

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Policy Summit: This week, members of the OPRA team joined several OPRA members in Washington DC as part of ANCOR's annual Policy Summit & Hill Day. This event features a day of updates and presentations from national experts on the politics and policies impacting disability services on the federal level. We then spent the day traversing Capitol Hill to meet with many congressional offices to educate and advocate on the importance of disability services and the federal policies that could help bolster/protect those supports. Our advocacy included promoting the passage of the '[Recognizing the Role of Direct Support Professionals Act](#)', a bill that would create a Standard Occupational Code (SOC) for DSPs, which would help collect data and direct resources towards the DSP workforce.

Retirement Plan Session: Join our partners at Oppenheimer and Transamerica for an exclusive, small-group session focused on OPRA's Pooled Employer Plan (PEP). Participants will learn more about how the program works, the benefits it offers, and what it can mean for their organization and employees. With space limited to just 12 registrants, this session provides a unique opportunity for an interactive conversation and direct Q&A with the Oppenheimer and Transamerica team. Bring your questions and learn how the PEP may fit into your organization's retirement planning strategy. **Date: Thursday, October 22, Time: 1:30–2:30 p.m. Location: Board Room, Hilton Columbus/Polaris.** [Sign up for a spot here!](#)

Award: While we were in DC, we had the opportunity see our friend Christine Brown receive ANCOR's Grassroots Star Award. Christine received this well-deserved award for her advocacy, especially in working to remove the age barriers for workers with disabilities enrolled in the Medicaid Buy-In program.



**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 upcoming InterRAI Townhalls, Updated Complex Needs and Consultation Webpage, and Mandatory Training for All Service and Support Administrators, Managers.



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!](#)

WIN AN ADULT CHANGING TABLE VALUED AT \$7,915!

Reidy Medical Supply, in partnership with Smirthwaite, is giving one eligible provider the opportunity to win a Mobi Changer adult changing table at the OPRA Annual Conference. The Mobi Changer provides a safe, dignified changing solution for adults and children who require additional support. To be eligible, you must:

- Be an OPRA Member
- Represent an ICF or adult day program where the table will be used
- Be registered to attend the OPRA Annual Conference

Stop by Reidy's booth number 15 to see the table and enter!



Upcoming Events

9/22: OPRA New Supervisor Training

9/30: UST Affinity Workforce Solutions for Nonprofits

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

News & Resources

DODD - DSP Video

Playlist: "What is Your Why?"

"\$14M in Ohio grants supporting workforce housing creation in 10 counties"

"CMS Offers Guidance as Scrutiny Rises Over ABA Therapy in Medicaid"

"Federal changes to Medicaid could affect thousands in Cuyahoga County"





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