

# The OADDP Newslines

## The Ohio Association of Developmental Disabilities Professionals

A Division of The Ohio Education Association

### The Annual Conference is almost here!

The most popular event of the year - The OADDP Annual Conference - will be March 6-7, at Mohican State Park Lodge and Resort. All members should have gotten their registration forms in the mail. Presidents of OADDP locals should also have gotten the forms to encourage their members to attend. You can also check the website - [www.oaddp.org](http://www.oaddp.org) - for conference and registration information.

As always, conference favorites, Kathy McKinley, OEA Plan Attorney, and Melissa Clark, OEA Governmental Services, will be speaking on Saturday morning. We will also be welcoming Dan Ramos, also OEA Governmental Services, and Scott DiMauro, OEA Vice-President.



The keynote speaker on Saturday afternoon will be Zeke Petrie and Andre Travis with their motivational discussion of “Andre’s Legacy.” Zeke and Andre have competed in The Akron Marathon, one of them in a wheelchair! Check them out at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pjPu9RLhF4>.

For the third year in a row, OADDP will present a “Friend of DD Award.” The conference also includes a business meeting, raffles, a chance to talk to colleagues from other locals and eat good food, all in a lovely setting.

**Again this year** - online registration! See [www.oaddp.org](http://www.oaddp.org) for details.

**NEOEA Locals** - Scholarships are available from NEOEA. See the NEOEA website - [www.neoea.org](http://www.neoea.org) - for the application.

**2014-15**

**OADDP  
MEETINGS**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**March 6th and 7th  
Annual Membership  
Conference  
Mohican State Park  
Resort**

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**April 11th, 10:30am  
Canton Uniserv Office**

**May 9th, Lunch Break  
OEA Representative  
Assembly**

**July 11, 10:30am  
Hudson Uniserv Office**

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591 Boston Mills  
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**Would you like to  
have an OADDP  
meeting closer to  
you?**

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Winter, 2015

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The OADDP Public Relations Grant program is designed to support local associations in developing projects that reinforce the professional image of the CBDD employee and to enhance the image of education, work and life skills development for people with developmental disabilities. Additionally, the project should promote a positive image of your association within your community. The amount of grant depends on the proposal, but can be up to \$500.

Go to [oaddp.org](http://oaddp.org) for the application, criteria, and a list of ideas that have been previously submitted and approved. Applications can be written by any member and then co-signed by the president.



## Department Of Developmental Disabilities Hearings

Several OADDP members attended a DODD Hearing on the Ohio CMS Transition Plan, held January 8, 2015. Laurie Horvath, Deputy Director, and Kristen Helling, Employment First Director, were the spokespersons for the department, along with representatives from the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA), self-advocates and other provider agencies.

Horvath and Helling explained that the transition plan, as mandated by CMS, refers to Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and is intended to promote human and civil rights of people with DD to help them have experiences similar to typical people. The plan has to, among other criteria, support integration for people with disabilities and be the person's choice from among non-disability settings.

The settings that will not be considered acceptable by CMS include nursing homes, ICFs, hospitals, institutions that provide inpatient services, a facility on the grounds of or adjacent to a public facility, any setting that isolates the consumer and any

setting with the "qualities of an institution." HCBS funds cannot be used in any of these settings.

The next steps will include site visits and the plan being submitted to CMS in March, with agencies having one to five years to comply. The DODD reps explained that "the settings will change, but services will not go away."

So what does this mean for county board services? Despite overwhelming objections from consumers and family members, as well as concerned board of DD staff, life as we know it is likely to be different in our day and residential settings. The four models of service delivery that will be supported are: Integrated Pre-Vocational, Supported Small Group, Supported Individual, and Community Supports. CMS has indicated that the category of providers will not be limited - whether public or private - but the important criteria will be about consumer choice and community integration. While public programs may be a consumers choice, they will likely not exist in their current form.

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## Local Focus...Lake County

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### LEADD leads in Fight for Consumer Choice

Lake Education Association for DD (LEADD) created a short film expressing the concerns of Lake County Families in regard to the CMS transition plans. They interviewed several parents and guardians who are highly concerned about what the federally mandated changes to HCBS could mean for their loved one. They worry that their family member will be unhappy, bullied, and overwhelmed if forced to leave the programs they love. The video shows the depth of confidence that families place in their county board to do what is best for those they serve.

Check out the video for yourself and share it with others:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Bpivq9FXVg>