

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JANUARY 16, 2026



This week the OPRA team shared several upcoming events over the next few months including our [CEO/CFO Network](#) Meeting, upcoming [Tech Town Halls](#), [Policy Committee](#) and a [Just Culture Learning Collaborative 101](#) Webinar. Check your email, click the above links or check the calendar on the [OPRA website](#) for more info on these events and opportunities.

Summer Youth: Earlier today, OOD shared several links and resources for this year's Summer Youth Work Experience program/service. The announcement includes the [SYWE 2026 Training Video](#) as well as the updated [Safe and Sound Training](#). The email also contains the site collection tool, as well as several other resources and a link to a Q&A session set for January 29th at 1pm. OOD providers should check their emails to ensure they have received all of this SYWE info and can reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

GES RFP: This week DODD published an RFP aimed at building provider capacity for the Group Employment Supports service. The RFP appears to award \$50,000 each to 8 providers for an RFP period that ends June 2027. [You can review the RFP and informational webinar info here.](#)

MUI Report Analysis: Reminder that agency providers must complete their MUI Annual Review Analysis and submit it to their County Board by February 28. The review must include all the elements outlined in [OAC 5123-17-02 \(N\)\(1\)-\(3\)](#). The department has provided an [Annual Report Template](#) that is available in the Health and Welfare Toolkit on the website.

ACA Premiums: Last week we reported a possible bill sponsored by Sen. Moreno to extend enhanced subsidies for health insurance plans purchased on the ACA Marketplace. Unfortunately, the bill was not introduced and appears to be on hold until the bill can gain enough support in the Senate to pass. [You can read more about the development here.](#) Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.

DODD Medication Administration Rules- The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is seeking comment on a package of seven rules relating to medication administration. [You can read about the changes here.](#) These changes reflect statutory changes made during last year's state budget process. Please send any feedback you may have to [Christine](#) by Monday, January 19th.

New Food Guide: The USDA recently unveiled [new dietary guidelines](#), changing the longstanding "food pyramid" model by putting protein, healthy fats and vegetables at the top of a triangle now pointed down. The new guidelines emphasize eating real, minimally processed foods and recommend prioritizing high-quality protein, healthy fats, fruits and vegetables, and whole grains, while significantly reducing highly processed foods, added sugars, and refined carbohydrates.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

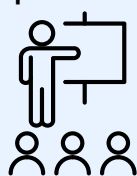
Memo Monday: Click here to read this week's [DODD Memo Monday](#), which includes info the changes to the Remote Supports rule effective 1/1/26, the MSS Soft Launch, the OISP Outcome issue, Annual MUI reporting requirements, the GES RFP mentioned and more.

Call for Celebrations! In 2026, we're excited to close out our Friday calls with member celebrations, ending each call on a positive note and a bit of good news. If there's something you'd like Pete or the team to celebrate during a Friday call, we'd love to hear it! This could include retirements, milestones, big events, great stories, birthdays, or any other moments worth recognizing. Please email [Scott](#) with the subject line "OPRA Celebrations" and let us know what you'd like us to celebrate.

CALL FOR SPEAKER PROPOSALS!!

Deadline to Submit is Monday, February 16, 2026

Cleveland is the city where rock & roll found its name—and where greatness is celebrated every day. Just steps from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, OPRA's 2026 Great Provider Summit invites you to Get Ready for Greatness. Join us as we turn up the volume on what it takes to lead in the next era of I/DD services—through strategic leadership, operational excellence, workforce investment, and advocacy that shapes the future of our field. OPRA invites you to submit session proposals that are practical, forward-thinking, and equipped with concrete tools and strategies to help providers reach Hall of Fame-level impact and performance. [Click to submit!](#)



ADVANCE

/Provider Leadership Training

Recognizing the critical importance of developing tomorrow's leaders, OPRA proudly offers the ADVANCE Provider Leadership Training, a year-long development experience for DD professionals. Registration is currently open for the training program, which begins in January 2026. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

Upcoming Events

1/21: 2026 OPRA QIDP Peer Learning
Session 4

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

News & Resources

"Senators say bipartisan compromise on ACA tax credits has stalled"

"Ohio Republicans propose childcare oversight reforms"

"H.H.S. Reverses Decision to Cut \$2 Billion for Mental Health and Addiction Services"

"2028 HCBS Quality Measure Set Review Workgroup Final Report"



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