

The OADDP Newsline

The Conference is almost here!

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 over 15 years and remains popular among membership.

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. **Dan Ramos**, OEA Government Relations, will discuss the possibility of so-called Right to Work legislation and what it could mean to us. The ever popular **Kathy McKinley**, an OEA Plan Attorney, will brief attendees on the latest legal developments that could impact members. **Sue Nelson**, Autism Specialist from Lake County DD, will present in the afternoon.

Ohio Association of Developmental Disabilities Professionals “Friend of DD Award”

From among several nominees, the OADDP Board of Directors voted to give the second “Friend of DD Award” to **Pat Frost-Brooks**, immediate Past-President of OEA.



Pat has been a friend of DD members and locals since she became an OEA officer. She will be presented with her award at the Conference on Friday night.

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. All offices will be elected.**

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

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

An FCPE drive will also take place, beginning on Friday night.



ANNUAL OADDP MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
MARCH 7-8, 2014

MOHICAN STATE PARK
LODGE AND RESORT



Registration information was mailed to all members.

More info?

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2013-14 OADDP MEETINGS

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

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have an OADDP
meeting closer to
you?**

**Contact
Jené Wilson,
jene@mac.com**

New Leadership to be elected at Conference

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 the other two are eligible to go any time. Soo... new leadership is needed if OADDP is to continue as a viable organization.

The mission of the OADDP is to advance the education and habilitation of persons with DD, and to be a voice for the professionals working with them. OADDP strategic goals promote high standards for staff, provider organizations, and services, while assuring the viability of county boards of DD as a service option.

If this is important to you, consider stepping up to offer yourself or a capable colleague to fill one of these positions.



The members in attendance at the conference will also be considering whether to add additional committees to the work of the OADDP, and whether to expand membership eligibility. Remember - committees need committee members to get the work done - another opportunity for you to participate!

The meeting and elections will be held on Saturday afternoon, and will be followed by a "Stay-to-the-End" raffle for a Kindle Fire.



OADDP ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2014

“Eyes on the Future”

The **Ohio Association of Developmental Disabilities Professionals Annual Conference** will be **Friday and Saturday, March 7-8, 2014**, at the **Mohican State Park Resort and Conference Center**, 4700 Goon Road, Perrysville, OH 44864. Directions can be found at <http://www.mohicanstateparklodge.com/>.

The content of the conference will appeal to both County Board of DD members, as well as Local School District members

Bring ideas for **OADDP Local Grants**, as experienced members will be available to help you fill out the application. See the website for sample grants that might work in your local.

Certificates of attendance will be issued at the conclusion of the conference. Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Professional Development Units are pending.

Agenda

Friday, March 7, 2014

- 5:00 **Registration**
- 6:00 **Dinner**
- 7:00 **Welcome**
Jené Wilson, Chairperson
- Remarks**
Becky Higgins, OEA President
- Kick-off FCPE Drive**
Bob Matkowski, OEA LRC
- Friend of DD Award Presentation**
- Social Hour**

Saturday, March 8, 2014

- 9:00 **Dan Ramos**, OEA Government Relations
Right-to-Work Legislation
- 10:15 **Kathy McKinley**, OEA Plan Attorney
Legal Update
- 11:45 **Melissa Clark**, OEA Government Relations
Legislative Update
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:15 **“Autism: A New Twist on and Old Diagnosis”**
Sue Nelson, Autism Specialist, Lake County
- 2:30 **OADDP Annual Meeting**
- 3:00 **Wrap-up**

Stay-to-the-End Raffle for a Kindle Fire

Registration is limited - register early! Registration cost will be **\$21.00 for members and \$31.00 for non-members who are eligible to be members**, which will also cover the cost of joining OADDP. Admission to all sessions, meals, snacks and two complimentary beverages from the lounge are included with registration. **Guests** are welcome for \$65 to cover the cost of meals.

Register by **March 3rd** using the **form** on back **or** online at **oaddp.org**, using PayPal or a credit card. Cancellations will be accepted until **March 3rd**. **Anyone who does not cancel by then and does not attend will be billed the cost of the meals**. Room reservations must be made separately.* See below.

*LODGING

Each participant must reserve their own lodging. The OADDP group rate is \$109, plus tax, for a single or double room, \$10.00 additional for a third person. The same rate is available for Saturday night, if you want to make a weekend of it! **If you need and ADA room or a room close to the activities, indicate that to the reservation specialist when you book your room**. Contact Mohican Resort to make room reservations by **February 28th** at 1-800-AT A PARK. Mention you want rooms in the **OADDP room block**.

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Local Focus...Erie County

by Tara Kamann

Stars Shine Even Brighter This Year.

The Erie County Early Intervention Program, along with many sponsors, held our second annual "Night to Shine" at BGSU Firelands Campus on November 11, 2013. This Red Carpet event was open to children birth to three and half years old that either were current or recent graduates of the program, along with their families. Children came dressed in everything from comfortable jeans to suits and ties, prepared to have a fun evening. Food and drinks were served and participants received a door prize geared for both the child and caregiver. Families were thrilled with the professional photos they received of their child that were taken at the beginning of the evening.

About 120 people gathered in the auditorium to watch each child and family member walk the red carpet together, while a staff member talked about all the positive attributes each and every child has. One of the grandparents told staff that this event made their whole year!

The money the OADDP grant provided helped to purchase a new red carpet, a small rocking chair for the photo session, equipment to create a "paparazzi" section for additional photos as the children walked the red carpet, and payment to the professional photographer. The items that were purchased through this grant will be continued to be used in upcoming years.

This event was supported with a \$500 grant from OADDP.