

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

APRIL 10, 2026

A/V Rule: The Department has released an [updated draft of the proposed rule](#) on the use of audio and video devices in residential settings for clearance. The revised rule increases oversight by expanding the scope to include county board-funded services and clarifying that personal devices used for monitoring, like phones or tablets, fall under the rule. It also adds more detailed requirements around documentation, consent, and data security, including limits on how long recordings can be kept and rights for individuals to access or request deletion of recordings. Another shift is the increased role of the human rights committee, not just for initial approval, but for ongoing review, reinforcing that these devices may be viewed similarly to rights restrictions in certain situations. Comments on the proposed rule are due Monday and OPRA plans to submit feedback for clearance. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) with questions about the proposed rule.

OPRA Compensation and Benefits Survey: Christine shared information earlier this week through the listserv on the release of OPRA's biennale Compensation and Benefits survey. To complete the survey, you must fill out the excel sheet included in Christine's email. Everyone who participates in the survey will receive complimentary electronic access to the final report. Please email [Christine](#) with any questions regarding the survey.

Business Technology Survey: OPRA has released a survey to gather information on the various types of business administration technologies. Once the survey closes, we will compile the results and share them with the membership. [You can complete the survey here.](#) Please email [Christine](#) with any questions regarding the survey.

PUCO Presentation: Last week's Day Array Committee featured a presentation from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), regarding the federal regulations around for-hire transportation vehicles they are responsible for enforcing. [That presentation can be found here.](#) Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.



Just Culture: This week we kicked off our 2026 [Just Culture](#) Learning Collaborative. Thanks to Heinzerling for hosting our 6 new teams from Assured Health, CRSI, ECI, RHA Dayton, VGS and Welcome House. It was a great day of learning, sharing and discussion and we look forward to the rest of this year's collaborative!

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. Proposals are due by 5 PM on April 30, 2026."



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 info on some EVV Updates from Sandata, the OTS Reporting Extension, DODD trainings and more.



**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.

This week we are celebrating Clear Skies Ahead's DSP, Jeff Hovis, "who was selected as one of just 24 professionals nationwide to serve as a National DSP Ambassador through ANCOR! Jeff will be heading to Salt Lake City in May for additional training as he steps into this exciting role. We are incredibly proud of him and so excited to see him represent our field!"

Upcoming Events

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

4/15: OPRA Residential Resources Committee

4/16: OPRA Healthcare Committee Meeting (In-Person)

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

News & Resources

Topline Summary of Federal Budget Proposal

"Broad attacks on HCBS will jeopardize services for millions, including assisted living residents, coalition tells Congress"

"Ohio governor race: Vivek Ramaswamy and Dr. Amy Acton poised to win May 5 primary election"

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





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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
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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](#)