

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

DSP Appreciation Week: In honor of this year's DSP Appreciation week, we are once again holding our yearly raffle, where one of your DSPs has the chance to win a gift bag from OPRA, hand-delivered by a member of the OPRA team. Here's how to enter;

Please email your submissions to gweisshaar@opra.org with the following: **Name of your DSP nominee, Your organization, Your name as nominator and Your phone number.** The deadline for submitting your nominations is 5:00 pm Tuesday 9/10. Winning DSPs will be announced on 9/13 during our weekly Friday Five Member Call. Thank you for participating in this year's raffle!

Covid Surge: Although leveling off this week in Ohio, COVID case numbers have been rising all summer. Providers may want to pull out their infection control policies and ensure that staff have an understanding of the policy. Additionally, there is a new vaccine available. Unfortunately, those without insurance will no longer have access to free covid shots as that program ended last month due to lack of federal funding. Those with private insurance, Medicare or Medicaid will still be able to get the vaccine at no out of pocket cost. You can also check with your local health department to see if they are able to make provisions for those who are uninsured or underinsured.

Marketing & Communications Committee Meeting: Our '[M&C Committee meets next week](#)' on Tuesday, September 10th at 10:00 AM. Our guests for this meeting will be Erin Sogal & Tim Hinds from [Trailblaze Creative](#). Attendees will learn from Erin and Tim how to craft powerful messages that resonate with your audience and align with your organization's mission. Discover proven techniques for building brand advocates and avoiding common messaging pitfalls. This workshop will equip you with the tools to create compelling and effective messaging. See you there/then!

Policy Summit in DC: ANCOR will be hosting their policy summit in Washington DC on September 23rd and 24th. A few of us from the team will be in DC representing Ohio's provider community. If you or anyone from your organization will be attending, please reach out to either [Rachel](#) or [Scott](#). We know ANCOR will be sending some info out soon regarding schedules and meetings. We'd like to try and see if there is an opportunity for those attending to join/meet together. So again, if you or your staff will be there, please let us know.



We are excited to share the artwork for the cover of the OPRA 2024 Fall Conference program, celebrating our 50th anniversary. This piece is called 'Inclusive Mosaic' and was created by our friends at United Rehabilitation Services. "Created over three months by several of our clients. From breaking the glass for the mosaic, to placing each piece, and finally grouting the finished artwork, the result was amazing. They used an overhead projector to project the image onto the table, carefully placing the broken glass into a frame custom-made by our Facilities Coordinator."



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 Medicaid Waivers Posted for Public Comment, announcement of a new member of the DSP and Provider Support Team, and info on the 'Establishing Families as Partners' cross agency training.



50TH ANNIVERSARY!
Fall Conference – Oct. 24-25, 2024
Hilton Polaris

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!

JOIN OPRA'S PAC TOP GOLF EVENT!

DON'T BE LEFT-OUT!

October 23 from 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

No golf experience needed!

Conveniently located 5 minutes from the conference.

REGISTER



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Upcoming Events

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

“After weeks of climbing, COVID-19 cases see
slight retreat”

“A New Era of Special Education Begins with
Inclusive AI”

“Biden administration moves to end subminimum
wages for disabled workers”

“A closer look at pandemic impacts on Ohio's
students with disabilities”



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