

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

MARCH 14, 2025



Budget Testimony: This week the Ohio House Finance Committee heard further testimony on HB 96, the State's Biennium Budget Bill. We want to thank all of the members who submitted testimony in support of the budget and further rate increases for disability services. We especially want to thank Scott DeLong of CRSI and Michelle Gifford from the Pickaway County Board of DD for traveling to Columbus to deliver in-person testimony to the committee. [You can watch the hearing here](#) (Michelle and Scott's testimony begins around the 2:02 mark), and [you can read all of the submitted testimony here](#). This hearing likely concludes testimony in the house as we await a substitute bill and advocacy continues into the Senate. please contact [Christine](#) with any questions about the state budget process.



CLI Event: A huge thank you to John Schwartz and the team at CLI for hosting this week's 'Celebrating DSP Excellence' Event. It was a great day of learning and celebrating and we were so grateful to be a part of it. Attendees even had the opportunity to have their own caricature made, like the ones of Pete, Teresa and Scott to the left.

Leadership/Supervision Webinar Series: We are excited to share that we are partnering with Gladey Consulting for a webinar series to launch next month. The 4-part series, "Mastering Team Leadership: Building Trust, Confidence and Resilience for Supervisors" will begin on April 23rd with "Understanding Your Management Style" and continue bi-weekly. Members and non-members can purchase/attend individual sessions or the series as a whole. [To learn more about the training series and register for the webinar/s, click here](#). Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

Ashtabula Event: OPRA had the pleasure of attending the Ashtabula County Board's Advocacy Roundtable during which members of the board, families, and individuals served had the opportunity to meet their state representative, Dave Thomas, as well as other prominent members of the Ashtabula city council to address the current needs of the system. Thank you to Manda Jackson from the county board for all of her efforts in putting this wonderful event together. There was some excellent discussion, particularly around transportation needs of individuals within the county. Thank you to all who participated in this event.



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 Waivers Posted for Public Comment, the DD Community Talk Series, DODD Workforce Symposium, OISP Gatherings and Milestones trainings.

Workforce Symposium: [Register now for the DODD Workforce Symposium](#) on March 26, from 9 AM - 4:30 PM, at the Quest Conference Center. The event is free, but space is limited. The event highlights 2024 Workforce Support Grant recipients to discuss and share information about their projects. Presenters will discuss the successes and outcomes of their projects and share ideas related to the recruitment, retention, and future of Ohio's direct support workforce. Register for the symposium here. Those with questions should email ann.weisent@dodd.ohio.gov.



In his 2025 State of the State address, Governor Mike DeWine highlighted Ohio's economic strength, noting the state has reached its highest employment levels, with over 81,000 private sector jobs added, totaling nearly 5.7 million employed Ohioans. To support families, he proposed a new child tax credit of up to \$1,000 for each child under seven. Emphasizing education, DeWine announced changes in higher education funding, basing allocations on course completion and graduation rates, and tasked new Lieutenant Governor Jim Tressel with developing "Ohio's workforce playbook" to enhance job readiness.

Upcoming Events

3/17: OPRA District 6 Meeting

3/18: OPRA District 2 Meeting

3/24: OPRA Program Directors Network Lunch
& Learn Series

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD
training events

News & Resources

“Many state workers return to the office full-time
next week following Mike DeWine order”

“How Medicaid Supports Seniors and People
with Disabilities and Their Caregivers”

“Senate works to avert partial government
shutdown ahead of midnight deadline.”

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





Nursing Quality Assurance Assessment and Nursing Delegation

April 9th, 2025

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

Dwell Community Church
1394 Community Park Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Featured Speaker:

Tamara M. Lentini, MSN, RN

Health Services Manager, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
will discuss:

The Components of the Nursing Quality Assurance Assessment and the QA review tool as well as
Nursing Delegation laws and rules

- 6. OBN CE's (1 hour Cat A Rule/Law) 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 Spring Conference Registration

<http://reg.planetReg.com/E3293742239201>

For registration problems, please call 937-631-7704

**Registration is from March 1st 2025 to April 3rd 2025 at Midnight
No cancellations will be accepted after April 3rd 2025**

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

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