

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JULY 18, 2025

State Budget/OBBBA Call: Thank you to everyone who attended the member call regarding the recently passed state budget bill (HB 96) and the federal budget reconciliation bill (OBBBA). It was a lot of information to cover! For those who attended on Thursday, please note there has been a revision on slide 7 and 18- the DODD waiver and ICF appropriation chart. First, the GRF estimate used for 2025, was from the wrong ALI. It has been updated. We also added a row to the chart to show the ARPA HCBS enhanced FMAP funding for 2025. The final total for DODD spending on direct services for 2025 has been updated to reflect these changes. [Click here to download the presentation](#)

[A recording of the webinar can be found here.](#)

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Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.



CEO/DOO Day: Another big thanks to everyone who attended our annual CEO/DOO training day. We had a great time, while also knocking out the 6 required annual training hours for agency leaders. All attendees should have received their evaluations and certificates. We are grateful to our presenters and everyone who made it a great day. We look forward to next year!

Learning Labs: This week, we also held our 2nd OPRA 'Learning Lab', bringing together providers and county boards from our 7 OPRA districts. In this session, we worked through process maps for different local processes, as well as determining data needs for future system collaboration and success. Thanks to all who participated! Reach out to [Teresa](#) with any questions about the learning labs.



The OPRA team was grateful to be present for the ribbon-cutting on Belco Works' new vocational service center in St Clairsville. OPRA had the opportunity to work with Belco on the strategic plan that helped inform the future service array, with this new facility as the hub for expanded community supports. After attending the groundbreaking only 13 months ago, we were excited and proud to help launch this new space. Congratulations to Anne Haning and the Belco team!

Award Nominations: This is a friendly reminder to submit your award nominations for the OPRA Annual Fall Awards! The Annual Awards Ceremony will be held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris on Friday, October 24th. Each year, we take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding individuals and teams who have made significant contributions in the I/DD Field. The OPRA awards represent more than just trophies or titles - they are symbols of the hard work, innovation, and a relentless pursuit of excellence to make a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities. [Submit your nominations HERE](#) - Or, you can email your nomination(s) with the required information directly to [Sonya](#). Award Nominations must be submitted no later than Monday, August 18th. We look forward to receiving and reviewing your nominations!



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 Internet Assistance Project Master Agreements, Rental Assistance Program Update, Registration Open for the 2025 Ohio Tech Summit, and the OhioISP Gatherings.



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!](#)



More Information & Registration at:
bit.ly/OPRASS25



Upcoming Events

7/28: OPRA Policy Committee Quarterly Meeting

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

News & Resources

"Ohio State Fair launching new accessibility initiatives for 2025"

"Ground game: How inclusive playgrounds benefit abled and disabled children alike"

"Ohio preps for more responsibility as Trump continues closing of Department of Education"

"Belco Works opens facility, boosting jobs for disabled in Belmont County"

