

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

September 4, 2026

Advocacy Army: It's last call for registration for this year's OPRA Advocacy Army Training! During this training participants will learn the ins and outs of legislative advocacy, how to build compelling advocacy narratives, hear from advocacy veterans, and have the chance to meet with your members of the Ohio General Assembly. The training is designed for a broad array of provider audiences- including top management, front line supervisors, DSPs, people and families served, and even non-profit board members. This year's training includes two in-person training days (September 11th and 28th) and an event at the Ohio Statehouse (September 29th). Registration is \$150/attendee and includes lunch both in-person training days. Registration closes next Friday (9/4).

You can learn more about the curriculum and register [here](#).

DODD Resources: The department has released several resources designed to assist providers including resources for MUI (provider's role and responsibilities in the MUI process) and "clean" version of the Compliance Tool. Click the links below for these updated resources.

[MUI Resources](#)

[Updated Compliance Tool-Clean Version](#)

QIDP Session - Outcomes That Matter: Join us for the next QIDP Peer Learning Session as we take a practical look the development of outcomes. Together, we'll explore how to identify meaningful areas for growth, develop person-centered and measurable outcomes, determine what data should be collected, evaluate progress, and recognize when it may be time to modify, advance, or discontinue an outcome. As always, this will be an interactive session built around discussion, real-world examples, and group scenarios. Come ready to share what works. [Click here to register!](#)

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Time: 10am - 2:30pm

Location: CRSI, 1150 Scioto St. #100 , Urbana, OH 43078

ADS Guidance: Thanks to everyone who attended yesterday's joint meeting of the Day Array and Employment Service Committees. We worked through a packed agenda featuring guests from OOD, a review of the Provider Certification proposal and a deep dive into the changes to the Adult Day Support rule effective 7/16/26. [The presentations and recording of the meeting can be found on the OPRA website here.](#) Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.



**NEW
SUPERVISOR
TRAINING**

Registration is open for OPRA's New Supervisor Training. Join OPRA President/CEO Pete Moore and Vice President Scott Marks for a practical training designed specifically for new supervisors. . If you're new to supervision, or looking to strengthen your leadership foundation, this session will give you practical tools you can use immediately. [Click here to learn more and register.](#) Free for OPRA 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](#), including the Waiver Amendments Posted for Comment, Townhall Meetings to Discuss interRAI Assessment Updates, and Further Clarification on Group Size in Adult Day Support and Vocational Habilitation.



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. 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. This year's conference features keynote speaker [Magie Cook](#), as well as a performance from the OPRA All-Star Band! [Click here to learn more and register!](#)



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

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

9/9: OPRA Business Operations Committee Meeting

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

News & Resources

"DOJ Abandons Olmstead Defense as Texas v Kennedy Advances"

"Ohio Legislative Developmental Disabilities Caucus Holds Second Meeting"

"Labor Department Rescinds Disability Hiring Mandate"



REGISTER TODAY

SEPT 18, 2026

FROM 9:00AM-4:30PM

OCLC CONFERENCE CENTER
DUBLIN, OH

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES
TODAY AND TOMORROW: WHAT
THEY MEAN FOR ACCESSIBLE
TRANSPORTATION



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