

Welcome



Provider Meeting
March 9, 2023



WELCOME to OUR TEAM

 Ashtabula County Board
of Developmental Disabilities
WELCOME!



Bradley Gamlin
Service & Support Administrator

Service & Support Administrator

SSA

 Ashtabula County Board
of Developmental Disabilities
WELCOME!



Matt Kitchen
Maintenance & Custodial Manager

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All Nominations

February Nominations

- Samyia Harris
- Jasmine Cline
- Sarah Piwkowski
- Rose Neal
- Stacey Matthews
- Tom Jackson
- Lisa Utter
- Shauna Gray
- Donna Stone



March Nominations

- Steve Wright
- Rolunda Quickley-Vasquez
- Robyn Burdick
- Becky Cowl
- Rayona Potter
- Rebecca Windle
- Scott Cameron
- Aspen Beuchat
- Stacey Matthews
- Trey Orlik



March DSP's Of the Month

- **Rayona Potter**- P.E.G.I- Nominated by Miriah Kister & Linda Adams
- **Trey Orlik**- P.E.G.I- Nominated by Linda Adams
- **Aspen Beuchat**- New Avenues to Independence- Nominated by Angela Thomas



Emergency Registry Project



WHAT IS IT?

- Emergency response program that will give first responders important information regarding the individuals we support, at time of interaction.
- CAD database is a secure database that will house all the information provided. This information is not available to the public and should be updated annually.
- The expectation is this program will foster positive interactions between individuals with disabilities and first responders, while making connections to needed supports much quicker.

911



Emergency Registry Project

WHO IS PARTICIPATING?



- Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department
- Geneva Police Department
- Ashtabula Police Department
- Conneaut Police Department
- Community Care Ambulance Network



FORM



Completed forms should be sent to: Jim
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Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities Emergency Registry

For Ashtabula County residents with disabilities, chronic conditions, and special healthcare needs

The Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities (ACBDD), in partnership with dispatch services provided by the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department, the Geneva Police Department, the Ashtabula Police Department, Conneaut Police Department, and Community Care Ambulance Network are committed to providing the highest quality of services to individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) to ensure their health, safety, and wellness.

One way to accomplish this goal is to make information available to law enforcement, fire, and EMS first responders so they can better serve and protect individuals with DD. Should you or your guardian choose to participate, the information on this form will be provided to dispatch services, who will then enter the information into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) database. Dispatchers and first responders will be alerted to this information if they are called to provide services to you in your home or the community. Information contained within the CAD database is not available to the public and is not used for any purpose other than the legitimate needs of law enforcement, fire, and EMS. **The completion of this form is optional, and the current/future services you receive by the ACBDD will not be affected in any way if the individual or guardian decline to participate.** You may choose not to answer any portion of the attached form and you may withdraw from the program by notifying the ACBDD at anytime. You may be asked to update the information occasionally to ensure that first responders have the most current and accurate information available.

Name: _____		Nickname: _____	
Last	First	Middle	
Date of Birth: _____		Social Security #: _____	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
(MM/DD/YYYY)			
Height: _____	Weight: _____	Build: _____	Hair Color: _____
Street Address: _____		Eye Color: _____	
City/State/Zip: _____		Race: _____	
		Phone # (Home): _____	
		Phone # (Cell): _____	

DIAGNOSIS:	SENSORY / COMMUNICATION:	MOBILITY:
<input type="checkbox"/> Autism	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Verbal	<input type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory
<input type="checkbox"/> Developmental Disability	<input type="checkbox"/> Speech Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses a Walker
<input type="checkbox"/> Cerebral Palsy	<input type="checkbox"/> Device Hearing Impaired	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses a Wheelchair
<input type="checkbox"/> Traumatic Brain Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> Vision Impaired	<input type="checkbox"/> Confined to bed (Provide location in home, like 2nd floor north bedroom)
<input type="checkbox"/> Co-occurring Mental Health		

Describe any TRIGGERS which affect the individual. (Examples: Loud noises, bright lights, etc.):

