

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JULY 26, 2024



Today, we commemorate the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Signed into law on July 26, 1990, the ADA has transformed the lives of millions by ensuring equal access and opportunities for individuals with disabilities. At OPRA, we are proud to support and advocate for services that enhance the lives of people with disabilities. [Click here to learn more about the ADA and this important milestone.](#)

EVV: This week, The Ohio Dept. of Medicaid sent out an EVV update including [updates to the EVV website](#) for providers and an [updated FAQ](#). ODM is also hosting a webinar on 8/1 at 12pm to review the recent policy updates and system enhancements to the electronic visit verification (EVV) program. [You can register for that webinar here.](#) Reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.

ICF Rate Data: The data related to FY25 ICF rate setting has been released by DODD. Rate packages should be available for all providers to view in their portal by July 31st. New rates should also be available for 8/1/24 billing. We will be analyzing the data to help answer any questions out there. If you have any additional questions related to this data or find any adjustments that need to be made, please let [Rachel](#) know.

OOD Reorganization: At their quarterly Stakeholder meeting, OOD announced a new division, the Department of Policy and Partnerships, to be led by Deputy Director Susan Pugh. Long-time BSVI Deputy Director will now oversee the Bureau of Vocational Rehab (BVR). [Click here to see the new TO.](#)



Advocacy Army: More than ever, OPRA Members are willing to commit their time and resources to advocate with elected officials for their services, their staff, and the people they support. In order to capitalize on the Membership's energy, OPRA developed Advocacy Army to arm providers, families, and Ohioans with I/DD with the skills and knowledge of how to be great legislative advocates. [You can learn more and register here.](#) Please reach out to [Christine](#) 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 Building Group Employment Supports Capacity Grant, the previously mentioned EVV training, Vehicle Mod guidance, and upcoming OTS trainings.



ADVANCE PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT

Brought you by the  ADVANCE
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The **2024 ADVANCE Partnership Summit** aims to foster unity among Provider and County Board leadership teams, Associations, and DODD, igniting a spirit of "positive disruption" across the sector and within each participating group.

Registration is Open!

September 23 - 25, 2024

Embassy Suites, Dublin

*Participants are required to register in organizational teams of at least three.

[Register HERE!](#)



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.

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

"Ohioans with disabilities can receive less than minimum wage. Will that change?"

"Governor DeWine delivers opening remarks at inaugural Accessible Ohio Conference & Expo"

"Federal judge tosses Ohio voting restrictions on voters with disabilities"

