

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

APRIL 5, 2024

Employment Quality Pilot: The application window for the [Employment Quality Readiness Project](#) opens next Tuesday April 9th at 2pm and closes on April 15th. This is another 'first come, first served' pilot grant opportunity and with limited funding available, we expect it will be important for providers to submit applications as close to 2pm as possible to help secure a spot in the pilot. This project is intended to help employment service providers prepare for the upcoming changes to the Career Planning and Individual Employment Supports services/rules that introduce outcome-based incentive payments to those services. [Information on the project and the application materials can be found here](#) (you'll have to scroll a little ways). Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

Compensation Survey Trainings: DODD will be holding 3 trainings over the next 2 weeks for this year's upcoming DSP Compensation Survey. As a result of last year's state budget investment in DD services, providers of 'day array' services are now also required to complete the survey. There is a training specifically for [Day Array providers on Tuesday April 9th](#), as well as an introductory training for [HPC providers on the 10th](#) and a 'refresher' for [HPC providers on Monday the 15th](#). More info can be found in [Memo Monday here](#).

HB 236: This week, OPRA submitted testimony to the Ohio House Health Provider Services for a hearing on House Bill 236, Never Alone Act. The hearing was postponed due weather and has been rescheduled for next Tuesday at 3pm. Providers interested in providing testimony should reach out to Christine. [You can read OPRA's testimony and find more information on HB 236 here](#).

Coalition Data Request: The DD Budget Coalition is preparing to distribute the second iteration of their budget survey on April 15th. The survey will be open until May 1st. These surveys are designed to go out quarterly to agencies to capture the on-going impact of the budget on the on-the-ground delivery of services. For more information about the survey, please reach out to Christine or Scott.

TRS Gala: This week, Pete had the opportunity to attend and speak at Threshold Residential Service's Annual Gala. We want to thank Chris Page and the TRS team for their amazing work and for including OPRA in this special event. And a special congratulations to the winners of this year's TRS 'Values Awards';

- Christine McDonald, DSP – Integrity
- Shanna Zitkovic, Residential Site Supervisor – Mindfulness
- Tiffany Beaver, Business Technology Manager – Evolutionary
- Missy Todd, Medical Assistant – Positivity



TRS Gala 2024



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 the ADS Facility guidance discussed on today's call, as well as the DSP Compensation trainings scheduled for next week and guidance regarding the 'parents as caregivers' service.

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.

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](#).



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Upcoming Events

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](#)

News & Resources

“White House Embraces Autism ‘Acceptance’ Over ‘Awareness’”

“Technology Will Help Visually Impaired Ohioans Experience Eclipse”

“Employers Win Big Under Ohio Supreme Court’s Workers’ Comp Ruling: Here’s What You Need to Know About Recouping Overpayments”



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