Describe any LIFE THREATENING issues/concerns & medical devices. (Examples: Diabetes, choking hazard, seizures, oxygen, ventilator, etc.):

Describe any CALMING METHODS used for the individual:

Does the individual gravitate toward any particular LOCATION? (Examples: water, playground, woods, etc.):

Additional Information (Example: Special Instructions to get into the home):

1. Emergency Contact: _____	Phone #: _____	Relationship: _____
2. Emergency Contact: _____	Phone #: _____	Relationship: _____

Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities - 24 Hour Emergency numbers: (440) 812-0553 / (440) 983-7002 / (440) 983-7352

NOTE: By signing this form, I agree to permit my information to be shared with Ashtabula County emergency dispatch services including the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department, the Geneva Police Department, the Ashtabula Police Department, the Conneaut Police Department, and Community Care Ambulance Network. I understand that this is a voluntary program and that I may choose not to participate or not to answer all of the questions. I understand that while the sharing of this information will better assist me in an emergency situation or encounter, it does not guarantee safety in every circumstance.

The information in this document has changed within the past year: Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature: _____ Relationship to the individual: _____

Printed name: _____ Date: _____



Name: _____ **Nickname:** _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth: _____ **Social Security #:** _____ **Gender:** ☐ M ☐ F
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Height: _____ **Weight:** _____ **Build:** _____ **Hair Color:** _____ **Eye Color:** _____ **Race:** _____

Street Address: _____ **Phone # (Home):** _____

City/State/Zip: _____ **Phone # (Cell):** _____



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- ☐ Co-occurring Mental Health

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- ☐ Vision Impaired

MOBILITY:

- ☐ Ambulatory
- ☐ Uses a Walker
- ☐ Uses a Wheelchair
- ☐ Confined to bed (Provide location in home,
like 2nd floor north bedroom) _____



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Tool Changes Effective 4/1/2023



<https://dodd.ohio.gov/compliance/OSSAS/Compliance-overview>



ICF Tool

Administration & Operation

1.001- If the facility is operating over the licensed capacity, is there a rule waiver from the department?
(wording changed to reflect waivers and PHE flexibilities)

1.005 Internal compliance program (Residential requirements, Background investigations, Service delivery, service doc and billing, management of funds) components in place by 6/1/23

Personnel

2.002- did the admin have annual training in roles and responsibilities (Removed was admin having initial training within 60days)

2.009- Appropriate action when notified of a Rapback hit? (Be prepared to show process/evidence)

2.014- Clarification on guidance regarding Cat 2 and 3 certs requiring valid Cat 1 cert.

2.016- Staff members responsible for transporting- ensure valid driver's license- coverage by valid personal or corporate liability insurance.

2.017-DSP required training- required after 3/1/23 *Note



ICF Tool

- 2.018- Prior to providing direct services di the DSP receive individual specific training- wording changes
- 2.019- With in 30 days of hire DSP complete all required trainings (topic Specific) required after 3/1/23.
- 2.020- Development of written training plan for ADMIN, DSP, and Support staff including volunteers
- 2.021- Supervisors complete training relevant duties and responsibilities within 90 days of becoming a supervisor. Required after 3/1/23
- 2.024- Additional training topics for volunteers to be trained on.

Physical Environment

- 3.002- Emergency plan- Documentations on Individual Participation- 30 dyas of residency and 1x every twelve months.
- 3.006- Ability to access home



ICF Tool



Medication Administration

6.004- Delegated nursing requirements

6.005- Is the delegated nurse available to supervise delegated tasks

6.006- PRN medications written in a manner that precludes independent judgement by DSP's

UI/MUI

8.004- Notification of other providers of an UI (prepared to show evidence of notifications)

8.015- Evidence of the team collaborated on development of a prevention plan.

Personal Funds

9.003- Were personal funds managed as required by rule? Account, notify team, not co-mingle funds, not supplement or replace funds(unless agreed upon and documented in writing).



