

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

APRIL 17, 2026

OISP Update: Earlier this afternoon, DODD released a 'Director's Corner', no longer requiring submission of the OISP template to DODD through the online system or through vendor transmissions. Here are the key takeaways directly from the memo:

1. Plans will no longer be entered into DODD's online system or sent to DODD through a vendor system.
2. The standardized template remains required for all people receiving HCBS waiver services and for people living in intermediate care facilities, or ICFs, and will still be available on the DODD website.
3. SSAs and QIDPs will continue to follow a standardized template.
4. People served will still be part of the person-centered planning process.
5. People served will still review plans, sign off on the plans, request changes as needed, and receive final versions of the plans.

We will be compiling thoughts and questions regarding this change and what this will mean for all of you. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) with questions.



Committees: Thanks to everyone who attended our in-person Health Care Committee meeting yesterday in Toledo. [Linked here is the presentation from Salli Bollin](#) from MemoryLane Care Services (pictured presenting). It includes numerous links to resources on understanding dementia and how to best support people with dementia. Thanks to everyone who joined us in Toledo and also those who joined Wednesday's Residential Resources Meeting.

OPRA Compensation and Benefits Survey: Christine shared information earlier this week through the listserve 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: A recent 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.](#) We are compiling member questions and working with relevant partners to have answered for members.



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 features Director Nash's recent visit to Goodwill Columbus as well as EVV and other updates.



**GREAT PROVIDER
SUMMIT**

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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!



We are excited to announce our new Vendor Partnership with Trailblaze Creative, a marketing and communications firm built to support organizations working for the common good. They provide both project-based and ongoing support across marketing strategy, branding, campaigns, digital platforms, and public relations. In many cases, we embed alongside teams through our Marketing-in-Residence® model, offering the consistency and leadership of an internal marketing function without the need to build one from scratch. TrailBlaze was created to fill a common gap. Organizations doing meaningful work often lack the capacity to communicate it effectively. To learn more about Trailblaze and what they can offer OPRA members through the Partnership, reach out to [Tim Hindes, Chief Trail Officer](#).

Upcoming Events

4/27: OPRA CEO/DOO/CFO/Business Manager Network

4/27: OPRA Policy Committee Meeting

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

News & Resources

“HHS Secretary testifies on FY 2027 budget proposal during pair of House hearings”

“Safeguarding Health For People With Intellectual And Developmental Disabilities”

“Medicaid shake-up could impact 3 million Ohioans and billions of dollars”

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





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Tuesday, May 12: 4pm-6pm

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- **Featured Keynote Speaker:**
Jen Riha, Chief Strategy Officer
for I AM Boundless

Join us for an evening to connect and network with other IDD Residential Providers. Learn and share insights while enjoying a relaxed atmosphere with an open bar and light bites. All IDD Residential Providers are welcome!

Please RSVP to: Jennifer Kerr jkerr@iamboundless.org

No tickets needed/ Free Event





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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

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- Come Together: Executive Leadership
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- 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](#)