

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

AUGUST 29, 2025



Compliance Kaizen: This week, Rachel had the opportunity to participate in a department-led Kaizen event focused on improving the compliance process. The overall goal of the event was to design a more efficient, streamlined, and effective compliance process with specific goals to cut process throughout time by 50%, eliminate backlogs, and improve compliance department outcomes by 50%. The event focused on the process itself with issues related to funding, statutes, IT systems, and regulatory requirements being considered out of scope of this project. OPRA appreciates the department's

commitment to engaging providers in this work. We want to also recognize Josh Cook from ARC Industries and Becky Sharp from Open Door, 2 OPRA members who did an outstanding job of representing the provider perspective. The collaboration and openness of every participant in the room was pretty amazing. It's clear there is strong commitment to making this effort successful. There will be much more to come as we continue down this path toward building a more efficient compliance process that works better for both providers and DODD. We will keep members updated as progress continues.

RSS Rules: Yesterday OPRA provided comments on proposed changes to the Remote Support rule. Our feedback primarily focused on on proposed new requirements that appear restrictive, burdensome and limit community access. Given many questions and concerns that we still have about the draft rule, OPRA ultimately recommended that DODD pull the rule and reconvene stakeholders to chart a positive path forward for this important service.

EVV: This week the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) hosted their monthly EVV stakeholder meeting. The meeting focused on how to be successful with EVV. The meeting was not recorded by the presentation has been posted to ODM's website. You can view the presentation [here](#). Additionally, On Monday, DODD hosted a webinar with ODM on the requirements of EVV. Registration filled up before the session last Monday. In response to the demand for the session, DODD will be hosting a second repeat webinar next Thursday from 4pm-5pm. [You can register here](#). The recording from Monday's session has not been posted to any of DODD's training pages.

DOL- The US Department of Labor (DOL) is currently asking the public for feedback on a proposed rule change to what is often referred to as the companionship rule. [You can read more about the change here](#). We are in the process of drafting comments and would like to see if our feedback lines up with the opinions of the larger OPRA membership. [We have a two-question survey](#) that explains the changes to the rule and summarizes our likely feedback to DOL. We are seeking feedback from the full membership but would really like feedback from members who provide HPC in non-licensed settings. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Christine](#).



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 a number of important EVV updates and reminders, info on the Applications for Remote Support Platform Project, a Notice of Correction: DODD Growing Self-Employment Supports Request for Proposal and more.

Q_Event: OPRA is excited to announce Session 2 of our QIDP Peer Learning Initiative that will be taking place on Thursday Sept. 25th at CRSI. This initiative is designed to support Ohio's QIDPs working in ICF settings. In this session, we will discuss:

- Person-Centered Planning and Advocacy
- Compliance and Documentation

Please head to the OPRA website to register today.

Award Nominations: Today is the last day 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. [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 Friday, August 29th. We look forward to receiving and reviewing your nominations!



Join us October 23–24, 2025, at the Hilton Polaris in Columbus, Ohio for our premier annual event bringing together providers, leaders, and innovators from across the state. Whether you're looking to expand your brand visibility, connect with Ohio's provider community, or support the work of disability service professionals, we have a sponsorship opportunity to fit your goals.

Explore opportunities including:

- Keynote & Headshot Sponsorships
- Casino Night & Relaxation Lounge
- Gold, Silver, and Bronze Levels
- Breakfast, Lunch, Awards Sponsorships

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Upcoming Events

9/4: OPRA Day & Employment Services Committees Meeting

9/9: OPRA Marketing & Communications Committee Meeting

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

News & Resources

“What to Know About Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine Right Now”

“Labor Department Seeks To Roll Back Disability Hiring Mandate”

“Pre-Employment Transition Services curriculum and provider grant opportunity”

“ABLE Account Rules Updated As Bigger Change Looms”





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Complimentary CE Webinar Invitation



Wed. September 10th, 2025

11am ET | 10am CT | 9am MT | 8am PT

Pain Puzzles: Navigating Relief in IDD and Behavioral Health Settings

(1.0 CEU for Nursing and QIDPs)

PRESENTER:

NANETTE WROBEL, RPH

Director of National Growth and Education
Tarrytown Expocare Pharmacy

Nanette, a pharmacist with a lifetime of IDD experience, specializes in clinical health and medication education for healthcare professionals who support individuals with IDD.



OUTCOMES:

The nurses' scope of practice will be enhanced by distinguishing different sources and types of pain and becoming familiar with different treatment options for pain especially for the individual with IDD.



Scan or Click to RSVP

For more information contact:
education@tarrytownexpocare.com

This planned learning activity is pending approval by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Ohio Board of Nursing Approver Unit for Nursing Continuing Education (#OBN-010-93)



Caring for the Whole Person: Interdisciplinary Approaches To IDD & Mental Health

September 17th, 2025

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

Dwell Community Church
1394 Community Park Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Featured Speaker:

Dr. Laura Sorg, MD, FAAFP Medical Director, DODD
ViaQuest Team led by Ann Nash, MA, LPCC-S Vice President of Behavioral Health,
ViaQuest Psychiatric & Behavioral Solutions

and

Dr. Julie Gentile, M.D., M.B.A. Professor and Chair at Wright State University Department of Psychiatry
will discuss:

Polypharmacy and Aggression in IDD, Assessments and Best Practices for
Medication Management and Patient Education

6. OBN CE's 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@butleridd.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/E730121430239166>

For registration problems, please call 937-631-7704

**Registration is from August 6th 2025 to September 10th 2025 at Midnight
No cancellations will be accepted after September 10th 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