Agency Tool

Medication Administration

2.002- Evidence the nurse provided individual specific training (Addition)

2.003- new- is the delegated nurse available to supervise delegated tasks(discovered through interview)

2.004- new- Are PRN orders written in the manner that precludes independent judgement by DSP's

Personal Funds

4.002- ensure account records include? ...Receipts as required in the plan... Food stamp ledgers reconciled to EBT statement.

4.003- Were funds handled as required by rule

MUI/UI

More clarifications and guidance through out

6.008- Evidence DD employees cooperated with investigation of MUI's (be prepared to discuss actions taken if employee did not cooperate) Where all requested documents provided to CB at time of request?



Agency Tool

Personnel

7.021- Dsp's hired after 1/1/22 training requirements.

7.023- with in thrity days of hire completed required training

7.025- Supervisory staff complete training on all relevant duties and responsibilities of being a Supervisor(within 90 days)

Lic fac-7.026- Annual training requirements- DSP's

7.028- DOO annually complete 2 hours dept provided training 4 hours training selected by DOO- relevant to services provided and individuals served by that agency.

7.034- Administrator listed in PSM- are they active in day to day responsibilities (evidence obtained through interviews)

Physical Environment

9.001- Lease residency agreement must include

Remote supports

Removed provider having a backup power system



Independent

Service planning

1.001- additional guidance on Person Centered planning

1.006- Does ISP address med admin needs (including Family delegation and delegated nursing)

1.010-1.012 removed now reflected in CB tool

Medication Administration

2.003- Delegated nursing required? Is th enurse available to supervise delegated tasks

2.004- PRN orders written in a manner to preclude independent judgement by DSP

Personal funds

4.002- Food stamp ledgers should be reconciled to EBT statement- team will determine when a provider is required to maintain receipts for expenditures of individuals personal funds.

4.003- Did provider assit with personal funds as required by rule?

MUI/UI

6.003- Evidence provider notified other providers of services as necessary to ensure continuity of care?

6.010- evidence provider has submitted written report to CB contact by 3 pm on the first working day following the day the provider became aware- (proo may be in the form of a fax receipt, email message or receipt, or notation on incident report.



Independent

6.012- MUI annual analysis of MUI Trends- Dodd has granted an extension to providers and county boards. (July,2023)

Personnel

7.005- Not a change but ALL please note**Online only CPR/First Aid certification obtained between 3/13/20 – 12/31/21 is acceptable until expiration. Any CPR/First Aid training obtained after 1/1/2022 must include an in-person skills demonstration. Virtual skills demonstrations do not meet this requirement.

7.008- did the provider annually complete 2 hours Dept provided training and 6 hours topics selected by provider that are relevant to the services they are providing. Required 1x calendar year-not 365 days.

9.001-Provider owned setting- This includes the practice of a provider signing a lease with the landlord and then subleasing to the individual(s). Guidance has been issued that providers have until August 31, 2023, to get out of this practice. The lease must included Explanation of relationship- statement individual may chose any provider.



AGENCY and ICF Tool changes and informational trainings.

OSASS Provider Training Series

- January 26, 2023- Starting off Right!
- February 23, 2023- Personal Funds Rule Requirements
- March 30, 2023-Your Agency is Certified, Now What?
- April 27, 2023- Background checks

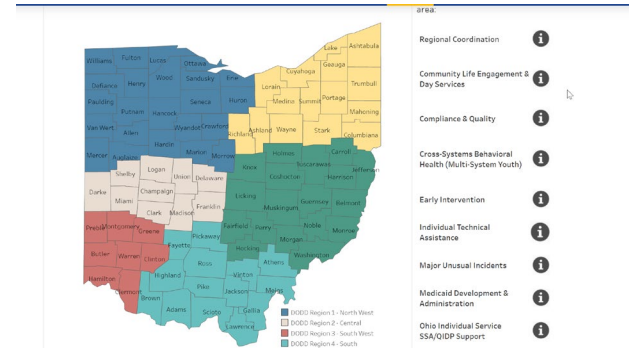
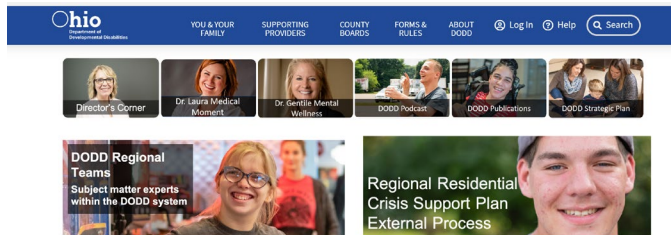
<https://dodd.ohio.gov/compliance/ossas/ossas-provider-training-series>



