

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

APRIL 3, 2026



## **Join Us in Cleveland for the 2026 OPRA Great Provider Summit!**

Join us for great content, valuable networking, a sold-out exhibitor hall, and a fun evening at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. A big thank-you to all of our sponsors for helping make this event possible! And now there's one more reason to register: New registrants will be entered into a drawing or one free registration to the 2026 OPRA Annual Conference, valued at \$400!

**[Click here to Register!](#)**

**OPRA Compensation and Benefits Survey:** We are excited to announce we will be opening data collection for our biennial Compensation and Benefits survey next Tuesday, April 7th! The survey collects information on compensation and employee benefits across provider organizations (from top leadership to front line staff). OPRA members who complete the voluntary survey will receive a free copy of the report. The survey will close Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note this survey is different than the mandatory wage verification survey conducted by DODD for waiver providers. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Christine](#).

**Committees:** Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in yesterday's Day Array committee. We hosted Stacy Collins from DODD and Keith Kerns from PUCO, who presented on 'for-hire transportation' regulations enforced through their agency. We are still waiting for the presentation slides from Keith, but in the meantime, the [PUCO Commercial Motor Vehicle safety guide can be found here](#). Given the presentation and robust discussion, we did not get to the live polling we planned, and instead have put together [this 5-question survey for committee members](#). The next OPRA committee meeting will be Residential Resources on Wednesday April 15th. If there are any topics out there that you would like the committee to take a look at, reach out to [Rachel](#).

**ICF RFP:** "DODD is offering up to 24 residential facility beds for qualified Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) providers to purchase to expand capacity to serve people who are dependent on invasive mechanical ventilators. Visit [DODD's ICF Resource page](#) to read the full Request for Proposal. Questions and proposals can be sent to [licensuredevelopmentapps@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:licensuredevelopmentapps@dodd.ohio.gov). Proposals are due by 5 PM on April 30, 2026."

**Thank you for your continued OPRA membership. We are proud to serve this community of great providers! New Friday Call links were sent yesterday, reach out to Sonya if you did not receive!**



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Memo Monday:** Click here to read this week's [Memo Monday](#), which includes information on the Outcome Tracking System Extension, ICF Vent RFP, and Recent Phishing Activity.



**GREAT PROVIDER  
SUMMIT**

May 7-8, 2026 • Hilton Cleveland

Registration is open for this year's OPRA Great Provider Summit in Cleveland! [Click here to learn more about the event](#), including Wednesday's Pre-Conference training on Appreciative Inquiry. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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.

We'd like to welcome our newest provider members to the OPRA Community!

Caring Hearts Residential Services

Finding Purpose

Phase 1 Home Care Services

You've Got This LLC

## Upcoming Events

4/8: Just Culture Learning Collaborative  
In-Person Session

4/9: OPRA Tech Townhall

4/13: OPRA CEO/DOO/CFO/Business Manager  
Network

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

## News & Resources

"Nebraska lawmakers unanimously advance bill requiring transparency in disability assessments"

"Governor DeWine Recognizes April as Fraud Prevention Month in Ohio"

"Data center ban, property tax repeal could be on Ohio ballot in fall"

[Click here for the April safety Articles from our partners at Sedgwick](#)



# Safeguard Your Funding: Strategies to Secure Sustainable Revenue

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 21st

**TIME:** 11:00am PDT



**Barbara O'Reilly, CFRE Principal**  
Windmill Hill Consulting, LLC

Nonprofits continue to face a rapidly changing funding landscape shaped by shifting donor expectations, economic uncertainty, and evolving philanthropic priorities. In this webinar, we'll explore how nonprofits can approach financial sustainability while equipping nonprofit leaders with strategies to help safeguard their mission and maintain funding stability in an unpredictable environment.

[Register Now](#)

**UST**  
Workforce Solutions  
For Nonprofits

Join UST and Barbara O'Reilly, Principal at Windmill Hill Consulting—**Tuesday, April 21st at 11am PDT**—and discover practical strategies designed to help your nonprofit navigate today's evolving funding landscape. [In this session](#), you'll learn how to:

- Identify emerging risks to your revenue
- Respond to shifts in donor behavior and funding priorities
- Strengthen donor relationships before challenges arise
- Implement actionable strategies to protect and grow your funding

We'll highlight real-world examples of organizations that have successfully adapted and share concrete tactics you can put into action right away—whether you rely on individual donors, foundations, government grants, or a mix of all three.

You'll leave with a clear understanding of where your funding may be vulnerable—and a practical playbook to build resilience and position your organization for a strong year ahead.

## **WEBINAR DETAILS:**

Safeguard Your Funding: Strategies to Secure Sustainable Revenue

## **PRESENTED BY:**

Barbara O'Reilly, Principal  
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## Turn It Up to 11 at the 2026 OPRA Great Provider Summit!

### **Cue the Rock and Roll Hall Video!**

Get ready to turn up the volume and join us for the **2026 OPRA Great Provider Summit**.

### **This is not just another Summit.**

It is three days of bold ideas, meaningful connections, fresh inspiration, and unforgettable experiences built for Ohio's provider community. From the pre-conference training and Exhibit Hall kickoff to an evening at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and a powerful closing keynote from Pandit Dasa, this year's Summit is designed to leave you energized, connected, and inspired.

Here's why you need to be there:

**Kick things off with Ready For It:** Pre-Conference Training

**Rock into the Summit at Start Me Up:** Exhibitor Showcase Welcome Reception

**Explore five powerhouse tracks covering leadership, innovation, workforce, operations, and advocacy:**

- Come Together: Executive Leadership
- One Way or Another: Program Design & Innovation
- Taking Care of Business: Biz/Finance/Ops
- We Are the Champions: Supervision & Workforce
- I Won't Back Down: Advocacy & Innovation



**Connect with exhibitors, sponsors, and peers from across the state**

**Experience We Will Rock You!: Encore at the Rock Hall, presented by TrailBlaze**

**Wrap it all up with Let It Be: Closing Keynote, Creating a Positive and Mindful Workplace Culture**

**Step away from the day-to-day. Recharge your energy. Gather new ideas.**

**This is your backstage pass to learning, networking, and inspiration.**

**Register for an unforgettable Summit!**



We're excited to share something special for the OPRA Great Provider Summit, Giv is hosting a furniture giveaway for OPRA members! We will select two winners for the raffle, the set of furniture and equipment is listed below:

**Winner 1:**

2 Couches, 2 retro spinning chairs, 1 coffee table, rug, and 4 throw pillows

**Winner 2:**

1 High Conference table with in-table power, 4 barstools, 2 monitors, keyboards, and mice.

Here's how to earn raffle entries:

- **1 entry** – Fill out the [giveaway form](#)
- **2 entries** – Sign up for Giv News for industry updates [Giv News](#)
- **10 entries** – Agency decision maker [completes a demo](#)

The winning agency must own at least one group home, and entries must include the company name to count.

We look forward to seeing you at the OPRA Great Provider Summit!

[Enter giveaway](#)