

The OADDP Newsline

THE Conference is coming!

The Annual OADDP Membership Conference will be held March 8-9, 2014, at Mohican State Park Lodge and Resort. The conference has been an annual event for at least 15 years and remains a popular membership event.

As always, 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 will also take place. The ever popular **Kathy McKinley**, an OEA Plan Attorney, will brief attendees on the latest legal developments that could impact members. The rest of the speaker line-up is still being finalized.

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.

Elections for officers will also be held.

Ohio Association of Developmental Disabilities Professionals seeks nominees for "Friend of DD Award"

The OADDP is seeking to recognize its second Friend of DD. OADDP's members are encouraged to nominate individuals and/or organizations who would be worthy recipients of this honor. If a Friend of DD is selected, the nominee will be honored at the 2014 OADDP Annual Membership Conference in March.

The nomination form and directions can be found on the website: www.oaddp.org; or from your local president or LRC.

Again this year - online registration! See www.oaddp.org for details.

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

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

Be There!

Other things to know...

The OADDP Executive Committee voted to have "rolling deadlines" for applying for Grants. This means you can apply anytime you have an idea, though you can only receive one grant per year. See the website for the form and directions.



Some locals have not yet taken the opportunity to send members to the conference or to the Executive Committee meetings. If you would like an OADDP officer to attend one of your membership or executive committee meetings to explain the advantages of participation, contact Jené Wilson, jene@mac.com, or 216-408-5825.

2013-14 OADDP MEETINGS

December 7th, Lunch Break
OEA Representative
Assembly

January 11th, 10:30am
Hudson Uniserv Office

March 7th and 8th
Annual Membership
Conference
Mohican State Park Resort

April 12th, 10:30am
Canton Uniserv Office

May 9th, Lunch Break
OEA Representative
Assembly

July 12, 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?

Contact
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OADDP: Members Working as DoDD Independent Providers

Lee Ernest Blanden, OEA Labor Relations Consultant (LRC)

Many Ohio Education Association (OEA) members and former members employed by County Boards of DD contract with the DoDD as Independent Providers of Medicaid Individual Option (IO) and Level One (L1) Waivers. OADDP is available to advocate for and support members and former members working as DoDD Independent Providers of Medicaid Individual Option (IO) services. It is the hope of OADDP that all persons with disabilities receive humane, cost-effective, efficient and professional services and support.



For more information link to the DoDD Provider page at:

<https://doddportal.dodd.ohio.gov/PRV/Pages/default.aspx>

Some central information on becoming a ODoDD provider:

1. Complete an application process to obtain provider certification from DoDD.
2. Providers certified to deliver Medicaid Services must possess a Medicaid ID number required to obtain federal reimbursement and inform local County Boards of DD of their availability to provide services under Level One (L1) and/or Individual Options (IO) Waiver.
3. Providers are independent business owners who are certified to provide services to individuals on Level One or Independent Options Medicaid Waivers.
4. Independent providers must be the provider of the services and cannot employ, either directly or through contract, anyone to provide the services.

For more information contact: <https://oaddp.ohea.us>

This information is provided as a service to OADDP members in keeping with OADDP Strategic Goals, which promote high standards for staff, provider organizations, and services provided.

Membership must grow to fulfill Mission

by Hank Haynes

The Mission of the OADDP is to (1.) Advance the growth of the public education and habilitation of individuals with developmental disabilities and to (2.) Provide a collective voice for the professional, paraprofessional, and support staff working with persons with developmental disabilities in Ohio's County Boards of DD and public schools. The OADDP Strategic Goals focus on promoting the viability of County Boards of DD as a service option while promoting high standards for all Providers, Programs, and Services.

For OADDP to fulfill its Mission and Strategic Goals:

- Membership must increase among OEA members that provide services to persons with developmental disabilities.
- OADDP must involve more of its members in activities that provide valuable information and support for those working with persons with developmental disabilities.

The privatization of many DD Services has resulted in a dramatic decline in OADDP members from over 1200 to less than 900. Many former County Board of DD

employees have either been laid-off or opted for earlier than planned retirement. County Board of DD School-Age and Site-Based Early Childhood Programs have been dismantled with those services transferred to Local School Districts.

- Nearly one-quarter (22%) of OADDP members work in 121 Local School Districts.
- Over three-quarters of OADDP members work at 17 County Boards of DD, primarily in Adult Services Programs with a smaller number in Home-based Early Childhood Programs and school-age classrooms.
- There are 2430 OEA members working in 29 County Boards of DD, but only 27% are OADDP Members.
- There are 29 County Board of DD Local affiliates in OEA, but less than a dozen are active on the OADDP Executive Committee. Only four affiliates have over 90% of their members as members of OADDP.

Clearly, a strong future for OADDP lies in expanding its membership among OEA Members working in Local School Districts and in County Boards of DD.

How to join

Dues are only \$9.00 in addition to the regular OEA/NEA/district/local dues.

New members must complete an OEA membership form and mark the box indicating OADDP membership. The form must be forwarded to the OEA membership department by the local membership chairperson. **PLEASE** note that if membership forms are not processed by OEA you will not officially become a member.

If you are on continuing membership, this will have to be completed one time only. If you are paying dues by cash or check, this process must be repeated each year.

Benefits for joining OADDP:

- Members receive the quarterly newsletter- The OADDP *NEWSLINE*.
- Members are eligible to attend leadership training at an Annual Conference and member meeting.
- Monitoring legislation specific to DDs.
- Members/locals may apply for Public Relations grants.
- The OADDP Website- OADDP.org – contains valuable information on topics of interest to members, both as professionals and as association members.

New Leadership
ALSO needed for
OADDP to fulfill
it's Mission!

OADDP has five officers - Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Past Chairperson. Three of those officers - Chairperson, Secretary and Past Chair - are already retired and one of the other two is eligible to go any time. Soo... if OADDP is to continue as a viable organization, new leadership is needed.

If the services and mission of OADDP are important to you, consider stepping up to offer yourself or a capable colleague to fill one of these positions. When elections are held at the conference, a new Chairperson will definitely be needed, as Jené will be stepping down.

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Local Focus...Stark County

by Mary Ann Mastnick

On September 26th, Stark County Educators and Professional Trainers (SCEPTA) held an informational reception at the Holiday Inn Belden Village. The purpose for the meeting was promoting membership and community awareness of all the programs we offer. There was an opportunity to answer questions about the services we provide as a group and how we contribute to the community in very positive ways. During the meeting, we introduced members to the new president, Mary Ann Mastnick; distributed membership materials, including OADDP information; conducted a member survey to prepare for bargaining; and recruited new members. The new president gave a brief summary of hot topics that are being discussed at local and state meetings, such as Right To Work, and Governor Kasich's work initiative for individuals with disabilities, Employment First. Membership benefits were distributed, including a flyer to take back to work sites on what current union members have accomplished in the last year. Other topics discussed were participation in the Autism Walk, where several of our members raised money for Autism awareness. In addition, SCEPTA began a fund for Community Christmas that will enable us to help families and individuals in the DD community. Our members wish to give a positive picture of what our union does for the community and its members.



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