Provider Resources and Support Team Information Sharing Sessions For DSP's, Frontline Supervisors, and Providers/ MEMO Monday 2/20/23 & 2/27/23

- February 27- Ohio's DD system: Where do I fit in?
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2931000461025589853>
- March 27, 2023- History of DD services
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4756472337622143838>
- April 24- The DSP Experience: Stories from the Field

These are held on the fourth Monday of each month 11AM- 12PM



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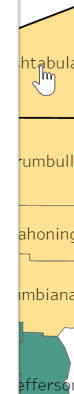
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You are receiving this email because you are a DODD Certified Independent Provider who is required to complete an initial compliance review. Due to circumstances beyond our control over the past three years, we have a large number of these reviews to complete and will be coordinating an abbreviated process to conduct many reviews over a relatively brief period of time.

These reviews will be conducted in various locations around the state. The review may not occur in your home county, but you will still need to select one of the offered dates/times/locations. To schedule these reviews, DODD will be using Microsoft Bookings. Through Microsoft Bookings, you will be able to select the date, time and location that is most convenient for you from the available options. These reviews will take approximately one hour. The planned timelines/areas where these reviews will be physically held are:

- July - Wood, Ross, Licking, and Guernsey counties
- August - Shelby, Delaware, Hamilton, Montgomery, Cuyahoga, Summit, and Mahoning counties
- September - Hamilton, Montgomery, Cuyahoga, Summit, and Mahoning counties

You will receive an email notification from Microsoft Bookings at least 90 days prior to your review month. When you receive this email, please follow the directions promptly to select a date/time/location for your review.

As your review date approaches, you will receive additional instructions and details. Please be advised that you will need to bring service delivery documentation, medication administration records (if applicable), personal funds documentation (if applicable), required trainings (i.e., annual training, First Aid/CPR, etc.), and incident reports/logs with you to your review. If you transport individuals, the reviewer will also need to see your Driver's License and vehicle insurance.

If you no longer wish to be a DODD certified independent provider, you can voluntarily relinquish your certification using the attached directions or respond to this email with a statement that includes your name, provider number, statement that you wish to voluntarily relinquish your DODD certifications, and an effective date.

Failure to cooperate with this process may lead to a suspension and/or revocation of your certifications.

If you have any questions about this communication, please contact us at OSSAS@dodd.ohio.gov or 614-466-6670. Compliance resources and information about the compliance process can be found at www.dodd.ohio.gov/compliance.

PROVIDERS ONLY



Agency Provider Payment Schedule

Service Provision	Provider Opt-In Start	Provider Opt-In End	Retention Payment to Provider and IPs	Retention Payment to Agency DSP	Data Collection From Provider
April-June 2022	1/3/23	1/16/23	1/18/23	3/15/23	4/15/23
July-September 2022	1/3/23	1/16/23	1/25/23	3/15/23	4/15/23
October-December 2022	1/3/23	1/16/23	2/1/23	3/15/23	4/15/23
January-March 2023	4/3/23	4/18/23	5/3/23	6/15/23	7/15/23
April-June 2023	7/3/23	7/16/23	8/2/23	9/15/23	10/15/23

*All dates are estimated as of the time of this writing

*Payment dates (provider and DSP) are not the exact date payments are processed

*Retention payments to the DSP must be issued by date listed



Public Health Emergency (PHE) Declared to end on May 11, 2023

Six month unwinding period- November 2023

- 270 million Americans received at least one COVID-19 vaccine
- Daily COVID-19 cases down 92%
- COVID-19 deaths declined by 80%
- New COVID-19 hospitalizations down nearly 80%

www.hhs.gov Public Health Emergency Transition Roadmap.

