

SCHEDULE



2026 GREAT PROVIDER SUMMIT	
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026	
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Ready For It: Pre-Conference Training Leading Through Change: Using Appreciative Inquiry to Build What's Next <i>Molly McGuigan, Bellflower Street, LLC</i>
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Start Me Up: Exhibitor Showcase Welcome Reception
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026	
9:00am - 9:20am	Happy Together: Opening & Welcome
Breakout Sessions • 9:30am - 10:30am	
Come Together: Executive Leadership Session 1	Mission to Market <i>Jamie Steele, OVRS</i>
One Way or Another: Program Design & Innovation Session 2	Tech-Enabled Independence: How Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration Is Reimaging DD Service Models <i>Ken Smith, NextGen AT</i> <i>Lindsay Horne, Anne Grady & Emily Martinez, StationMD</i>
Taking Care of Business: Business, Finance & Operations Session 3	The ABCs of Management Services Organization for I/DD Providers - Formation and Lessons Learned <i>Steve Colecchi, Hattie Larlham</i> <i>Tim Neville, EHVI</i> <i>Paul Marzec, OPMSO & Amanda Waesch, B.M.D., LLC</i>
We Are the Champions: Supervision & Workforce Session 4	Seasonal Wellness in I/DD Services <i>Deb Maloy, Tarrytown Expocare Pharmacy</i>
I Won't Back Down: Advocacy & Innovation Session 4	The Soundtrack of Synergy <i>Bethany Toledo-McCray, Lighthouse Cove & John Hannah, CRSI</i>
We Can Work It Out • Sponsored Sessions • 11:00am - 12:00pm	
GIV. Sponsor Session 1	Resilience on Purpose: Building Organizations That Outlast Uncertainty <i>Danny Laneri & Alec Fowler, Giv.</i>
Gladey Sponsor Session 2	Leadership Momentum: Protecting Your Mission Through Executive Continuity <i>Stacy Sufka, Gladey Consulting</i>
Smart Living Systems Sponsor Session 3	Expect the Unexpected: How Creativity Makes Remote Support Thrive <i>Hannah Eldridge, LADD, Inc. Jerome Kidd & Shawn Thorpe, Louisa Ridge</i>
TrailBlaze Creative Sponsor Session 4	Change is Inevitable. Chaos is Optional. <i>Tim Hindes & Erin Sogal, TrailBlaze Creative</i>
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Eat It! Lunch

Headline Sponsor:



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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026 (continued)	
Breakout Sessions • 1:00pm - 2:00pm	
Come Together: Executive Leadership Session 6	Ohio's Policy and Business Landscape: What Leaders Need to Know Now <i>Rick Carfagna, Ohio Chamber of Commerce</i>
One Way or Another: Program Design & Innovation Session 7	AI Meets IDD: Top Tools for Providers <i>Patrick McKinney, Kibu</i>
Taking Care of Business: Business, Finance & Operations Session 8	The Rising Cost of Employee Medical Benefits - Unpacking Myths, Strategies that Work, Hope for the Future <i>Paul Nachtwey, The Alera Group</i>
We Are the Champions: Supervision & Workforce Session 9	The Training Revolution: Why DSP Training Determines Retention & Quality Care <i>Joel Carson, RHA Dayton</i>
I Won't Back Down: Advocacy & Innovation Session 10	Thriving as a Neurodivergent Professional: Unlocking Your Unique Potential <i>Scout Dearth, SETWorks</i>
Breakout Sessions • 2:30pm - 3:30pm	
Come Together: Executive Leadership Session 11	From Context to Strategy: Leading Organizations Through Change <i>Stacy DiStefano, Consulting for Human Services</i>
One Way or Another: Program Design & Innovation Session 12	Growing Community and Opportunity: The HELP Harvest Model <i>Tami Honkala, Susan Berneike & Allison Briskey, Help Foundation</i>
Taking Care of Business: Business, Finance & Operations Session 13	ICF Reimbursement Update & Benchmarking Trends <i>TJ Ely & Denise Leonard, Plante Moran, PLLC</i>
We Are the Champions: Supervision & Workforce Session 14	Avoiding The Ambiguity Abyss: The Vague Burn-Out <i>Sarah Davies, Advocacy and Consulting</i>
I Won't Back Down: Advocacy & Innovation Session 15	The Funding Future of Ohio's Medicaid Program <i>Christine Touvelle, OPRA</i>
6:00pm - 9:30pm	We Will Rock You!: OPRA Encore at the Rock Hall Event
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026	
8:00am - 9:00am	Wake Me Up: Continental Breakfast
9:00am - 10:00am Session 16	The Final Countdown: General Session Looking Ahead: State Leadership Perspectives for the Final Months of the DeWine Administration <i>Directors Panel (DODD, OOD & ODM)</i>
10:00am - 11:00am	Breakfast at Tiffany's: Attendee/Exhibitor Brunch
11:30am - 12:00pm Session 17	Who Are You: General Session Who Are We, Really? Clarity, Distinction and Direction in a Changing System <i>Stacy DiStefano, Consulting for Human Services</i>
12:15pm - 1:15pm Session 18	Let it Be: Closing Keynote Creating a Positive and Mindful Workplace Culture <i>Pandit Dasa, Work Mindful Corp.</i>