

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

APRIL 12, 2024

OOD Fee Schedule: Earlier this morning, [OOD sent out a 'feedback and response' document](#), outlining their service and rate proposals for the upcoming fee schedule. The proposals include a 4.5% increase to all OOD services, additional rate increases for Summer Youth Work Experience services, the re-introduction of SYWE-Career Exploration to the fee schedule, and a proposal for a 'benchmarked' approach to Pre-Employment Transition Services. We actively welcome feedback from members on the proposed changes, especially how the 4.5% proposal aligns with your expenses and rate adjustments through DODD and the Pre-ETS proposal. OOD is expecting the first round of feedback within the next few weeks, so please provide your thoughts to [Scott](#) as soon as possible.

Rules: The OPRA team has been monitoring and working on updates to several rules including the Investigative Agent rule, [which will get a hearing on May 14th](#). OPRA and OPRA members have also been participating in workgroups to address the Waitlist and the MUI rule. The Employment service and the Specialized Medical Equipment rules just out for clearance are expected to be filed soon.

Employment Quality Services Project: The application period for this project opened at 2pm this past Tuesday and discussions with DODD indicate that almost 60 providers applied for the funds. As we've discussed, the funding available limits this project to likely around 30 providers who will be selected to participate. We wish the best of luck to all of the OPRA members who applied. Additionally, we know that DODD will be releasing an RFP for a capacity-building project for Group Employment Supports. This project will pair Subject Matter Experts with providers looking to build their Group Employment services. Keep a lookout for next week's Memo Monday for information on that project. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

ANCOR Connect '24: Many of the OPRA team were able to attend the annual ANCOR conference in Sante Fe, NM. ANCOR is a great partner for us; looking out for the interests of our field at a national level. It was a great opportunity to network with other state associations, providers, and vendors. The team attended many informative sessions, learning about emerging models in remote supports, managed care, customized employment, MSY services and much more! The highlight of the conference was celebrating Diane Beastrom of I am Boundless as she was inducted into ANCOR's 'Legacy Leader Hall of Fame'. Diane is a long-time OPRA Board member and has been a true leader in the DD field and big supporter of our OPRA team and Community. Congratulations Diane!

Anne Grady Ribbon-Cutting: We want to congratulate Anne Grady Services on the ribbon-cutting on their newest ADS program, Community Days. OPRA was able to join the ribbon-cutting event, along with Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz. We want to thank Anne Grady for inviting us to be a part of this opening event for this exciting project.



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 info on ITS upcoming maintenance, the 'Families at the Center of Connected Community Learning Series', upcoming Behavior Support workshops, and the Works4Me Project Family Engagement RFP and more.

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](#).

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.



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 banner. To the right, there are two circular inset images: one showing a person at a computer labeled 'LEARN' and another showing a group of people in a meeting labeled 'NETWORK'. A large red arrow points upwards from the 'NETWORK' section towards the 'LEARN' section.

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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

“ResCare's West wins Ohio's 2024 Direct Support Professional of the Year award”

“”The future is not our own.” Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine centers children in State of the State address”

“Higher Ohio Minimum Wage Could Be on November Ballot”

“Disney is changing its DAS program: What guests with disabilities should know”





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