Current PHE flexibilities will transition to improving standards of care for patients.



What will NOT be affected:

- Access to COVID-19 vaccinations and some treatments
- FDA's ability to authorize various products
- Medicaid Telehealth Flexibilities
- Redeterminations for Medicaid

Flexibilities Remaining:

- Parents of minors being paid caregivers (through an agency)
- HPC and OSL on the same day

What WILL be affected:

- Waivers and flexibilities for health care providers
- Coverage for COVID-19 testing (part B not affected)
- Reporting of COVID-19 and immunizations to CDC
- Dispensing of controlled substances via telehealth

Quick Updates

- **Ohio DODD Independent Providers and SSA's Only- Facebook Page**
- **Provider Resource Fair**
- **Brittco Access and Changes**
- **ACBDD offered Provider training- Changes**
- **MUI Annual Analysis Extended- July 28, 2023**

Upcoming Provider Training

- ❖ Initial Medication Administration Category 1- March 27 & 28 , 2023 (FILLED)
- ❖ CPR/First Aid Blended Learning – April 3, 2023
- ❖ Initial Provider Training- April 4, 2023
- ❖ Annual Provider Training- May 3, 2023
- ❖ Initial Medication Certification Category 2 & 3 – April, 2023
- ❖ Renewal Medication Certification Category 1, 2 & 3 – April, 2023

All classes listed above are open for registration on the Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities website under the Provider support tab.

<https://www.ashtabuladd.org/>



HOW CAN WE HELP?

Resources

- Mental Health
- Dependency
- Child Care
- Family Support
- Financial Planning
- ??



DD Awareness Activities



Work of Heart

Monthly Art Program
Submissions Due by the 15th of every month
Canvas size not to exceed 9x12

 Ashtabula County Board of
Developmental Disabilities



When: Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of each month
from 5:00pm-6:30pm

Where: Vitality Supported Living
471 Madison Street Conneaut, OH
(Parking lot and door on right side)



Advocacy Day Watch Party

Wednesday, March 1st
9:30am - 11:00am
at the Ashtabula County Board
of Developmental Disabilities

Ashtabula County



When: Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each
month from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Ashtabula County Board of DD
(2505 South Ridge Road East Kingsville, OH 44004)



Upcoming Activities



All Access Life Watch Party
Wednesday, March 29th
12:30pm - 2:00pm
at the Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities



NOTICE?

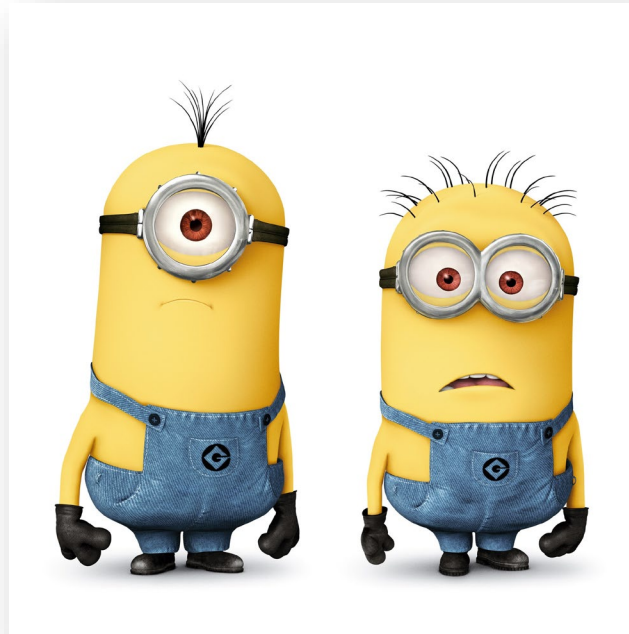
DID YOU



Whether you are a brand new DSP or an experienced one, recognizing that behavior serves as communication leads to increased observational skills, knowledge, and empathy toward those we support. In this online training module, you will hear from people with developmental disabilities, DSPs, and experts on the importance of noticing that all behavior is a form of communication.



