

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

FEBRUARY 16, 2024

Registration is Live: Join us for the 2024 **OPRA Spring Conference: A Business Retreat!**

Gather with fellow members at the newly renovated and stunning Toledo Glass City Center. Explore how our collective strength enables us to adapt, thrive, and lead in an ever-changing landscape.

Why Attend?

- Tailored for leadership teams.
- Enhance your business practices for long-term sustainability.
- Prepare for the future challenges and opportunities ahead...and much more!



Maximize your savings with our group discount: register three or more attendees for a discounted rate! Note: All registrations must be completed together. Can't wait to see you all in Toledo!

DD Budget Coalition Data Collection Efforts: The group of DD associations developed a short survey for agency providers to share their experience with the state budget increases' impact on services.

The survey will be distributed quarterly to monitor the budget's impact overtime and to help develop the next budget ask. Only one representative from your agency should complete the survey by 3/1/24.

You can take the survey here. Any questions can be directed to [Scott](#) or [Christine](#).

IA Rule: This week the Department sent out notice that the rule regarding [Investigative Agent Certification](#) standards is open for review. This rule looks at the qualifications and certification standards for Investigative Agents. OPRA is participating in both internal and external stakeholder review and feedback on the rule. As we move through this process, we will also be requesting feedback from our members regarding this rule. Additionally, we are continuing to meet with a stakeholder group regarding the current MUI rule. If you have any questions or feedback on either rule, please let [Rachel](#) know.

Committees: Next week we will be holding our ICF and Residential Waiver committee meetings. Both meetings will occur on Wednesday the 21st. DODD's compliance team will be presenting during both meetings. We have asked them to review trends and patterns regarding citations for 2023 as well as areas of focus for 2024. During both meetings we will have a time for some Q and A with the compliance team. If you have any questions that you would like to ask to the compliance department, please drop them in the chat or email me by the end of today. Questions can relate to general issues regarding compliance or specific rules. Additionally, we will have information regarding the upcoming Solar Eclipse and what provider's need to be thinking about as they plan for the event. Click on the calendar links on the next page for more information and/or reach out to [Rachel](#) with questions.



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 a Reminder to Complete National Core Indicators Pre-Survey Data Entry, Behavior Support Workshops, Community Resource Coordinators Open Door Office Hours and ISP Team Regional Gatherings

Training Feedback: OPRA is working on our training catalog and resources for 2024 and beyond. We are seeking feedback from members on what training resources would be especially needed, relevant and useful for you and your agency. Specifically, we are seeking feedback on what trainings, platforms or resources members use to complete the trainings that are 'provided or arranged by the agency' (30 Day, Annual) and/or any specific training topics/resources you'd like to see OPRA offer. Feedback on any of these items, or about training needs more generally can be sent to [Scott](#).

Call for Sponsors: We are so excited about our upcoming 'Business Retreat' in Toledo. Click on the logo below to learn more about the event and/or [click here to register to sponsor](#). We look forward to welcoming you to the OPRA Spring Conference: A Business Retreat and creating a memorable experience together.



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Upcoming Events

2/21: Residential Waiver Committee Meeting

2/21: ICF Committee Meeting

2/26: DODD-Emergency Preparedness and the April 2024 Total Eclipse

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events

News and Resources

"Couples with developmental disabilities provide hope for love"

"New study examines the number of adults who are living with intellectual disability"

"The Use of Subminimum Wage for Disabled Workers across the United States"

"Reduced federal strain state Medicaid programs, HCBS expert says"

