

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Director Hauck: In a [Director's Corner Newsletter](#) published this afternoon, DODD Director Kim Hauck announced that she will be retiring from her role as director on June 27. There is no successor or interim director named in the newsletter. In her announcement, Director Hauck shared her gratitude for Governor DeWine for his confidence and support and his support for people with disabilities across Ohio. Director Hauck took on her role during a pivotal time for Ohio's DD system and has been a great partner during her tenure as director. We wish her the best in her retirement.

HB 96 (State Budget Update): This week, the Ohio Senate Finance Committee introduced a substitute bill of HB 96 and held public testimony on the substitute bill. This is the first version of the Senate's budget. Amendments for the sub-bill are due today. We anticipate that the final version of the Senate's budget bill will be released and voted out of the Senate next week. Christine sent out an email earlier this week detailing what was in the substitute bill. If you have any questions about what was included or about the budget making process, please email [Christine](#). You can read all the sub-bills submitted written testimony for Tuesday through Friday's hearings here- <https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/finance/meetings> You can watch the [recordings of this week's testimony here](#).

HB 141 (PPEC)- Last week, the Ohio House Health Committee voted on HB 141, a bill that would establish pediatric extended care centers. The bill was voted out of committee 12-0 and now awaits a vote by the full House. One of the major changes to the bill from the initial bill introduction includes a prioritization for serving families under the PPEC whose parents are pursuing work. [You can read the bill, legal analysis, and all submitted testimony here](#).

EVV: The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) hosted their monthly EVV Stakeholder Workgroup last Thursday. Unfortunately, due the Great Provider Summit, the OPRA team was not able to attend the meeting. However, the slides from the work group are now posted to ODM's website and [can be found here](#). The June 2025 EVV [newsletter is also now posted to ODM's website](#). If you have any EVV related questions, please reach out to [Christine](#).



Things To Know:

- Topics Include: Empathy-Based Leadership 102, Cohesive Team Leadership, MUI/DODD Updates, Difficult Conversations, Productive Disagreements, and more!
- This training day will satisfy the 6 hours of required annual training for agency Directors of Operations.
- Developed for Agency 'Directors of Operations' but the material will be relevant and helpful for any disability service leader

[Click here to learn more and register!](#)



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 the specialized medical equipment guidance, a Keeping Families Together webinar, an upcoming ADS Quality Pilot webinar, the Remote Support Platform Project and more.

Required DSP Compensation Reporting Due

Attention: Agency Providers of Homemaker, Personal Care and/or Day Services:

The annual Direct Support Professional (DSP) Compensation Survey is due June 25—less than one month away! DODD recommends starting the process as soon as possible to confirm delivery of your survey code and to avoid any potential delays in receiving technical assistance from DODD staff.

If your agency did not receive a survey code, please contact DSPComp@dodd.ohio.gov.

Recommended steps for success:

- Gather employment start and end dates for all DSPs who provided HPC or day services for any length of time in 2024.
- Gather 2024 payroll data for those employees using your agency's payroll reporting system and/or the final payroll stub issued to your DSPs in 2024.
- Review the PowerPoint and Excel workbook [on DODD's website](#).
- [Watch a pre-recorded training](#).
- Ask for assistance from your fiscal partners, who may include a chief financial officer (CFO), an accountant, and/or a billing agent.
- Periodically review your agency's contact information in Provider Network Management/Provider Service Management (PMN/PSM) to remain compliant and up to date with the latest DODD information.
- Send any questions to DSPComp@dodd.ohio.gov.

Independent providers and intermediate care facilities do not need to complete the survey.

Upcoming Events

6/17: OPRA District 2 Meeting

6/18: OPRA Residential Resources Committee Meeting

6/19: OPRA Healthcare Committee Meeting

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events

News & Resources

“State Options for Improving Care for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities”

“Ohio bill would require employers to pay people with disabilities minimum wage”

“Ohio Senate’s budget plan unveiled: tax cuts, stadium cash and fewer opioid funds”

“State Government as a Model Employer for People with Disabilities: A Playbook”





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SUMMER SERIES

June 24, 2025
July 16, 2025
August 19, 2025

Featuring Betty Collins

More Information &
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