

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

**EVV:** The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) released new guidance on Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) for providers who have multiple Medicaid provider identification numbers. OPRA announced this guidance was forthcoming in the prior two Friday Five calls. You can read the guidance [here](#). If you have any additional EVV questions, please reach out to [Christine](#).

**Great Provider Playbook- EVV:** The latest issue of the OPRA Great Provider Playbook is out and posted to the [OPRA website](#). This issue focused on EVV. Reminder that as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, claims for covered services without sufficient EVV units will be denied. If you have any questions related to EVV, please reach out to [Christine](#). For questions or suggestions for the next Great Provider Playbook, please reach out to [Rachel](#).

**DODD OISP Report:** Earlier this year, DODD sent out a statewide survey seeking feedback on the OhioISP. This week, DODD released its findings in the [2025 OhioISP Executive Report](#). The department stated they had more than 1000 people participate in the survey. As to the findings, it was reported that 82% of people who provided feedback for the survey requested no changes to the OhioISP, but general feedback indicated some sections need to be clearer and easier to use. DODD stated they are continually working to make and implement improvements and will prioritize improvements as they develop an implementation schedule.

**DOL-** Thank you to the OPRA members who participated in our short survey to gauge our feedback to the US Department of Labor (DOL) on the proposed changes to the companionship rule. OPRA submitted formal comments this week. The formal commenting period is now closed. You can read OPRA's comment [here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to [Christine](#).

**DSP Appreciation Week Toolkit-** OPRA and our partners at Krile Communications created a DSP Appreciation Week media kit available for any OPRA members to use. Access the toolkit [here](#).

**Franklin County Provider Fair:** It was great seeing so many OPRA members this week at the Franklin County Board of DD provider fair. It was also great meeting so many new providers we hope to welcome into the OPRA community.

**Final Friday Binge List:** Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's Final Friday question. As requested, we compiled the list of shows, books, and podcasts your fellow OPRA members are bingeing right now. View the list [here](#).



# 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, RFP for Innovation Series, upcoming MUI training opportunity, and more.

**OPRA QIDP Event:** OPRA is excited to announce Session 2 of our QIDP Peer Learning Initiative will be on Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at CRSI. This initiative is designed to support Ohio's QIDPs. [Please head to the OPRA website to register today.](#) The session will cover:

- Person-Centered Planning and Advocacy
- Compliance and Documentation

**Strategic Planning Consultants:** Thank you to everyone who responded to the listserve question on suggestions for strategic planning consultants. We compiled the responses and posted the list to the OPRA website. Inclusion on the list is not a formal endorsement of the consulting organization from OPRA. You can view the list [here.](#)



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

9/9: OPRA Marketing & Communications Committee Meeting

9/15: OPRA HR 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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 to September 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 at Midnight  
No cancellations will be accepted after September 10<sup>th</sup> 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