

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024



Direct Support Professional
RECOGNITION WEEK
September 8 - 14, 2024
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DSP Week: Happy DSP Recognition week! It was great to see all of the activities and events put on by OPRA members this week to honor your DSPs. We are incredibly grateful for the hard work and dedication of DSPs all across Ohio and beyond. Congratulations to the winners of our DSP raffle! OPRA staff will be hand-delivering their gifts over the coming weeks.

Coalition Survey: The DD Budget Coalition is again seeking input from agency providers on how the state's most recent rate increases are impacting services on the ground. The Coalition put together the next edition of our periodic survey to gather information on agency providers' experiences. This survey will remain open until September 30th, 2024. These surveys provide important data that the budget coalition can use to show the efficacy of last budget's rate increases and to continue to advocate for continued support and resources. [You can take the survey by clicking here.](#) Please reach out to [Christine](#) or [Scott](#) with any questions.



OAA: This week we concluded this year's 'OPRA Advocacy Army' Training with a 2-day event, including a statehouse visit and the opportunity to meet with legislators and/or their staff. We want to thank everyone who attended and supported this year's training. We want to extend a special thanks to Representative Scott Lipps, who met with OAA participants to share

about his experience supporting DD services and answer questions. We hope this training helped grow your advocacy chops and we look forward to the next round in 2026!

DD Day Committee: This week, OPRA staff attended the first steering committee meeting for next year's Developmental Disabilities Awareness and Advocacy Day, which will take place in March 2025. If you have any feedback or thoughts you would like us to share with the committee for next year's event, please reach out to [Christine](#) or [Scott](#).



Congratulations to Open Door on the groundbreaking for their Mirolo Sensory Park at Open Door. This will be a community space where individuals of all ages and abilities will be able to experience the joy of outdoor play in a safe environment that is welcoming, inclusive, and accessible to all individuals. The OPRA staff looks forward to enjoying the park and in particular it's pickleball courts with Open Door and the community at large.



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 continuing waiver claims delay, a Developing Effective Prevention Plans Webinar, Hybrid Support Workshops, Ohio Tech Ambassador Events and more.



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!

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

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Upcoming Events

9/18: OPRA Virtual Meeting with County Board
Provider Liaisons- Southwest

9/20: OPRA In-Person Meeting with County
Board Provider Liaisons-Central

[Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD
training events](#)

News & Resources

Governor Mike DeWine's Message for National
DSP Recognition Week

"Addressing Delayed Hospital Discharges for
Patients With Intellectual and Developmental
Disabilities and a Mental Illness"

"Strengthening Federal Government
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