Open MIC & Questions



Thank You!



Next Provider Meeting

April 13 , 2023

Safety & Health and Wellness

1:00PM



**Provider Meeting
March 9, 2023
1:00PM-3:00PM
AGENDA**



A. Welcome to our NEW Staff

- a. Bradley Gamlin- SSA
- b. Matt Kitchen- Maintenance & Custodial Manager

B. DSP of the Month Nominations (DSP of the month is now featured on our Website)

To be announced today! All nominations will be added each month, and will not be carried over. Continue to nominate your DSP's for their exceptional service. If you see or know any of the staff listed, take a moment to thank those staff for the great work that they are doing. We will also present this list of nominations to our board members when we honor the 3 that were selected as that month's DSP of the month.

February Nominations

- Samyia Harris-Diamondstar
- Jasmine Cline- Diamondstar
- Sarah Piwkowski- ACRS
- **Rose Beal-Leeda Northeast**
- Stacey Matthews- Brighter Horizons
- Tom Jackson- Devoted Guidance
- **Lisa Utter- Viaquest day services**
- **Shauna Gray-Diamondstar**
- Donna Stone- Accessible Homes

March Nominations

- Steve Wright- Leeda Northeast
- Rolunda Quickly-Vasquez- Leeda Northeast
- Robyn Burdick- Leeda Northeast
- Rebecca Windle- Walden Residential
- Scott Cameron- Brighter Horizons
- **Aspen Beuchat- New Avenues to Independence**
- **Rayona Potter- PEGI**
- **Trey Orlik- PEGI**

March's DSP of the month were- Aspen Beuchat, Rayona Potter, and Trey Orlik! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to individuals we support in Ashtabula County!

C. County Board and State Updates

- a. Emergency Registry Project- Investigative Services & Support Department- This a project that was initiated by Angela Thomas, James Kemmerle and the ISS department. This program will give first responders important information at time of interaction with individuals we support. ACBDD's ISS department will be reaching out to all providers by email to get this conversation started with

guardians and individuals. This program is completely voluntary. If you have any questions reach out to Pamela Rose or James Kemmerele.

- b. ICF and Agency compliance tool changes-effective April 1- All Compliance tools are available on the DODD website- The slides in the presentation are just cliff notes of the changes. These changes are effective 4/1/2023. Please take a moment and update your processes and procedures to reflect the current tool.
- c. DODD Provider Resources Training (Where do I fit in)
 - i. Upcoming -History of DODD

Provider Resources and Support teams from all regions are gathering together to provide detailed information on our system and explain resources that are available to you. These trainings have been made available in Memo Mondays starting on 2/20/23. If you use the link provided in the slides you can also view the recorded version to watch later or to save to have your staff view. Provider Resources and Support Teams are a great resource to all of our providers.

- d. Independent Provider letter -OSSAS- March 6- This letter was sent out to all providers on March 6, all reviews that are scheduled will receive a 90-day notice of scheduling. All reviews will take place in one location as described in the letter. If you are concerned about an upcoming review please contact Lesley Michelson to complete a pre-compliance review with you. I am still waiting on information if County Boards will continue to receive these notifications of upcoming reviews. **UPDATE 3/10/23- I just received the full list of all providers that will be included in this process or that would have received this letter and there are not any providers currently providing services in Ashtabula on the list.**
- e. MUI/Annual Analysis Extension- (July)- Annual Analysis has been extended again until 7/28/23- All providers should have record of their past years MUI's and can still complete this analysis prior to the July due date. If you need any assistance please contact Pamela Rose or Lesley Michelson.
- f. 6.5% Retention Program-OPT in- Opt in period for the 4th quarter will be 4/3-23 to 4/18/23. From Quarters one to three all staff should receive their payments by 3/15/23. Data collection for the first three quarters is due 4/15/23. Reach out to Andrea Klimko if you have any questions regarding retention payments.
- g. Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11, 2023. Updates Guidance - guidance has not been completely clarified at this time as to what flexibilities will remain and how the ending of the PHE will affect our services. In my presentation at the meeting and on my slides, I indicated that remaining flexibilities of Parents of minors being paid care givers (through an agency) and HPC and OSL on the same day will continue to remain past the expiration of the PHE. This is still under discussion and does require more feedback and participation from you all. Please read the guidance below. SSA's at this time have been instructed to begin planning for these flexibilities to end.

