

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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**Membership:** Our membership renewal period ends Sunday and we are grateful that you are a part of the OPRA community! If you do not renew you will miss out on all that OPRA offers. We are changing the Friday morning call Zoom link next week and removing staff from our listserves from agencies who have not renewed. Please reach out to [Sonya Summers](#) with any questions. Thank you for your commitment to OPRA and the things we are trying to accomplish on your behalf!

**OPRA Committees:** OPRA will be hosting our Residential Waiver and ICF Committee meetings on Wednesday April 17th. Agendas are currently being developed. If there are items you wish to discuss or topics of interest, please reach out to [Rachel](#).

**QIDP Training RFP:** In Memo Monday, DODD announced they are seeking proposals to provide statewide training to ICF Administrators and QIDP's regarding OISP best practices and person-centered planning. You can find the details of the RFP and requirements to apply [here](#).

**EVV:** The Ohio Department of Medicaid recently held town halls on changes they are implementing to the EVV program. This includes technical changes alternate vendors need to implement. You can find more information about the changes in the [March EVV newsletter](#) and on the [Ohio Department of Medicaid's EVV webpage](#). Please let [Christine](#) know if you have any questions.



Thank you to the Franklin County Board of DD for inviting OPRA to their provider fair held last Wednesday. Pete, Gina, and Rachel enjoyed seeing all our members who also attended!

## Legislation to Watch

**HB 465:** This week Rep. Carruthers introduced [House Bill 465](#). The bill would permit the installation of cameras in resident rooms of ICFs by the families of residents. The bill also creates a waiver service that permits monthly lump sum payments to parents of people on DODD-administered HCBS waivers.

**HB 265:** Next Tuesday at 1:30pm, the House Health Provider Services Committee will hear testimony from interested parties on [House Bill 265](#) (Never Alone Act). Those interested in submitting written testimony must do so by Monday at 1:30pm. Please let [Christine](#) know if you would like to provide testimony.

**SB 213:** Our partners at APSI hosted an information session on Senate Bill 213, legislation to recognize supported decision-making as an alternative to guardianship. The town hall was recorded and can be viewed [here](#). Zoom Passcode: P@d#\$\$t1



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**DODD Mission Survey:** DODD is seeking feedback from the system on DODD's current mission, vision, and values. Providers are encouraged to complete the [survey](#) by April 4th.

**Memo Monday:** Click here to read this week's [Memo Monday](#), which includes information on changes to NMT, OTS reporting period 3, Innovation Series information, OhioISP gatherings, additional department-provided training opportunities, and much more...

**Eclipse:** Reminder that the Solar Eclipse is happening on Monday, April 8th. Many portions of Ohio will be impacted by the path of the solar eclipse. [OPRA has put together a ppt with a list of resources](#) for providers and will continue to provide updates. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) with any questions.



The graphic features a large image of a modern building at night with a blue tree sculpture in the foreground. Below this is a smaller image of the conference venue with the text 'OPRA SPRING CONFERENCE: A Business Retreat' and 'May 2-3, 2024 • Toledo Glass City Center'. To the right, there are two circular inset images: the top one shows a conference room with the word 'LEARN' below it, and the bottom one shows a group of people networking with the word 'NETWORK' below it. A large red arrow points upwards from the 'NETWORK' section towards the 'LEARN' section. At the bottom, there is a red button that says 'REGISTER TODAY!'.

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## Upcoming Events

4/4: OPRA Day Array Committee

4/16: Policy Committee

4/17: OPRA Residential Waiver Committee

4/17: ICF Committee

4/18: OPRA Health Care Committee

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events

## Advocacy Opportunity

Our partners at ANCOR released a new action alert to garner support for legislation in Congress to recognize Direct Support Professionals with a standard occupation classification (SOC) code through the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Complete the Action Alert [here](#).





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