

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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**Department of Labor Overtime Rule:** As of Thursday at 8pm, the federal court in Texas overseeing the litigation on DOL's proposed overtime exemption rule has not ruled on issuing an injunction on the increases set to go into effect on July 1st. Without court intervention, the salary threshold for the administrative, executive, and professional exemption to overtime will raise from \$35,568 to \$43,888. The parties met with the judge over the case on Monday to discuss various issues, so we anticipated seeing a decision from the judge by now on the enforceability of DOL's new rule. We will be sure to communicate if any additional updates come out throughout the rest of the day and into next week.

**Legislative Update:** HB 465 (Lauren's Law): The Ohio House Families and Aging Committee held a hearing on HB 465. The committee accepted an amended version of the bill and subsequently voted the bill out of the committee. [You can read the amended bill here.](#) There are significant changes to the bill from the as-introduced version so we encourage providers to review the bill. The bill now waits to be voted on by the full House.

**OPRA Compensation Survey:** Thank you to everyone who turned in the 2024 OPRA Compensation, Benefits, and Turnover Survey! We know this was tough timing to put out our survey, so we genuinely appreciate the time and effort it took to complete the survey. Today was the last day to submit, however, there is a little leeway into the beginning of next week if you would still like to participate but have not. Please email [Christine](#) if you have any questions!

**EVV:** On July 1st, the Department of Medicaid is implementing various changes to the EVV program. [Learn more about the changes here.](#) One such change is that the use of GPS in EVV will be voluntary. Providers who use GPS in their EVV program will need written consent from the person receiving services and/or their guardian. ODM released a template consent form providers can use so they do not need to create their own. Christine sent out information on the consent forms earlier this week. If you have any questions about the changes, please reach out to [Christine](#).

**Network Meetings:** Thanks to everyone who participated in this week's Program Managers and QIDPs Network meetings. We appreciate the open discussion and idea generation and look forward to future meetings. Reach out to [Teresa](#) with any questions about OPRA's Professional networks.

**OOD Rate Methodology:** Following last year's investment state budget investment into Vocational rehabilitation services, OOD recently submitted a proposal to update their fee schedule and service rates and definitions. The proposal includes an overall rate increase of 5.5%, as well as targeted increases to specific services. Throughout the stakeholder process, OOD was asked to provide more information and clarity about how the new rate model was developed and what 'industry standards' were used to inform the new calculations. Earlier this week, [OOD shared information, including the PCG report, which outlines the rate structure developed back in 2016, as well as a new document](#) indicating where and how the rate lines were adjusted. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Memo Monday:** Click here to read this week's DODD [Memo Monday](#), which includes info on the approved waiver amendments, the Internet Assistance Program, IP opt-out for provider search, the next Biographical Timeline Facilitator Training Cohort and more.

**CESP Data Study:** OPRA is collecting data on the efficacy/impact of the CESP credential. The data collection tool and instructions can be found on the [website here](#). Please reach out to Scott with any questions and/or if you are interested in being part of a qualitative data discussion regarding your experience with the credential.

**Station MD Survey:** Our friends at Nisonger are encouraging those of you who have experience with StationMD to participate in a survey. They are trying to increase participation in their study from provider agency or ICF staff who have experience with StationMD (DSPs, nurses, Directors, etc.). Provider agency staff can take a [survey and participate in a focus group by clicking here](#).

**Advocacy Army:** We are pleased to announce registration for the second iteration of Advocacy Army is now open! The training will keep much of the content from last round with new opportunities for advocacy practice. [You can learn about the changes and register here](#). Pete and Christine will be reviewing the changes after next week's Friday Member Call. Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.



## CEO/DOO TRAINING DAY

**DOO Day:** Registration is open for [OPRA's CEO/DOO Training Day](#) on July 30th at The Quest Center in Columbus. This training day will satisfy the 6 hours of required annual training for agency DOOs, including the 2 hours of 'DODD-Provided' content. Presentations include 'Dos and Don'ts for DOOs, Taming the Management Monster, Intro to Just Culture and more! [Learn more and register here](#). Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

## Upcoming Events

7/11: OPRA Day & Employment Committee Meeting

7/18: Guarded Edge: ABCs of HIPAA Compliance Workshop

[Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events](#)

## News & Resources

"KU researchers highlight how \$80.6 billion in federal spending supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities"

"Ohio may end program that pays disabled people less than minimum wage"

"New Podcast on Innovative Autism and Other Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Care Launches Today"



# RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY FOR DISABILITY PROFESSIONALS!

The Ohio State University Nisonger Center needs your help in a research study to improve services for Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**We want to hear from you!**

**Are you a disability professional who worked in Ohio's disability field between 2012-2024?**

**Do you have experience with Ohio's Employment First Transition Framework?**



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## Who can participate?

- Disability professionals who worked in Ohio in the disability field any time between 2012-2024.
- Must also be familiar with Ohio's Employment First Transition Framework.
- Must also currently live in Ohio.

## What will study participants be asked to do?

- Participants will take part in a virtual focus group with other Disability Professionals to discuss their experiences with Ohio's Employment First Transition Framework. The focus group will last 90 minutes.
- Participants will also be asked to complete a short online demographics form. This form will take 10-15 minutes to complete.

**If you would like to know more, please  
contact Jessie Green**

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