

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

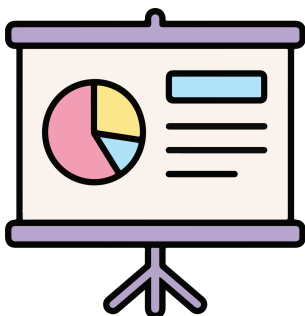
July 17, 2026

QIDP Event: This past Wednesday we held our 7th QIDP session and focused on how to think like a surveyor. [Linked here are the Powerpoint and the “You Are The Surveyor” scenario handouts](#) and questions that we used during our session. Please note that all three scenarios are in the same word document. The scenario handouts can be modified to any type of scenario that you or your teams would like to work on. A big THANK YOU to the folks at Hattie Larlham for hosting and making it such a great experience. As always, please reach out to [Rachel](#) with any questions.

Compensation Survey: We are sharing this message from DODD in regards to the DSP Compensation Study. Please check out the resources below and let us know if you have any questions. “The annual DODD DSP Compensation Survey for provider agencies is due next week, July 31. The purpose of this required survey is to track DSP wages, benefits, and employment outcomes. To determine if your agency is required to participate, please [use this Tableau lookup tool](#). Agencies must submit their data using their unique survey code that was e-mailed to them from DODD. Providers who do not submit their data will be ineligible to receive DODD grants and contracts in state fiscal year 2027 and will be listed as a non-participant in the annual report. One final training will be held on July 23 from 1pm-2pm. [Register here for the training](#). Resources for this year’s survey [can be found here](#). Have questions? Please e-mail DSPComp@dodd.ohio.gov for assistance.”

ADS Rule: [Changes to the Adult Day Support rule](#) went into effect yesterday, July 16th. The rule mostly updates environmental/physical standards based on health and safety findings from a 2024 OIG report. We are seeking additional guidance on some of the new elements, especially the environmental standards as they would apply to service settings in the community or not operated by a provider. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with questions or feedback.

PUCO Presentation: Thanks to our [partners at BSI](#) for hosting yesterday’s Lunch and Learn session on PUCO for-hire transportation regulations. Participants were joined by two PUCO representatives at CoHatch Polaris who shared this presentation and answered questions from the group. As this slide deck is slightly updated from the version shared with our Day Array committee months back, [we’ve included it here for member review](#). Please contact [Scott](#) with questions.



Speaker Proposals: OPRA is pleased to announce "The Call for Speaker Proposals" is officially open for the 2026 OPRA Annual Conference on October 22-23, 2026 at the Hilton Polaris, 8700 in Columbus OH. All proposals must be submitted with a clear outline ensuring your sessions are practical, forward-thinking and offer concrete tools and strategies for driving excellence in I/DD services. We look forward to seeing your proposals. [Click here to submit!](#)



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 summer health and wellness tips from Dr. Sorg, Info on NPI number requirement, Resources for the DSP Compensation Survey and upcoming claims reviews.



OPRA's "Call for Award Nominations" is now open for the 2026 OPRA Annual Awards. The Annual Awards Ceremony will be held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris on Friday, October 23rd. The purpose of the OPRA Annual Awards is to honor dedicated service professionals, groups and volunteers who have made outstanding contributions in the I/DD Field. All nominations must be submitted no later than Monday, August 17th. [Click here to learn more and submit a nomination.](#)

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.

Employment Resources: At last week's Employment Services Committee, [we shared this powerpoint](#) with a variety of employment service resources, apps and tech solutions. That presentation is linked here. OPRA does not endorse or promote any of these products, which range from free to licensed technology, but encourage interested members to explore and learn more.

Upcoming Events

7/20: OPRA CEO/CFO Network

7/23: Annual DSP Compensation Survey Training

7/29: OPRA CEO/DOO Training Day

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

News & Resources

"Ed Department Details Plans To Outsource Special Education, Relocate Staff"

"Both candidates for Ohio governor promise tax relief, but are slim on details"

"CMS Modernizes Nursing Home Oversight with New Risk-Based Survey Approach"

[Sedgwick July Safety and OSHA Articles](#)





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