

The OADDP Newsline

The Conference is coming!!

The Annual OADDP Membership Conference will be held March 8-9, 2013, at Mohican State Park Lodge and Resort. The records indicate it's at least the thirteenth annual conference, but it's probably been going on longer. No matter how long it has been, the conference is always a popular event among members.

Some of the OEA officers will be in attendance to address the crowd. Additionally, Melissa Clark, the OEA lobbyist who monitors legislation affecting DDs, will be there to give an update. An FCPE drive and a membership meeting will also take place. And there are always prizes!

Speakers include Kathy McKinley, the popular OEA Plan Attorney, who will brief members on the latest legal developments that could impact members.



A representative from the Department of Developmental Disabilities has been invited to discuss changes to Adult Services rules. The latest technology for use with consumers will be explored in the afternoon session.

You will have a chance to fill out a grant application and get help from veteran grant applicants, so bring your ideas. Check the website for things that have been done in other locals.

All in all, it will be a weekend you don't want to miss! Watch for your registration form in the mail!

Online registration will be available soon. See www.oaddp.org for details.

NEOEA Locals - Scholarships are available from NEOEA. See the NEOEA website - www.neoea.org - for the application.

See page 3 for **OADDP Scholarships** information.

Highlights from the last OADDP Executive Committee Meeting

November 10, 2012

- Planning for the Annual conference continued, with more details being finalized.
- Approved OADDP PR Grants from two locals - ACCESS and PATMR. See the website about how your local can get one!
- Report on the Work Initiative/Jobs Summit recently held in Columbus.
- Reported on meeting with two representatives from DoDD that included Melissa Clark, OEA, and the four OADDP officers about Kasich's Employment First Initiative. The DoDD people were receptive to OEA's viewpoints on the topic and see us as a wealth of information and expertise. They will provide a copy of the final report when it is ready.
- Officers attended three locals' meetings - in Franklin, Stark and Summit. If you'd like an officer to come to one of your meetings, contact Jené Wilson, jene@mac.com.
- Reports from OADDP members who serve on OEA Core Function Committees.

**Next Meeting -
Be there or be square!**

2012-13

**OADDP
MEETINGS**

January 12th, 10:30am
Hudson Uniserv Office

March 8-9,
Annual Membership
Conference
Mohican State Park Lodge

April 13th, 10:30am
Canton Uniserv Office

May 10th, Lunch Break
During the OEA RA

July 13th, 10:30am
Hudson Uniserv Office

Hudson Uniserv Office
591 Boston Mills Road, #100
Hudson

Canton Uniserv Office
4061 Bradley Circle, NW
Canton

**Would you like
to have an
OADDP meeting
closer to you?**

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**OEA Election
Successes!**

In the most recent election, OEA proved successful in a number of areas specifically helping to re-elect the President and US Senator Sherrod Brown, however on an overall state-wide basis the results will provide for difficult times ahead.

The OEA was successful through its training and recruitment of OEA members to run for legislative races electing Josh Patterson to the Ohio House of Representatives, yet it appears likely the Republicans will have a super majority now in both the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate resulting in their ability to place state-wide measures on the ballot without being required to gain the necessary hundreds of thousands of signatures previously necessary to place such issues on the ballot.

While the Voters First initiative on the ballot regarding the current unfair process for the drawing of congressional and legislative districts failed, the initiative has resulted in an agreement from citizens and politicians alike that the current process must be changed before congressional and legislative districts are re-drawn again following the elections in 2020.

by Bob Matkowski,
OEA LRC Staff Liaison
to OADDP

**LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE**

Important issues directly effecting working at county boards of DD, which OEA believes will move forward in the next legislative session beginning in January:

- **HD 136** : Parental Choice and Taxpayer Savings Scholarship Program – the creation of a state-wide voucher program
- **SB 41**: Legislation to increase the size of county boards of developmental disabilities with additional non-elected members

Legislators must hear from **you** directly regarding pending legislation!

ORC Amended, 9-10-12:
Strengthens the presumption of competency for individuals with DD; emphasizes individual's right to participate in decisions.

OADDP Committees at Work

The OADDP Executive Committee approved two ad hoc committees at the last meeting - a Budget Committee and a Communications Committee.

The **Budget Committee** met recently to not only ensure that dues money is being spent wisely, but also to discuss what program initiatives would be beneficial to members. Additional resources were allocated to locals development through traveling board meetings, officers attending locals' meetings, and training future OADDP leaders.

The **Communications Committee** continued the theme of outreach to members and locals through these channels, as well as through

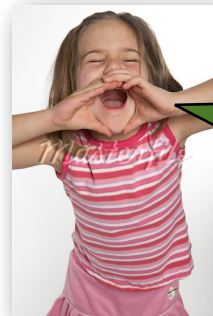
THIS IS WHO WE ARE

A survey was recently sent to all presidents of DD locals and the LRCs who work with them. The survey was intended to try to determine who are OADDP members. Are they working in Early Childhood or in Adult Services? What other jobs are they doing within their programs? As boards of DD have changed, have our members changed with them?

Even though all the surveys have not yet been returned, here's what we found:

- Though most members continue to work in board facilities, increasingly both staff working with adults and children are in community sites.
- Members are working with adults significantly more than with children.
- Members are driving buses, working in residences, taking care of buildings and grounds, and doing clerical jobs.
- Many "speciality" jobs, such as Behavior Specialist, SSA, Coordinator, Sign Language Interpreter, Art, Music, APE, Recreation, OT, PT, and SLP, are also being done by members
- About 200 members work in public schools.

supporting LRCs who are new to the DD world, and offering scholarships to the Annual Conference. The committee also developed a plan to reach out to OADDP members who work in public schools.



Remember - check the website - oaddp.org - for your OEA membership number. Win a prize if it's there!

SCHOLARSHIPS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR LOCALS THAT HAVE NOT ATTENDED IN THE PAST

At its November meeting, the OADDP Executive Committee voted to offer scholarships to **DD locals who have not previously sent members to the Annual Conference**. Locals can receive reimbursement for the cost of rooms and registration for up to two members per local.

In order to participate, when the registration information becomes available, make your own room and conference reservation. The OADDP Treasurer will reimburse you **at the conference**.

For more information, contact Jené Wilson, Chairperson, jene@mac.com, or Steve Spall, Treasurer, Steves324@oh.rr.com.



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Local Focus: Lake County

by Chris Bundy

PATMR supported and participated in the 19th Annual special Olympics Golf Scramble on August 25, 2012.

The local feels committed to showing the public at large, county tax payers, volunteers, and membership that they support an active lifestyle for the consumers they serve. They also wanted to create a positive image for the local within the community.

For their support, PATMR received logo and name recognition on all publicity materials, had the local's name included in the title of the outing, had an individual banner displayed, and were recognized during the ceremony. The event raised awareness about PATMR to over 140 community members and specifically showed the community that members believe in supporting the athletes they work with.

They were able to do this partially through a grant of \$500 from OADDP.

