

2026 OPRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - DAY 1
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

DAY & TIME				
Thurs. 10/22 9:00am - 10:00am	WELCOME & KEYNOTE SESSION - Mindset With Magie - Dr. Magie Cook			
15 Min. Break	LEADERSHIP	BUSINESS & OPERATIONS	ICF	QUALITY & INNOVATION
Thurs. 10/22 Breakout Sessions 10:15am - 11:15am	Breakout Session 1	Breakout Session 2	Breakout Session 3	Breakout Session 4
	From Pressure to Progress: A Fireside Conversation on Leading Through Uncertainty	Funding the Gaps: Building a Philanthropy Program that Pays Off	Navigation Essentials: Strategies for Individualized Support	Rethinking Independence: How Providers Are Using Assistive Technology to Reduce Supervision and Improve Outcomes
	Dr. Magie Cook Magie Cook, LLC	Jodi Bopp, I Am Boundless Kari Roll, Goodwill Columbus	Jen Bavry & Steve Mentrek, OCALI Matthew Bavinka, DODD	Nick Morin BoundaryCare
15 Min. Break	LEADERSHIP	BUSINESS & OPERATIONS	ICF	QUALITY & INNOVATION
Thurs. 10/22 Breakout Sessions 11:30am - 12:30pm	Breakout Session 5	Breakout Session 6	Breakout Session 7	Breakout Session 8
	How to Have Difficult Discussions and Productive Disagreements	AI Without Overwhelm: A SAFER Workflow Framework for I/DD Providers	ICF Reimbursement Update & Benchmarking Trends	RISE Remote Support Solution: Independence Without Isolation
	Tom Speaks Impact Group	Tamora Lupton-Wilkinson Tamora Compass	TJ Ely & Denise Leonard Plante Moran	Jennifer Gallaway & Liz Wharton RMS of Ohio
Thurs. 10/22 12:00pm - 12:30pm	EXHIBITOR LUNCH			
Thurs. 10/22 12:30pm - 1:20pm	ATTENDEE LUNCH			

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Thurs. 10/22 Sponsored Sessions 1:30pm - 2:30pm	Sponsored Session 1	Sponsored Session 2	Sponsored Session 3	Sponsored Session 4
	AI & Data: Tools for Today's Challenges	Beyond the Communication Cascade: Using AI to Reach Every Employee, Every Shift, Every Time	Prove It or Lose It: Why the Technology Ohio’s I/DD Providers Use to Document Decides Whether They Survive the Next Decade	Stronger Together: SETWorks + Primary Solutions and the Future of IDD in Ohio
	Alec Fowler Giv.	Stacy Sufka Gladedgy	Heather Janci Kibu	Henri McCracken, SETWorks Liz Thompson, Primary Solutions
15 Min. Break	LEADERSHIP	BUSINESS & OPERATIONS	ICF	QUALITY & INNOVATION
Thurs. 10/22 Breakout Sessions 2:45pm - 3:45pm	Breakout Session 9	Breakout Session 10	Breakout Session 11	Breakout Session 12
	Hold the Line: Staying True to Your Brand Through Change	Fostering Accountability & Trust: OPRA’s Just Culture Learning Collaborative	The Hidden Rules of Class for DD Providers	More Than a Job: Cultivating Purpose and Belonging in Direct Support Work
	Tim Hindes & Erin Sogal TrailBlaze Creative	Teresa Kobelt & Scott Marks OPRA	Bradley Wyner, Cierea Watkins & Andrea Jackson Rose-Mary	Tim Vogt & Bridget Vogt Inclusion Seekers
15 Min. Break				
Thurs. 10/22 4:00pm - 5:00pm	GENERAL SESSION - LEGISLATIVE UPDATES			
Thurs. 10/22 5:00pm - 6:00pm	EXHIBITOR HAPPY HOUR			
Thurs. 10/22 7:00pm - 10:00pm	OPRA PARTY - Featuring OPRA All Star Band!			

2026 OPRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - DAY 2
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

Fri. 10/23 8:00am - 9:00am	EXHIBITOR NETWORKING BREAKFAST			
Fri. 10/23 9:00am - 10:00am	GENERAL SESSION - Connect, Collaborate & Engage: OPRA District Networking			
15 Min. Break	DAY & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	HEALTHCARE	RESIDENTIAL WAIVER	HUMAN RESOURCES
Fri. 10/23 Breakout Sessions 10:15am - 11:15am	Breakout Session 13	Breakout Session 14	Breakout Session 15	Breakout Session 16
	Refueling the Frontline: A Trauma-Informed Framework for Staff Well-Being and Burnout Prevention	Beyond Medication Passes: Leveraging the Nurse's Perspective to Improve Outcomes, Reduce Risk, and Strengthen Teams	The New NADSP Code of Ethics	Conflict to Collaboration: Practical Strategies Every Leader Needs
	Justin Blumhorst Capabilities	Kristina Watson & Mindy Garverick Dynamic Pathways	Tony Thomas & John Raffaele NADSP	Tniesha Jones The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
15 Min. Break	DAY & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	HEALTHCARE	RESIDENTIAL WAIVER	HUMAN RESOURCES
Fri. 10/23 Breakout Sessions 11:30am - 12:30pm	Breakout Session 17	Breakout Session 18	Breakout Session 19	Breakout Session 20
	Building Your Super Squad: Developing the Next Generation of Human Service Professionals	Bold Connections and Innovations: A Community Care Model That Advances Support for People with IDD and Mental Health Needs	Dementia & I/DD	Breaking Leadership Bottlenecks: Grow Leaders, Strengthen Teams, and Retain Top Talent
	Laura Borows & Jaylin Underwood Riverview Industries	Nick Burton NextGen Synergy	Mary Sentelle Dynamic Pathways	Catherine Bennett Catherine Bennett Consulting
30 Min. Break				
Fri. 10/23 1:00pm - 2:30pm	OPRA ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON			