

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

AUGUST 2, 2024



DSP Initiative - "CHANGE A LIFE" Campaign: OPRA members and friends have partnered with the Sheldon sisters, Jacy and Emmy, on a [video to spread awareness](#) about the Direct Support Professional field and the state's investment in disability service wages. These videos can be customized for any provider's use by reaching out to Dave Rastoka at Drastoka@eautism.net. The \$1,000 fee for the video customization will all go towards a statewide commercial campaign.

If providers are interested in a customized video for a social media campaign, you can also reach out to the [Shamrock Companies](#), who led the first campaign for Scioto Trails, with the results presented on this morning's member call. Click the above image to watch the video. The password is DSP.

DOO Day: Thanks to everyone who joined us for our CEO/DOO Training Day this week. We want to especially thank guest speakers Tim Neville, Ray Schmidt, Eileen Koehler, Mary Lou Borne, Kristi Black, Heida Hill and Scott Phillips for sharing their time and expertise for this (now) annual training event.



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 updated EVV FAQs, the Lumicare Regional Technology Hub Opening, Outcome Tracking System Trainings, RMN transition, and the "Things That Go" Tech Training.



ADVANCE PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT

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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.

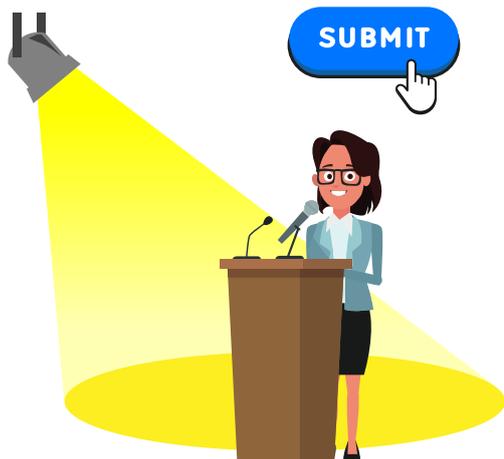
Registration is Open!

September 23 - 25, 2024

Embassy Suites, Dublin

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

[Register HERE!](#)



Speaker Proposals: It is last call for 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. The deadline to submit is Monday 8/5!!!

Upcoming Events

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

"Overtime Mandate Has Disability Providers Considering Service Cuts, Advocates Say"

"Sorting Through The Complex HCBS Medicaid Landscape"

"AI's Potential in Special Education: What Teachers and Parents Think"

"Can a simple envelope improve traffic stops for disabled drivers?"

