

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

AUGUST 30, 2024



Registration is officially open for OPRA's Fall Conference, which will be held at the Polaris Hilton on October 24-25. This will be a special conference for OPRA as we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary! The event will include a 50th anniversary gala, our award ceremony, as well as all of the sessions and networking opportunities you expect from an OPRA conference. [Click here to learn more and register!](#) Please contact [Melissa](#) with any questions about the conference. We hope to see you there!

NMT Rule: Earlier this week, [OPRA submitted preliminary comments](#) on draft revisions to the Non-Medical Transportation rule. These changes, sent to members of the Blueprint workgroup for pre-clearance comments, primarily incorporate the new 'special trip-rate' for transporting people to competitive employment in the community. While we support the initiative, we believe there are areas where the service could be strengthened, rule language clarified, and definitions could be made more flexible and person-centered. Following these preliminary comments, the rule will be sent out for clearance, with an expected implementation date of 1/1/25. Please contact [Scott](#) with questions.

OOD Fee Schedule: OOD released their [online training for the new VR Fee Schedule](#), which will likely go into effect on 10/1/24. The training includes information on the various service and rate changes, notably the re-naming of many of OOD's core services. OOD will be holding a Q&A session on September 12 at 10am. [You can access the session using this Teams Link](#). You can submit questions ahead of time to OOD using [this form](#). Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions or feedback.

ICF OISP Training: From Memo Monday; "Milestones is partnering with DODD to create training on implementing the OhioISP in ICFs. We are seeking input from ICFs to ensure that the training content meets the needs of the field. If you would like to participate, please join us on Zoom on Tuesday, October 1, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. [RSVP here.](#)" Please contact [Rachel](#) with any questions.

DODD FY24 Report: DODD just released their Fiscal Year 2024 Annual report, highlighting their initiatives and achievements from the past year. [Click here to read.](#)



Award Nominations: It is 'last call' for nominations for the 2024 OPRA Annual Awards to be held at this year's Fall Conference. We encourage all provider member agencies to submit nominations to recognize those that have worked hard and dedicated their time to help support the people they serve. [Click here to submit your nominations.](#) You can also email your nominations or direct any questions to [Sonya](#).



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 OISP training with Milestones mentioned earlier, upcoming OhiolSP Gatherings, and a Save the Date for Celebrating Employment First on October 1.

Day Array Co-Chair: We are about to close the application for Co-chair for the Day Array Committee. [The short survey/application is linked here](#) for anyone who is interested in applying. The committee meets on the first Thursday of every other month, with the remaining meetings in October and December of 2024. We appreciate the interest in the co-chair position and are looking forward to seeing your applications. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

Recreational Cannabis Resources: Following last week's update on Adult Use sales, we continue to get questions. We wanted to reshare the presentation from Vorys and additional resources on this topic. [You can view the presentation and some other resources here.](#) DODD has also previously published [guidance that can be found here](#). As your agencies sort the various complex issues related to the sale of recreational marijuana, send these scenarios to [Christine](#). We will be compiling these examples for further guidance from either DODD or Vorys.



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.

Upcoming Events

9/5: OPRA Day & Employment Services Committee Meeting

9/10: OPRA Marketing & Communications Committee

9/10-11: Advocacy Army Session 2

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events

News & Resources

"COVID-19 cases jump 2,000, to more than 10,000, as Ohio pushes new vaccine"

"Alison Barkoff Announces Departure from HHS"

"ANCOR Announces Technology Solutions 2.0: A Survey of I/DD Service and Support Providers"

"Feds Tell Voc Rehab Agencies Not To Limit Services To In-State Options"



Help us make a difference for crime victims with disabilities



We are having interviews and focus groups with:

- Individuals with disabilities
- Supporters or caregivers
- Those who work with victims with disabilities

Participation is voluntary and confidential. We'll ask you questions about how you think reporting could be better.

You can choose to speak with us in a 60 minute, one-on-one interview or in a small group. Either will be hosted virtually on Zoom.

Individuals with disabilities, supporters, and caregivers will get a giftcard.

Questions?

email: brittany.hayes@uc.edu

call or text: 502-462-7585



CLICK HERE



To sign up for the research study, click on the link above or open your phone's camera and point it at the QR code.

UC IRB 2023-0864 | *Language Access Barriers to Justice Among Victims of Violence Against Women with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* study is being conducted by the University of Cincinnati and The Arc with funding by the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW: O-OVW-2023-171728)



Understanding and Promoting Safe Medication Administration

September 18, 2024

9:00am to 4:00pm (registration begins at 8:15am)

Dwell Community Church

1394 Community Park Drive

Columbus, Ohio 43229

Featured Speakers:

Nanette Wrobel, RPh, Director of Business Development/Clinical Pharmacist, Tarrytown Expocare Pharmacy
will discuss:

Client Safety and Medication Errors, Medication Issues Related To An Aging I/DD Population,
Review the I/DD Nurse's role in Managing BEERS Criteria,
and QT Interval and How Medications May Put a Client At Risk For Heart Issues.

Scott Phillips, Assistant Deputy Director, with the DODD Office of Major Unusual Incident and Registry Unit
will discuss:

UIs/MUIs Related to Medication Administration

6. OBN CE's pending approval by the OBN approval unit of DODD OBN-010-93

6. DODD IA, SSA, and Superintendent hours pending

For Questions regarding CE status call: 513-785-4678 or email kltallon@butlerdd.org

You must attend the entire conference and complete an evaluation to receive CE's and Contact hours

Registration Fee: \$75.00 - Continental Breakfast and Boxed Lunch included

Register online at: HAC Fall Conference Registration

<https://reg.planetreg.com/E816163026102293>

For registration problems, please call 937-631-7704

Registration is from August 16th 2024 to September 15th 2024 at Midnight

No cancellations will be accepted after September 15th 2024

The temperature of the building may vary at times so please dress accordingly for your comfort.

The Healthcare Advisory Committee reserves the right to cancel this event. Registration fees
will be refunded if canceled. Personal cancellations will be refunded minus \$10 due to committee costs