Public Health Emergency expected to end May 11

The Department of Health & Human Services recently announced that the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) is expected to end on May 11, 2023. This means that with the 6-month unwinding period ending in November, it's important that SSAs and teams are planning for the upcoming possible expiration of the flexibilities that have remained due to the extended PHE.

The main flexibilities remaining are:

- Parents of minors being paid caregivers (through an agency)
- The ability to authorize HPC and OSL on the same day

Teams should be discussing whether these flexibilities are still needed and what alternate plans the team has to support the person should the flexibility stop at the end of unwinding. OACB is in constant communication with DODD about the future of these flexibilities and will share any new information that arises.

Do you have questions about this topic?

If so, please contact Lisa Comes (lcomes@oacbddd.org).

- h. OHIO DODD Independent Providers and SSA's ONLY Face Book page- this is a nice resource for Independent providers and SSA's. I ask that if you are involved with this page to please make sure you are fact checking information that is shared. The Administrator of this page is good intended but at times the information can get lost in interpretation.
- i. Provider resource fair- June/2023-Keep and eye out for more information. ACBDD would like to host a provider fair in June/ 2023. We will be inviting all providers to be there to set up tables and help us educate the community on our services. We want this to also be a space that you can use to recruit staff and connect with other resources that are available to you. If you have any suggestions for this day please do not hesitate to reach out to me.
- j. Provider Training open classes- TIMES- There are new times on most of the scheduled Medication Administration classes. Most the morning classes that were scheduled for 8:30 will now begin at 8:00AM. We have also flip flopped the Category 2 & 3 initial class. I have included the updated dates in the last email I sent out with all the registration links. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Andrea Klimko.
- k. Provider supports- How can we help? - What community supports do you see that your staff need. How can we better support your staff to be able to attend work? Sometimes things happen and to avoid that snowball affect what

community supports can we try to get them connected with? Some suggestions in the provider meeting were Transportation and Health care. Send your suggestions to andrea.klimko@ashtabuladd.org I am hopeful that we can start making those connections with our community to continue to provide support to your staff.

D. DD Awareness

a. March activities



Register online, pickup your canvas at ACBDD or you can use your own if you already have a 9x12 canvas available. These canvasses will be displayed each month. If you know of any businesses that would want to display our work of Hearts please contact Manda Jackson manda.jackson@ashtabuladd.org.



We are hosting a St. Patrick's Day dance on March 17! We hope to see everyone there. You can register on our website <https://www.ashtabuladd.org/>



Come Join us at our Open House on Wednesday March 22nd 12pm-6pm. There will be tours given of our new building, lite refreshments offered and much more! Tell your friends we hope to see you all there!



All Access Life Watch Party
Wednesday, March 29th
12:30pm - 2:00pm
at the Ashtabula County Board
of Developmental Disabilities

Join us at the All Access Life Watch party where we will learn from an individual how he has adapted his wheelchair and other devices so he can continue to game with all his friends. This is a great opportunity to see all the great ways that technology can support individual's that we serve. If you know someone that likes to game and could benefit from

seeing this please ask them if they would like to attend. Registrations are open on our ACBDD website. <https://www.ashtabuladd.org/>

Did You Notice-DSP Training- Whether you are a brand-new DSP or an experienced one, recognizing that behavior serves as communication leads to increased observational skills, knowledge, and empathy toward those we support. In this online training module, you will hear from people with developmental disabilities, DSPs, and experts on the importance of noticing that all behavior is a form of communication.

<https://didyounotice.org/>

E. Superintendent Updates
Open Mic

Next Provider meeting April 13, 2023- Safety and Health & Wellness