

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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State Budget This week the Ohio House Health Committee held a hearing on DODD and OOD's proposed budgets. Nine OPRA members provided in-person testimony and many others provided written testimony in support of the budgets and encouraged the committee to consider additional funding. [You can watch the testimony here.](#) You can view all of the [testimony submitted by OPRA members and others here.](#)

The Ohio House Finance Committee will be accepting testimony on the budget bill next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. OPRA Members are encouraged to submit testimony to the committee. Christine previously sent out instructions on how to submit testimony. If you have any questions or would like assistance, please email [Christine](#).

NMT Survey Following discussion at yesterday's Day & Employment Committee, we drafted this short survey to assess members' ability to get the new NMT 'special per-trip rate to Competitive Integrated Employment' authorized in your county. [Click here to take the survey.](#) You can reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

Just Culture This week marked the last facilitated session of our 'Just Culture Learning Collaborative'. We want to thank the OPRA members who participated in this 6-month experience and to Mary Lou Borne of Person-Centered Consulting for facilitating this series.

Legislative Updates This week the Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on SB 35 which would add supported decision making into the Ohio Revised Code. OPRA provided written testimony in support of the bill. [You can watch the hearing here.](#) Additionally, you can read the [submitted testimony here.](#)

Early this week the US Treasury Department announced it would no longer be enforcing the Corporate Transparency Act's rules on filing beneficial ownership for corporations, LLCs, and LLPs who were based in the US. The Department will be issuing new rules that will only apply to foreign corporations. [You can read more about the change here.](#) You can send any questions to [Christine](#).



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 an update on BEST proposal not moving forward, the Waiver Amendments posted for comments, the Workforce Symposium and more.

HIPAA: On March 13th, our partners at Guarded Edge will be hosting a fee webinar for OPRA members on new HIPAA Requirements for 2026. [To learn more and register, click here.](#)

Federal Budget: Last week, the [US House passed their budget resolution](#), directing the Dept of Energy and Commerce to cut \$880 Billion over the next decade, heightening the concern over potential cuts to Medicaid. The budget resolution still must be reconciled with the Senate's budget bill, which only directed \$1 Billion in cuts. We encourage members to utilize the [Medicaid Resource Center](#) developed by our partners at ANCOR to continue your advocacy as OPRA works with our national partners to advocate and educate on the importance of Medicaid in disability services.



March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness month and this year's theme is 'We're Here All Year!'. We were privileged to attend this year's DD Awareness and Advocacy Day at the Statehouse. Check out the message from Directors Hauck and Miller by clicking the image to the left.

Upcoming Events

3/10: Celebrating Excellence: How DSPs Build Better Services, Lives and Communities Event

3/11: Marketing & Communications Committee Meeting

3/13: New HIPAA Requirements – What OPRA Members Need to Know Webinar

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

News & Resources

“2025 DD Awareness Month: We're Here All Year!”

“‘A dignity issue’: Universal changing tables popping up across Ohio. It all started here”

“The CHIPS Act brought Intel to Ohio. Here's what GOP says about plan to repeal.”

“HHS Announces Policy To End Public Notice and Comment for Certain Future Proposed Rulemakings”

