”](#)

