

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

MAY 23, 2025

Budget Reconciliation: Early Thursday morning, the US House of Representatives passed the [One Big, Beautiful Bill Act](#), which we have been tracking for its potential impact on Medicaid services. The passed version of the bill resembles the language passed out of the Energy and Commerce committee last week, with some notable changes, including the expedited timelines for states to implement 'community engagement requirements' for expansion-eligible beneficiaries. There are other items we are still analyzing for potential impact, including language around state-directed payments and provider taxes. Thank you all for your continued advocacy on the importance of Medicaid in disability services as the bill now heads to the Senate.

GES/BEST: Thank you to everyone who participated in yesterday's committee discussion of the recently updated proposals around Basic Employment Skills Training and Group Employment Supports. OPRA is drafting feedback based on the discussion and preparing for talks with DODD on how to move forward a policy proposal we can mutually support. Contact [Scott](#) with questions or additional feedback.

HB 96 (state operating budget): The Ohio Senate Finance Committee will host hearings next week (Tuesday through Friday) on HB 96, the state operating budget bill. Christine sent out a separate email containing information on preparing and submitting testimony for the committee. Please reach out to [Christine](#) if you have any questions.

HB 225 (eliminate sub-min wage): The House Commerce and Labor Committee held the second hearing on HB 225, a bill to eliminate the payment of sub-minimum wages for people with developmental disabilities. The hearing was testimony for proponents only (supporters of the bill). You can watch a [recording of the hearing here](#). You can read the bill's language, LSC analysis, and the [sponsor's testimony here](#). The Committee will not be meeting next week.

Women's Leadership Series: This summer, spend some time investing in yourself and your leadership journey. Join executive leader, CPA, and national speaker Betty Collins for a powerful three-part summer series webinar series created for women in every stage of their leadership path. The first session will offer an honest conversation about the unique challenges and strengths of women in leadership today and opportunities to network with your peers. From there, Betty will shape the following sessions around what you want to talk about—making space for growth, connection, and real-world wisdom. [Click here to learn more and register!](#)

MUI Rule: Reminder that training on MUI Rule Changes is due by July 1st, 2025. Training recordings, documentation, and handouts can be accessed at the department's [Provider Training Series](#) page. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) for any questions or concerns.

DODD Compensation Survey- DODD is conducting the annual DSP compensation survey. Providers of most waiver services are required to participate in this survey. If you have any questions about the survey, please reach out to [Christine](#).

REMINDER



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](#), including info on Crisis Intervention Training Funding, ImagineIS moving to 'read-only' status, 'place on the path' and the OTS, the 2025 Innovation Series and more!



Hit the QR Code to the left to visit the new and updated 'OPRA On-Demand Shop', the place for all of your OPRA swag. Look fashionable in a new OPRA hoodie, polo, t-shirt, sweater, or hat within just a few days with our new, faster shipping times! [You can also visit the shop here!](#)

GREAT PROVIDER SUMMIT

May 28-30, 2025

We can't wait to see you all the Great Provider Summit next week!

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE 2025 OPRA GREAT PROVIDER SUMMIT SESSION DETAILS](#)



2025 OPRA PAC Golf Outing

SPONSORSHIPS
AVAILABLE!

Friday
**JUNE
6**

Registration begins: 9 a.m.

Shotgun start: 10 a.m.

Urbana Country Club: 4761 US-36, Urbana, OH

Enjoy the beautiful Urbana Country Club Course with 18 holes of golf, lunch, contests, social hour and more!

\$150 per player

REGISTER NOW! opra.org

For questions or to register, contact Melissa Fannon, OPRA Director of Events, at mfannon@opra.org



Upcoming Events

5/28: Pre-Conference Training - The Future of Disability Services: National Perspectives on a Changing Landscape

5/29-5/30: OPRA Great Provider Summit

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

News & Resources

“House Republicans narrowly passed Trump’s ‘big, beautiful’ bill. Here’s what’s in it”

“Federal judge sides with 23 states, blocks billions in HHS cuts”

“Commentary: Don’t balance the budget on the backs of disabled people in Ohio”

“Apple Unveiling New Accessibility Features”



SPONSORS

HEADLINE



KEYNOTE



PLATINUM



VORYS

PARTY



RELAXATION LOUNGE



BRUNCH



LUNCH



WIFI

SILVER



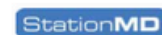
BRONZE



BREAKFAST



SESSIONS



Respond by
May 31st!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE WITH IDD IN OHIO!

PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

TO ADVANCE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH IDD IN OHIO!

With support from the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, The National Leadership Consortium is leading a study to learn about the experiences of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are particularly interested in hearing from LGBTQ+ adults with IDD!

If you are:

- An adult (18+) with IDD in Ohio
- An LGBTQ+ adult with IDD in Ohio
- The family member of an LGBTQ+ adult with IDD in Ohio
- DSP working closely with an LGBTQ+ adult with IDD in Ohio

Please visit this link to take the survey:

<https://bit.ly/OhioLGBTQIDDStudy>



We want to talk more with LGBTQ+ adults with IDD and/or their family members about their experiences!

Participate in an interview or a focus group with us in April-June 2025 and receive a \$15 Amazon eGift Card for an interview or a chance to win one of five \$25 Amazon eGift Cards for participating in a focus group.

Please visit this link to see if you qualify: <https://bit.ly/41sW8wd>

