

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

August 21, 2026



Registration is officially open for this year's Annual Conference. The OPRA Annual Conference brings together providers, professionals, partners, and leaders from across Ohio's developmental disabilities community for education, connection, and collaboration. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in timely sessions, hear from inspiring speakers, connect with exhibitors and sponsors, and celebrate the work being done throughout the state. Whether you are attending for professional development, networking, continuing education, or to explore new ideas and solutions, the OPRA Annual Conference offers valuable opportunities to learn, engage, and strengthen your connection to Ohio's provider community. [Click here to learn more and register!](#)

Claims Reviews: Claims validation review of 15-minute HPC claims begins August 1st. [The compliance review tool has been updated to reflect claims validation requirements.](#) DODD released some additional guidance in this week's [Memo Monday](#). You can reach out to anyone on the OPRA team with questions.

Use of Cameras in Bedrooms: DODD has released a proposed rule change regarding the Technology First rule (5123-2-01) that includes significant changes regarding the use of cameras in bedrooms. The proposed rule change adds parameters regarding camera use in bedrooms and procedures to be followed when a camera is being considered or utilized in an individual's bedroom. The rule applies for any individual who is residing in an ICF or HCBS setting. If you would like to provide any comment on the proposed rule, please send to [Rachel](#) by August 24th.



Just Culture: This week, we held an in-person meeting of our Just Culture Learning Collaborative, focused on developing and implementing agency action plans. These action plans tie together the tools and frameworks of Just Culture to help agencies effectively implement Just Culture practices across the organization. Thanks to Arc Voyagers for hosting the meeting and to Ashley Brocious from RTI and Kim Green from RHDD for joining us to share their experience implementing Just Culture.



Advocacy Army: Registration for Advocacy Army is now OPEN! The training is open to any staff, non-profit board members, and people served and their families at member organizations. The trainings will occur on September 11th and 28th and ends with a Statehouse Advocacy Day on September 29th. You can find more details about the training and register [here](#).



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 information on ODM's new Customer Experience Management System (CEMS), MSS Updates and more.

OPRA Annual Conference: Exhibitors & Sponsors: Exhibit space for the 2026 OPRA Annual Conference is almost full! If your organization is interested in exhibiting, please reserve your space soon. Several great sponsorship opportunities are still available to help your organization stand out and connect with attendees. Please reach out to [Melissa](#) for more information.

A special thank-you to [TrailBlaze Creative](#), our Annual Conference Marketing, All-Star Party, and Wi-Fi Sponsor!



Compensation and Benefits Survey: The OPRA Compensation and Benefits Survey Final Report is now available for download or purchase. Participating members were emailed instructions on how to download the report earlier today. If you did not receive the email, please reach out to [Christine](#). If your organization did not participate, [the survey is available for purchase here](#). Access to the report is \$250 for OPRA members.



HIPAA Risk Assessment Training: OPRA is pleased to host a six-part training with our partners at Guarded Edge. Participants will master the step-by-step process of conducting a fully HIPAA-compliant risk assessment. Every registered agency will receive the HIPAA-compliant risk assessment grid and a complete HIPAA security policy manual. Registration is \$500 but there is no cap on the number of employees an agency can send. You can learn more and register [here](#).

Upcoming Events

9/3: Day Array and Employment Services Joint Committee Meeting

9/9: HIPAA Risk Assessment 6-Part Workshop Series

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

News & Resources

“Statewide candidates detail plans to address accessibility for disabled Ohioans”

“Justice Department Backs Off Disability Rights Enforcement”

“Meta Taps Disability Groups To Explore Uses For AI Glasses”

“Collateral Damage: Medicaid fraud crackdown leaves Ohio patient without care”

