

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

APRIL 19, 2024

Coalition Data Survey: The DD Budget Coalition distributed the second data collection survey this week. Results from the survey will be used to help the Coalition build out the advocacy strategy for the next budget request. [You can take the survey here.](#) Questions on the survey can be sent to [Christine](#) or [Scott](#).

BEST/GES/NMT Proposals: Earlier this week, DODD held the final meeting of the Pre-vocational and employment services work group. [The attached presentation](#) outlines the various proposals around the Basic Employment Skills Training (BEST) service, as well as rate enhancements for small-group Group Employment Services (GES) and a rate model for the proposed NMT to Community Employment service. According to DODD, this proposal marks the end of a long stakeholder process and any additional feedback and comments will occur through the formal rule-making process. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions or feedback on these proposals.

OOD Fee Schedule: Earlier this week, OOD held their quarterly stakeholder meeting, where they shared recent performance data, rejection trends and case service spending. OOD additionally requested feedback from participants on the recently shared fee schedule proposal, outlined in this [‘feedback and response’ document](#). 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. OOD is requesting feedback by 4/26, so please provide your thoughts to [Scott](#) as soon as possible.

Legislation to Watch:

On Tuesday the House Government Oversight Committee held sponsor testimony for House Bill 427, the bill to eliminate the payment of sub-minimum wage. During their testimony, Rep. Jarrells and Lipps offered new policy suggestions not in the current bill with the intent to incentivize the transition from sub-minimum wage. Additional details on the proposed these changes are forthcoming.

[Read the LSC bill analysis here.](#)

[Read written testimony.](#)

[Watch the hearing. \(Start at 14:00\)](#)

On Wednesday, the House Families and Aging Committee heard proponent testimony on HB 465, Lauren’s Law. All of the testimony came from families support of the bill. The Families and Aging will host a third hearing next Tuesday at 11am at the Ohio Statehouse for interested parties and opponents. If you want to provide written or in-person testimony, please reach out to [Christine](#).

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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 the Provider Training for Shared Living Providers, The 2023 DSP Compensation Survey, the Building Bridges - Families & Providers Contract RFP, New Help Feature Available in (PSM) and more.

OPRA Committees: This week, OPRA held meetings of both the Residential Waiver and ICF Committee. Both meetings covered many important rule and policy updates, as well as guest speakers from DODD. The ICF materials and recording can be found [here](#). Res. Waiver materials are found [here](#). Please contact [Rachel](#) with any questions.

OPRA Professional Networks: Invites went out for the first round of OPRA's new Professional Networks, focusing on networking opportunities for CEOs and CFOs of member agencies. All member CEOs should have received an invite for both meetings. If you are an agency CEO and did not get an invite yet, please reach out to [Teresa](#).



SPOTLIGHT

Join us for the ultimate business retreat experience at the OPRA Spring Conference! Elevate your professional game with insightful sessions, dynamic exhibitors, and unparalleled networking opportunities.

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- Engaging panel discussions
- Networking
- Cutting-edge Exhibitors

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Upcoming Events

5/2-3: OPRA Spring Business Retreat

5/14: OPRA Marketing & Communications Committee

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events

News & Resources

“Medicaid Access Rule review completed by White House”

“How Taylor Swift’s Music Is Teaching Social-Emotional Skills To Students In Special Ed”

“Federal proposal prohibits healthcare discrimination based on a person's disability”





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