

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JUNE 20, 2025

**Program Director's Network**- On 6/23/25, OPRA is hosting the Program Director Network meeting. Mary Thompson-Hufford from FUSE Network will present on leveraging your agency's data. If you are interested in joining the meeting, please register for the meeting [here](#).

**MUI Training**: As a reminder, all DD personnel must be trained on the new MUI rule by 7/1/25. DODD will be uploading MUI training to the My Learning website on July 7/1/25. Reach out to [Rachel](#) with any questions.

**OPRA RR Committee**: This week, OPRA held the Residential Resources meeting. Updates provided included state and federal budget developments, potential new assessment tools for waiver services, and issues with MAIS. The committee discussed quality standards, ICF rate reimbursement, and resources for QIDPs. The meeting recording and PowerPoint presentations are posted to the OPRA website.

**QIDP Peer Learning Project**- OPRA is pleased to announce this new project, which aims to empower and equip Ohio's QIDPs by providing a structured, collaborative learning environment that enhances the knowledge, skills, and confidence in fulfilling this critical role in the ICF system. Our first session is on 7/24/25 at Anne Grady. Registration is forthcoming. Please contact [Rachel](#) for more information.

**HB 141 (PPEC)**: This week, the Ohio House unanimously passed HB 141 which would establish pediatric extended care centers. The bill now go to the Senate for committee hearings and possible vote. You can read the bill, legal analysis, and all submitted testimony [here](#). Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.

**HB 96 (State Operating Budget)**: There are no substantive updates this week on HB 96. Conference Committee met this week to resolve differences. OPRA anticipates that the Ohio House and Senate will vote on the final version of the bill next Wednesday. During last Friday's call, Christine provided an update on the Senate's proposed budget provisions. You can view [Christine's presentation here](#). Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.

**SB 222**- This week, Senator Kristina Roegner introduced SB 222. This bill would require the Auditor of State to audit Medicaid's Aged, Blind, Disabled eligibility group and create an action plan to disenroll beneficiaries who are no longer Medicaid eligible based on exceeding required asset limitations. You can read the bill [here](#).



## **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

**Call for Speakers:** OPRA is proud to announce "The Call for Session Proposals" is officially open for the 2025 OPRA Annual Conference. The conference will be held in-person and hosted at Hilton Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive, Columbus OH on October 23-24, 2025. To learn more and submit a proposal, [complete the form here!](#)

**Memo Monday:** Click here to read this week's [DODD Memo Monday](#), including info on the DSP Compensation Reporting due next week, new MUI rule resources, an upcoming Access Rule webinar on the OISP, and more!

**Required DSP Compensation Reporting Due- Response rate is currently at 48% of providers.**

**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 week 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](mailto: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.
- Send any questions to [DSPComp@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:DSPComp@dodd.ohio.gov).

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

## Upcoming Events

6/23: OPRA Program Directors Network Lunch & Learn Series

6/24: Lead Where You Are: A Summer Series for Women with Betty Collins - Part 1

6/25: OPRA I/DD + BH Community of Practice

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

## News & Resources

"Senate Finance Committee releases draft legislative text on Medicaid, taxes"

"Ohio elected leaders joined hundreds nationwide to oppose federal budget bill"

"Luján, Dingell Announce Legislation To Strengthen HCBS Services"

"NIH Launches Major Autism Research Initiative"



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Left- Thank you to everyone who joined the first meeting of our Provider/County Board Learning Labs. These Learning Labs are meant to be an opportunity to identify areas for improvement or innovation, test new approaches, and have open, constructive conversations between providers and County Boards.



Right- Christine, Teresa, Scott, and Pete had the pleasure of attending the District 2 meeting at CRSI in Urbana. Thanks to everyone who participated — it was great to have a full agenda and to be surrounded by such passionate and engaged colleagues.

Below- Thank you to Chris Page and the Threshold Residential Services team for inviting OPRA to the ribbon-cutting and 50th anniversary celebration at their beautifully remodeled Open Door Opportunities site in East Palestine. It was an honor to be part of this milestone!





LEAD WHERE YOU ARE

# SUMMER SERIES

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

Featuring Betty Collins

More Information &  
Registration at:  
[bit.ly/OPRASS25](https://bit.ly/OPRASS25)



The Synergy Committee is seeking nominations for several awards that will be given out at the SYNERGY Conference October 1st thru 3rd at Kalahari Resort & Conference Center, Sandusky, Ohio. This is YOUR chance to nominate ANYONE who is making a difference! It is important to take the time to recognize outstanding people that go above and beyond. Who can be nominated in each of the award categories? EVERYONE! It can be an advocate, family member, person served, local partner, a provider or DSP, a county board staff person, a teacher, legislator, a community member, an employer, or anyone else who you think is deserving of one of these awards. DEADLINE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS IS JULY 31st.



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