

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Blueprint/ADS Pilot: The Blueprint communications sub-committee met this week, primarily to review what DODD has been organizing around the ADS Quality pilot. At this point, the Community Life Engagement team (CLE) is reaching out to Pilot providers and beginning to set up local 'community of practice' meetings. The first rounds of quarterly webinars will also be happening next month on [February 20th from 10am-11:30am](#) and again on [February 20th from 3pm-4:30pm](#). Participating providers and county boards are welcome to attend those. Additionally, the Outcome Tracking System has been updated to remove the word 'all' from the pilot-related question around completed ISP experiences. OPRA will hold our 'ADS Quality Pilot Workgroup/ meeting next Thursday 1/25 at 10am. Keith Banner from DODD will join us and calendar invites will be out shortly. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

ARPA Grants & RFPs: In this week's Memo Monday, DODD outlined an upcoming RFP, using ARPA funds to bolster workforce initiatives. The applications are expected to go live on February 1st and be open through June. Additionally, DODD has an RFP titled Transformative Technology Solutions that is currently posted. [To learn more about this and other DODD grant opportunities, click here.](#)

OOD Stuff: Earlier this week, OOD sent out information on this year's upcoming Summer Youth Work Experience, including two online, on-demand trainings as well as an upcoming Q&A session on Thursday, January 25 at 1:00 p.m. You can submit questions or feedback to OOD by using the [SYWE Q&A form found here](#). Please reach out to Scott with any questions.

Telehealth Assessment Service: OPRA had the privilege of attending the department's Telehealth work group meeting this week. We are very close to having a draft rule ready for this new service under the waiver. The group is putting the finishing touches onto this and trying to get this done so that those folks who have utilized Station MD under the pilot will not lose their service. We are very excited as we get this closer to fruition. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) with any questions.

MUI Committee: Last Friday OPRA continued our work with the 5 year review for the MUI rule. This past meeting generated much discussion surrounding medical emergencies particularly surrounding the use of epipens as well as possible ramifications should changes be made to make medical emergencies more defined. Further discussion regarding the necessity of the UI reporting logs as well as discussion surrounding Category B and C MUI's. The meeting concluded with a presentation from OPRA board member, Tim Neville, on [Just Culture](#) and how Echoing Hills is utilizing [Just Culture](#) as it relates to investigations. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) with any questions.

Supported Decision-Making Bill: This week we saw the introduction of [SB 213](#) in the Ohio Senate by Senator Jerry Cirino. SB 213 would establish supported decision-making as a nonrestrictive alternative to guardianship for adults with developmental disabilities. Supported decisions making has been an operational framework for a while, but has not always been recognized as a legitimate option by probate judges tasked with authorizing guardianship. A version of the bill language was debated in the state budget but was ultimately removed by the Senate.

Federal Funding Deal: This week, Congress passes a continuing resolution to avert a federal government shut-down in the near future. [Read more here.](#)



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 many a memo, including information on the 'Parents of Minors' service code in MSS, EVV for residential respite, scheduled OISP maintenance, proposed updates to the residential respite rule, upcoming grant opportunities, behavior support workshops and 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](#)

[2/1: OPRA Day Array Committee Meeting](#)

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

News and Resources

["America's Health System Isn't Ready for the Surge of Seniors With Disabilities"](#)

["Governor DeWine Announces \\$14.9 Million to 67 Counties to Support Ohioans with Developmental Disabilities"](#)

["State working to make festivals, other events more accessible to people with disabilities"](#)

["Gov. DeWine calls State's recreational marijuana policy a 'goofy situation'"](#)

