

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

July 31, 2026

DOO Day: Thank you to the over 130 people who attended our annual DOO training day at the Quest Conference Center! We hope you found the training meaningful. Certificates and presentations will be emailed to participants over the next week. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions. Left: Erin Sogal from TrailBlaze Creative discussing dignified storytelling.

DODD Agency Review Tool: Claims validation review of 15-minute HPC claims begins August 1st. [The compliance review tool has been updated to reflect claims validation requirements.](#) We highly encourage everyone to review these updates to prepare for the new requirements. You can reach out to anyone on the OPRA team with questions.



Works for Me: Yesterday, OOD and DODD held a meeting to kick off the final year of the Works for Me grant project. Providers and partners on the RSA-funded project reviewed the successes, challenges and lessons learned throughout the project and brainstormed on ways to make the final year its most impactful. OPRA has been a partner with OOD on the project for the past two years, helping administer the provider support and family engagement activities and we gained valuable insights from this meeting for our final year. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions or feedback.

Wage Verification Survey: The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) is conducting its annual DSP Compensation Survey for most waiver services provided by agency providers. Participation is mandatory for covered providers. Covered providers should have received direct communication from DODD about the survey. Surveys are due July 31st, 2026. [You can learn more here.](#) Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.

Disability Policy Candidates Forum: The Ohio Olmstead Task Force is hosting a Candidates Forum on August 20th at the Fawcett Center on the Ohio State University's main campus. The event is a chance to meet and hear directly from candidates running for statewide positions about their plans and commitments to the disability community in Ohio. Registration is free but limited for in-person attendance. A virtual option is available. [You can register for either option here.](#) This is not an official OPRA event, but OPRA is serving on the planning committee and is sponsoring the event.

DODD Medication Administration: DODD released the final version of the revised package of medication administration rules. DODD anticipates the effective date of the new rules will be August 13th, 2026. [You can see all of the change rules here.](#) Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.



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](#), including guidance on the new adult day services rules, updates to the environmental accessibility rules, and more!



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.

Upcoming Events

8/3: OPRA CEO/DOO/CFO/Business Manager
Network

8/13: OPRA Tech Townhall

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

News & Resources

"People with disabilities fear service cuts as
Trump's DOJ questions legal protections"

"Barbie's Latest Additions: Blind Barbie and
Black Barbie with Down Syndrome"

"CMS Medicaid Fraud War Room Stops More
Than \$203 Million in Improper Payments During
First 88 Days"





COMPLIMENTARY INVITATION

Proudly partnered with
DDNA
Developmental Disabilities
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2026 IDD & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM SERIES

Beyond One Diagnosis: *Managing Medication Complexity in IDD*

Hilton Columbus at Easton
3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus, OH

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026 | 9:00AM - 4:30PM

(Registration and hot breakfast buffet begin at 8:15AM)



4.25 CE Credits



Complimentary Registration



Networking Opportunities



Meals and Reshments Provided

What We'll Cover:

- ✓ Medication Complexity in IDD
- ✓ Antidepressant Treatment in IDD
- ✓ Psychiatric and Seizure Disorder Overlap
- ✓ Co-Occurring Conditions in Epilepsy and IDD
- ✓ Tardive Dyskinesia in IDD (Non-CE)



Featuring:

Nanette Wrobel, RPh

Award-Winning IDD Clinical Educator

Who Should Attend

- ✓ Nursing Leaders
- ✓ Prescribers
- ✓ QIDPs
- ✓ Clinical Directors
- ✓ Behavioral Health Leaders
- ✓ IDD Professionals



Reserve Your Seat
Space is Limited

For more information contact
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EMBRACE HEALTHCARE
A TARRYTOWN EXPOCARE PHARMACY

This planned learning activity is pending approval by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Ohio Board of Nursing Approver Unit for Nursing Continuing Education (#OBN-010-93) Each nurse is responsible to ensure their licensing agency accepts nursing CE's approved by Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Ohio Board of Nursing