

BUTLER COUNTY
Board of
**DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES**

PROVIDER MEETING AGENDA

September 20, 2023

10:00-11:00am

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81632305890?pwd=bWs3ZGNjL0dtdFdmOGowUWRUd0lEZz09>

PROVIDER UPDATES – Cathy Borders, Provider Relations Coordinator, BCDD

- **2023 Butler County Community Recognition Awards**

We hope you'll join us for our Community Recognition Awards: an evening dedicated to celebrating the extraordinary individuals and organizations who have shown exceptional support and dedication to people with developmental disabilities in our community. Featuring actor Joshua Felder as our keynote speaker. Joshua plays Darius alongside Woody Harrelson in the new movie, *Champions* and was the first person with a disability to perform in a Super Bowl Halftime Show! All DSPs in attendance will be given a small gift in honor of DSP Appreciation Week.

- Thursday, September 28, 6:00-8:30 pm [Register here](#)
Fairfield High School Auditorium - 8800 Holden Blvd, Fairfield, OH 45014

- **DODD Extended Options to Recruit Qualified Employees to Provide Direct Supports**

DODD will continue to temporarily waive the requirement that DSPs must have a high school diploma or GED. Even under these waivers, employees without a high school diploma or GED cannot be certified to administer medications. Memo can be found [here](#).

Additionally, DODD is continuing to allow the temporary use of direct support assistants. People aged 16 and 17 can be hired to perform more limited duties as direct support assistants. This will enable agencies to hire applicants who are passionate about supporting people with developmental disabilities but who were previously unable to work in the field due to the age requirement. As direct support assistants enter the workforce as adults, they will already have the knowledge and skills necessary to continue to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Direct support assistants cannot provide intimate personal care or administer medications and must always work with a DSP that meets all requirements in the rule. Memo can be found [here](#).

Please contact DODD at compliance@dodd.ohio.gov with questions.

- **Home Delivered Meals Rule OAC 5123-9-29 Revised**

Effective July 27, 2023, the Home Delivered Meals rule was revised to increase delivery options to include alternative delivery location and common carrier and clarify ISP requirements. Information highlighting the recent changes to the rule can be found [here](#). Questions can be sent to WaiverPolicyTA@dodd.ohio.gov.

- **Outcome Tracking System Upcoming Reporting Period begins October 1, 2023**

The 2023 Outcome Tracking System (OTS) will be available to Adult Day and Employment providers, ICFs, DCs, and county boards beginning October 1, 2023. OTS users will enter data for those who provided services in September 2023. Users will have six months to enter data, 10/1/2023 – 3/31/2024.

If you are new to OTS or would like a refresher training, please join DODD for an [upcoming virtual training](#)! No registration is required. Just click the training you would like to join on that date.

Additionally, DODD has developed [resources and tools](#) to assist users throughout the Reporting Period: User Guide, screencasts, recorded webinar, security access guide, and OTS definitions. You may also contact your [Regional Community Life Engagement Project Manager](#) for any questions you may have.

- **Provider Resources and Support Team Announces Information Sharing Sessions for Direct Support Professionals, Frontline Supervisors, and Providers**

The DODD Provider Resources and Support Team is excited to offer monthly information sessions with topics of interest for those providing direct care services, those interested in getting certified to provide direct care services, and local county board staff who support direct support professionals and providers. Information Sessions are held the 4th Monday of each month from 11 AM – 12 PM.

Below are the remaining information sessions for 2023. Registration links for future dates will be posted here: dodd.ohio.gov/training

- September 25 – The DSP Role in Quality Assurance and Compliance [Register here](#)
- October 23 – Community-Based Culture and Integration
- November 27 – The DSP Code of Ethics – Putting it Into Practice
- December 18 – Introduction to the Provider Journey Experience

- **Appendix K Flexibilities Extended Through 12/31/2023**

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) [notified states](#) in early August that if they are submitting waiver amendments due to the ending of the Public Health Emergency they may extend the 'unwinding period' to December 31, 2023 with the hope that permanent waiver amendments will be approved to start January 1, 2024. Ohio Department of Medicaid announced that they have requested this extension and have been approved.

This means that Appendix K Flexibilities can be authorized if there is a continued assessed need through December 31, 2023. This includes OSL and HPC on the same day and paying parents of minors using the Level One and IO Waivers. If you have further questions about the Appendix K flexibilities, email waiverpolicyta@dodd.ohio.gov.

Beginning January 1, 2024, boards will need to authorize shared living and residential respite, pursuant to the limitations in Ohio Admin. Code [5123-9-34](#). Shared Living and Homemaker/Personal Care are considered the same type of service, and federal government rules do not allow people to bill for the same service at the same time or at overlapping times. Shared Living is a daily service, so a person cannot receive HPC on a day when they receive Shared Living. However, DODD is addressing that issue through [Residential Respite](#) because that service can be used on the same day as Shared Living. The Residential Respite service allows a break for people, their families, and their providers. Residential Respite can be provided in different places, even in people's homes.

