9/3/20 Provider Call Update

ODH PPE Project:

OPRA has been working with the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Emergency Management Agencies (EMAs) to help secure PPE for providers who are supporting COVID positive individuals and are desperately low on PPE. Providers are now considered Tier 1 providers by local EMAs. If you are in dire need of PPE, contact your local EMA and be prepared with the following information:

- What services does the requesting agency/provider deliver?
- What population(s) does the agency/provider serve?
- How much of the requested PPE does the agency/provider have on hand?
- What is the burn rate of the requested PPE? (# of resources used per day)
- What PPE conservation strategies are being employed? (See Optimizing Supply of PPE and Other Equipment during Shortages)
- When will the agency/provider run out of the requested supplies, at the current burn rate?
- What deliveries are expected from the agency’s/provider’s established vendor(s)? (How much will arrive and when will it be delivered?)
- What is the current situation at the facility? COVID cases? Total patients/residents?
- Circumstances contributing to limited PPE?

Clarification: ODH Order on the Opening of Adult Day Care Services and Senior Centers

On August 31, Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Interim Director Lance Himes signed the Director's Order on the Opening of Adult Day Care Services and Senior Centers. This order goes into effect at 12:01 AM on September 21.

The August 31 ODH order does not apply to providers certified by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), due to the existing ODH order that has allowed Adult Day Support or Vocational Habilitation services in cohorts of 10 people or less.

Specifically, the testing order is currently specific to skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and adult day services offered by non-DODD adult day centers. ICFs will not be affected by the testing order. People supported by county boards who also attend general adult day care programming or reside in nursing homes may be affected on a personal level, but the orders will not impact the operations of DD facilities.

County boards agree to continue funding Acuity C rates through the end of September 2020

Future months will be reviewed on a month to month and county to county basis.
HHS Provider Relief Fund Update

HHS has again delayed the deadline for applying for the Provider Relief Fund. The new deadline is now September 13th. The deadline also includes providers who received a small amount of money through the Medicare release of funds and are hoping to make up the difference of what they could have received under the Medicaid release. You can see the new date at the top of this webpage.

COVID-19 Relief Payment to Waiver Residential Providers Announced

This payment follows COVID-19 provider relief payments that have already been made to day service, non-medical transportation, and intermediate care facility (ICF) providers. These payments are in recognition of additional costs providers have incurred during the state of emergency and will be paid to HPC, PD/HPC, OSOC, and Shared Living Providers. It will be a percentage of billing that was submitted by Noon on 09/02/20 for the months of March – June of this year.

OSHA has put out guidance: Preparing Workplaces for COVID-10: Full Packet - Here

If you are in need of supplies, please email melissa.stall@warrencountydd.org

If you need staff or have staff in need of work, please reach out to our Provider Development Coordinators at providerdevelopment@warrencountydd.org

If you need BCI/FBI background checks completed, the WCBDD is offering them by appointment only. Please email william.caplinger@warrencountydd.org to schedule an appointment.

Please visit our COVID-19 resource page at https://warrencountydd.org/covid-19-wcbdd-resources-and-support