

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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D.C. Government Relations: We had the opportunity to join some OPRA members in Washington D.C. this week as part of ANCOR's Government Relations Retreat. The meetings featured presentations from HUD, The Bipartisan Policy Center, and the US Department of Justice on enforcement of the Olmstead Act. I want to thank Diane Beaström, Jennifer Riha, and Anthony Kukura from [I Am Boundless](#) and Tony Thomas from [Welcome House](#) for their great advocacy as we met with Senator J.D. Vance's office. We advocated on the importance of the [DSP Standard Occupational Classification \(SOC\) code bill](#) as it heads towards a vote on the Senate floor, as well as the need for consideration of the impact on Medicaid funded providers in the upcoming [DOL Overtime Rule](#). I want to again thank our partners at ANCOR and our OPRA members for a great week of information and advocacy.

HB 344: This week the Ohio House Ways and Means Committee heard testimony on HB 344 which would eliminate replacement property tax levies. If passed, the legislation would limit the types of levies county governments can put on ballots. OPRA is watching the legislation as it could limit the amount of money county boards could raise to fund DD waiver services. [You can find more information about the bill here.](#) Questions or comments about the bill can be sent to [Christine](#).

ADS Quality Pilot: I want to thank everyone who attended yesterday's ADS Quality Pilot meeting. We were joined by Keith Banner and other reps from the DODD Community Life Engagement team as we worked through the early stages of the pilot, focusing much of the time on the technology purchases and implementation. There was good discussion around engagement with county boards and how the pilot interacts with authorized ISP services and we will continue that dialogue with DODD and our county partners. [The recording can be found here.](#) Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

I/DD Mental Health Champions: Our partners at the OSU Nisonger center asked us to share this information on their 'Mental Health Champion' project. "The purpose of this project is to recruit organizations employing direct support professional (DSP) who are interested in providing support to their DSP staff in meeting the needs of adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and mental health conditions while also addressing DSP stress and burnout." [To learn more about this opportunity and/or apply, please click here.](#)

DNR Rule: The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) began the 5-year rule review of OAC 3701-62 which sets out requirements for Do Not Resuscitate orders by hosting a stakeholder group meeting earlier this week. ODH has not proposed significant changes to the rules regarding DNRs or the associated form. The stakeholders suggested various changes but no proposals have been formally adopted into the proposed rule. The stakeholder group is expected to last between 9 and 12 months. Questions or comments about DNRs and changes you would like to see can be sent to [Christine](#).

EVV: On Friday, January 19th, the Ohio Department of Medicaid hosted an Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) stakeholder meeting. Importantly, there is still no timeline for when ODM will begin denying claims based on insufficient EVV units. Detailed information about the changes is forthcoming from ODM. [You can view the slides from the presentation here.](#) Questions about EVV can be sent to [Christine](#).



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 information on the ARPA-funded County Board/COG projects, Transformative Technology RFP, Ohio tech goals for 2024, EDI billing updates and the Remote Support guidance linked below.

Remote Support Guidance: In this week's Memo Monday (Linked above), DODD outlined new guidance around the Remote Support Rule/service. The guidance hopes to clarify the service expectation, authorization process, the connection to Assistive Technology, as well as additional resources and service examples. [Click here to download the updated guidance.](#)



JOIN OPRA FOR A NIGHT OUT!

Cleveland Cavaliers vs New York Knicks

When: Sunday, March 3 @ 7:00 PM
Where: Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse
Fee: \$150

To purchase CAVS tickets scan the QR code
Includes: Early VIP Entry, Pre-game Reception, Pre-assigned Seat




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!

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Kalahari Escapade: 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 Escapade](#)

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

Upcoming Events

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

[2/8: OPRA Health Care Committee](#)

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

News and Resources

["Dept. Of Education's 'MYTHS AND FACTS SURROUNDING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICES AND SERVICES'"](#)

["Schools Should Boost Inclusion of Students With Disabilities, Special Olympics Leader Says"](#)

["States Expect To Spend \\$36.8 Billion In American Rescue Plan Funds To Strengthen Medicaid HCBS"](#)