- **Historic Rate Increases Announced for 2024**

Ohio's budget for fiscal years 2024-2025 makes the largest investment in the history of Ohio's developmental disability community. These new funds will support rate increases of around 31% from current rates for most services as of January 1, 2024, and 38% from current rates as of July 1, 2024. Updated payment rates for Adult Day Services and Homemaker/Personal Care rates can be found at <https://dodd.ohio.gov/providers/billing/rate-increase>. Updates for other services may be found in the appendix or appendices to the [updated rules](#).

OHIO ISP TIPS – Lisa Comes, Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) - lcomes@oacbdd.org

The first Ohio ISP will take time, patience and team effort. We are in the learning process and have made changes throughout the process as we receive feedback. Please be patient and provide as much information to make the plan work for the individual and easy for the provider to follow.

See attached Power Point

TRAINING OPPORTUNITES –

- **Office of Compliance Provider Training Series 2023**

DODD's Office of Compliance is offering monthly virtual provider trainings from 10 AM - 11 AM on the last Thursday of the month. Each month will have an identified topic and short presentation. One hour DOO, DSP, DSP Supervisor, Independent Provider – Health and Safety. Contact: compliance@dodd.ohio.gov or [Office of Compliance page](#)

- October 26, 10-11:00 AM – Shared Living Requirements [Register here](#)
- January 25, 2024, 10-11:00 AM – Provider Compliance Rules, Specials, Abbreviated Reviews

- **Butler County MUI/UI Training Series**

Join us for the following free quarterly virtual training opportunities to learn more about the MUI/UI process. One hour of annual training for DOO, DSP and Independent Provider is available per class. [Register here](#)

- September 27, 10-11:00 am – UI Investigations & Identifying Cause and Contributing Factors
- December 13, 10-11:00 am – Incident Reports 101
- March 13, 2024, 10-11:00 am – MUI Process Overview and Q&A

Zoom Link for all meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81039553462?pwd=WHFxRlhnR0R5MzFNekljSS9BbFZCUT09>

Meeting ID: 810 3955 3462 Passcode: 208133

- **Southwestern Ohio Council of Governments 2023 Trainings**

All trainings will be held virtually with the exception of the July 31 training. Registration information will be available 30 days before each session. Contact Robin Thomas at robin.thomas@swocog.org for more information.

- September 27 – Non-Verbal Communication [Register here](#)
- October 25 – Anxiety & IDD
- November 29 – Social Skills for More Successful Relationships

- **Resilience Based De-Escalation Training by Southwestern Ohio Multisystem Coordination**

Multisystem Coordination (MSC) is hosting a free in-person full-day resilience based de-escalation training in a different place in Southwestern Ohio each month to support providers, families, schools, and agencies across the region. The training is appropriate for anyone working with youth with developmental differences and complex needs. More information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/mscresource>. All trainings are

held from 9-4:00 pm with a one hour lunch break from 12-1:00 pm. Training address can be found on registration link.

MSC is a collaboration committed to developing resilience-based resources across the Southwestern Ohio region through trainings, consultations, and specialized program support for those serving a population with developmental differences. They are working to create a better support network for youth and adults with developmental differences and complex needs.

- October 19 – Hamilton County [Register here](#)
- November 21 – Clermont County
- December 19 – Warren County [Register here](#)
- January 16, 2024 – Hamilton County [Register here](#)
- February 20, 2024 – Clermont County
- March 20, 2024 – Greene County
- April 12, 2024 – **Butler County** [Register here](#)
- May 23, 2024 – Greene County
- June 18, 2024 – Warren County [Register here](#)

- **Mental Health 101 Training**

Join DODD for a webinar focused on Mental Health 101 for direct service professionals, new SSA's and QIDP's. DODD continuing education credit is in the process of application. The training will also satisfy Human Rights Committee members annual training requirements. Part 2 topics include: Team process, proactive behavioral supports, therapeutic characteristics, trauma, behavioral cycle, crisis, restrictive measures and de-escalation.

- September 26, 1-2:00 pm – Register at this link: [Mental Health 101 Part 2](#)

- **Disability Inclusion in the Workplace OOD Webinars**

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) is offering a series of webinars to help employers support disability inclusion in the workplace. All sessions begin at 10:00 am on Microsoft Teams. Registration information can be found [here](#).

- September 21: Creating a Workplace Culture that Supports Disability Disclosure
- October 19: Invisible Disabilities in the Workplace
- November 16: Lessons in Accessibility

Next Provider Meeting:

November 15, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 am