

# GREAT PROVIDER SERIES

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## Great Providers Advocate

### *Ohio's Budget: The Home Stretch*

Ohio's budget process is entering its final phase, and **every provider's voice matters**. Many critical decisions will be made behind the scenes and in last-minute hearings. Now is the time to speak up.

The Senate Finance Committee will meet in the Finance Hearing Room on:

- 6/3 at 2:30 PM
- 6/4 at 9:00 AM
- 6/5 at 9:00 AM
- 6/6 at 9:00 AM

If you plan to testify (in person or in writing) on the Senate Substitute Bill for Finance Committee:

- For **6/4** testimony, [submit](#) by **Tuesday, 6/3 at 9 PM**
- For **6/5** testimony, [submit](#) by **Wednesday, 6/4 at 5 PM**
- For **6/6** testimony, [submit](#) by **Thursday, 6/5 at 9 AM**

This is your opportunity to influence rates, services, and supports. Let decision-makers hear your story before these critical votes are cast!



## Why Community Matters (And Why We Need You In It)

Almost **80% of providers in Ohio are completely untethered** from any trade association. That means no coordinated advocacy, no shared learning, and no collective voice at the table when decisions are being made about rates, rules, or regulations.

At OPRA, we hear it over and over — the providers who are struggling the most are often the ones who are going it alone. It's not because they don't care or aren't trying. It's because today's system is too complex to navigate in isolation.

- OPRA's community includes nearly 200 members
- Serving over 40,000 people with disabilities
- In all 88 counties of Ohio

**Being part of a provider community matters. It makes you better. It makes you stronger. It makes you more sustainable.**



### Let's Be Great!

If you're reading this, you care about your work — and I want to personally invite you to join OPRA.

Our vision is simple: all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who rely on supports get them from **great providers**. And I'm committed — personally — to making every provider great. **That includes you.**

If you've thought about joining OPRA but haven't yet — or if you're not sure what it would mean for your organization — please reach out. Let's talk. **I want to understand what's in your way. I want to help.**

You don't have to do this alone. And you don't have to be perfect. You just have to care — and be willing to grow. We'll meet you there.

Let's do something great,  
**Pete**

Pete Moore, President & CEO

Here's what OPRA members gain:

- **Timely problem-solving** — we've helped members navigate PNM, untangle EVV issues, and interpret complex policy changes before they caused costly mistakes.
- **Influence at the state level** — our members shape the rules, not just respond to them. We've led efforts to revise DODD rules, organize budget testimony, and shift the conversation around rate methodology and quality.
- **Relationships that matter** — we help providers build connections with legislators, County Boards, and each other. Because knowing who to call can change everything.
- **A learning community** — where members share what works (and what doesn't), so we all grow together.

Trade associations aren't just advocacy groups. They're **infrastructure for resilience**. They give providers the tools, voice, and partnerships needed to adapt, thrive, and keep doing the work they care about.

**We want more providers at the table** — not just for our sake, but for yours, and for the people and families who depend on you.

Being part of a community won't solve everything. But not being part of one solves nothing.

To join the community of great providers, contact Sonya Summers, Member Communication Manager.

