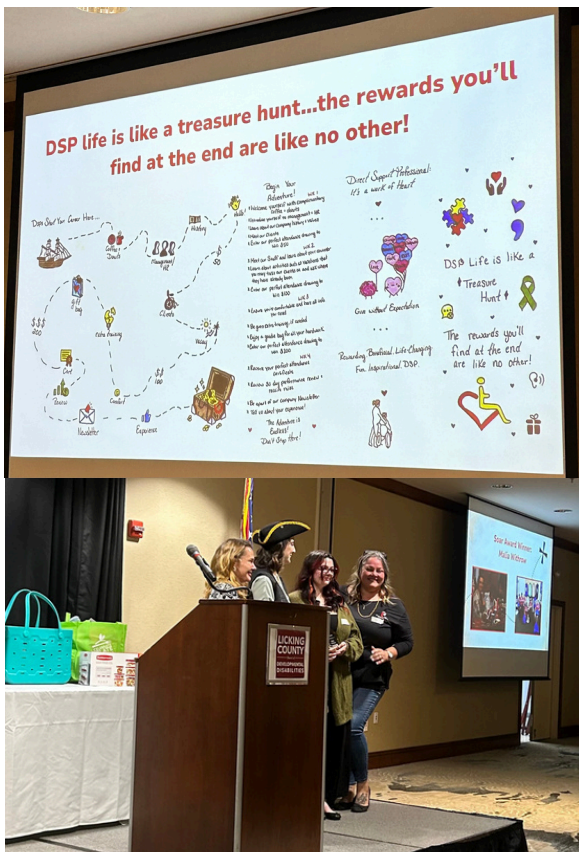


# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025



**Appreciation Event:** OPRA was proud to join the Licking County Provider Appreciation event. Most importantly, we celebrated the incredible DSPs and frontline staff whose dedication anchors high-quality services in Licking County. Thank you for your compassion, professionalism, and daily commitment to people and families.

**Lunch & Learn:** On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, OPRA will be hosting our Program Director's Network Meeting. [You have to register for the network meeting.](#) Scott will be leading a discussion for us on the "Dysfunctions of a Team" and how to overcome them.

**District Meeting:** OPRA's District 2 meeting was held earlier this week at RTC Services. Thank you to Tonya Reed and her crew for hosting the meeting. Additionally, thank you to Ashley Brocius, Scott DeLong, and Dennis Grant – OPRA's District 2 board representatives for organizing this meeting.

**RSS Rules:** OPRA received responses back from DODD regarding the comments we, and other stakeholders, provided on the draft Remote Supports rule. DODD made language changes regarding the need for 'continuous supervision' and monitoring services from 'private areas' as opposed to designated rooms. While we appreciate these changes, we still have concerns over the rule drafts and the continued prohibition on remote supports being provided in the community. We will continue to discuss the proposals with members and system partners and are scheduled to meet with DODD soon to address the remaining concerns. You can read DODD's responses, as well as the updated rule drafts [on the OPRA website here.](#)

**EVV:** The Ohio Department of Medicaid is hosting their monthly EVV stakeholder workgroup this upcoming Monday (10/22) from 2:30pm to 4pm. The topic for the meeting has not been released. Registration is required and [you can register here.](#) There are now fewer than two weeks left before the Ohio Department of Medicaid turns on claims denials for insufficient EVV units for required services. DODD reported that pay cycle SEP25B has a 46.5% compliance rate. This is an increase in compliance over the past few weeks, but still means over half of claims for that pay cycle would have been denied. If you have any additional EVV 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 EVV reminders, Registration for "Feeling Empathy, Feeling Safe: Taking a Trauma-Informed Care Approach Informational Session", the RFP for 'Expanding Capacity Supported Employment' 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. 25<sup>th</sup> 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.](#)

**DODD Trainings:** There are a couple of virtual trainings that the department mentioned in the above Memo Monday. On Thursday the 25, from 10 AM–11 AM DODD is hosting training for DSPs on utilizing empathy and Trauma-Informed Care in direct support. "Go with the Flow", a training for both SSAs and QIDPs, which will focus on effectively integrating external assessments into the Ohio Individual Service Plan (OhioISP). October 7, 2025 11 AM – 1 PM (Virtual).



Registration is now open for the OPRA 2025 Annual Conference, Ohio's premier event for I/DD providers, leaders, and partners! Join us October 23–24 at the Hilton Polaris for inspiring keynotes, breakout sessions, networking, the OPRA Party, and the Annual Awards & Luncheon—all for \$355 per person. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with colleagues, discover new solutions, and shape the future of Ohio's provider community....and there will be puppies.

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## Upcoming Events

9/22: OPRA Program Directors Network Lunch & Learn Series

9/23: OPRA District 3 Meeting

9/25: OPRA QIDP Peer Learning Initiative - Session 2

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

## News & Resources

"Ohio's Medicaid director stepping down"

"CMS Launches \$50 Billion Rural Health Initiative Aiming to Close Gaps in Care Quality, Access"

"Special Olympics Launches Global Health Report to Tackle Inequities faced by People with I/DD"

"The status of disability rights in Ohio"





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