

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Multi-System Youth/Youth with Complex Needs: As we have ongoing conversations with the Department, other members of the administration and partners, we'd love to get your input. If you are interested in joining a virtual meeting to talk more about the challenges, opportunities, and ideas around supporting youth with complex needs, particularly challenging behaviors (pose a danger to themselves, others, etc.), please contact [Teresa](#).

ANCOR ICF Call: Yesterday OPRA participated in our national ANCOR ICF call. Thanks to some of the folks at ANCOR, we were able to locate the [CMS regulations around video cameras in ICF settings](#). The regulations can be found in section 21.43 (page 115). It should be noted that these regulations focus only on cameras in common areas as it states that video cameras "may never be used in areas where there are the highest expectations of privacy". We will be having our national call with CMS in the next couple months, and will be seeking clarification on this regulation in light of the House Bill 465 legislation.

State Plan Services: We've recently been made aware of issues providers are running into around state plan services, specifically home health. The OISP is supposed to act as the "plan of care" for these services – and that's not being implemented or operationalized the same everywhere (or even understood). If you've had any issues with state plan home health, please reach out to [Teresa](#).

Learning Collaborative: We're launching a Just Culture Learning Collaborative later this year. There will be an application to participate. The application will "go live" August 1. On August 2, we'll be hosting an informational webinar to answer any questions you may have. The link to register for the webinar went out in an email on Thursday, July 18. If you did not receive that or have any questions, please contact [Teresa](#).

ADS Pilot Training: DODD recently released the training outline and options for 'phase 2' of the staff training component of the ADS Quality Pilot. The updated training options and processes [can be found here](#). Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.



Speaker Proposals: OPRA is currently accepting speaker proposals for this year's Fall Conference at the Polaris Hilton in Columbus on October 24th & 25th, 2024. This is your chance to hone your speaking skills and share your knowledge to peers and colleagues from all over the state. We invite you to submit your thought-provoking, informative session! [Those interested can learn more and/or submit a proposal here](#). Please reach out to the OPRA team with any questions about session themes, content, or ideas.



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 the ICF Claims submission-value code reminder, Provider Cert Office Hours, OISP Gatherings, Charting the LifeCourse Training for SSAs, Professionals, Family Members 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 excited 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, including a visit to the Ohio Statehouse. [You can learn about the changes and register here](#). Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.

Upcoming Events

7/30: OPRA CEO/DOO Training Day

8/14: OPRA Advocacy Army Session 1

8/20: Blitz Media Workshop: How to Increase the Quantity & Quality of DSP Applicants

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events

News & Resources

“A Look at IDD Funding in the U.S.”

“Long Covid is more prevalent among Americans with disabilities, new CDC data show”

“Why we have Disability Pride Month”

“Ohio Republicans are already lobbying Gov. Mike DeWine to get JD Vance’s Senate seat”

