Recent DODD Guidance

**Guidance: Temporary Changes to Adult Day Services**, including
- Adult Day Support
- Career Planning
- Individual Employment Support
- Vocational Habilitation

DODD will be holding a [webinar](#) on these changes and issues pertaining to day array on April 17.

**Guidance: Supportive Technology Options**

Recent Updated DODD Guidance

**Guidance: Providers of Waiver-Funded Services**
- Age Waiver Request for Agency Providers

**Guidance: Independent Providers of Waiver-Funded Services**

**DODD Residential Crisis Support Plan**

DODD, with the input of OACB and OPRA, has issued a streamlined [Regional Residential Crisis Support Plan](#) to help providers experiencing acute staffing or capacity shortages better understand how they can leverage county, regional, and state-level resources to overcome their challenges. The plan encourages providers to contact their county boards first, in an attempt to solve the problems they are experiencing at the local level before seeking additional guidance from the state. If local solutions are unavailable and dire situations persist, the plan outlines a gradual escalation process.

[Cross-Functional Flowchart for Residential Services Crisis Response and Coordination](#)

*Please note: This plan is only intended to help residential providers identify solutions to staffing crises due to COVID-19. A statewide plan to address issues surrounding COVID-19 prevention, isolation conditions, quarantine protocols, and other similar topics is currently under development by the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Medicaid.*

**Coronavirus Stimulus Payments - Recovery Rebates**

How much is the payment?

$1,200 for individuals and $2,400 for married couples who filed jointly. There is a $500 supplemental payment per child age 16 or younger. People whose adjusted gross income was less than $75,000 for a single individual or $150,000 for married filing jointly are eligible for the full payment. The payment is gradually reduced for incomes above those levels, tapering off altogether at $99,000 for individuals and $198,000 for couples.
Do asset and income limits apply to these payments?

No. Because these payments are like tax rebates, they “shall not be taken into account as resources for a period of 12 months from receipt, for purposes of determining the eligibility of such individual (or any other individual) for benefits or assistance (or the amount or extent of benefits or assistance) under any Federal program or under any State or local program financed in whole or in part with Federal funds” (26 U.S. Code § 6409). This means that people with disabilities can accept these payments without putting Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and other benefits at risk.

Do people have to fill out a form to get the payment?

Only some people. The payments will be issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), like a tax refund, and if a person filed taxes in 2018 or in 2019, the payment will be made automatically to the bank account or address that the IRS has on file. There may be other automatic payments. We do not know when the payments will be made.

Can people on SSI or Social Security get payments?

Yes. Payments to people on Social Security will be automatic. However, people on SSI will need to provide personal information to the IRS to receive their payments. The information can be provided via this portal: https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here.

What about people who didn’t have to file taxes?

If you did not file a 2018 or 2019 federal income tax return because your gross income was under $12,200 ($24,400 for married couples), this includes people who had no income, or you weren’t required to file a 2018 or 2019 federal income tax return for other reasons, fill out the Non-Filers: Enter Your Payment Info Here application to provide simple information so you can get your payment.

Do not use this application if you receive:

- Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), or survivor benefits
- Railroad Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Please visit https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus for the most up-to-date information.

**Mental Health Recovery Board Update**

The MHRB has a dedicated Coronavirus Resources page to share the latest information and updates that may offer you help, care and some reassurance in the face of the anxiety we all may feel right now.

For parents who may be experiencing various issues with kids, Beech Acres Parenting Center has a flyer outlining several services and contact information to help:

Kinship Connections
Parent Coaching
Parent Connext
The Mobile Response & Stabilization Services (MRSS) program is also available to help in times of child and family crises. Call (877) 695-6333 to be connected to a trained professional. Warren County has created a flier with contacts for various resources including the Warren County Health District, local food pantries, learning at home, and more.

The Clinton County Health District has created a county-specific page for information around Coronavirus. You can view that information at COVIDCC.com. If you hear of new resources they can share on their website, please email jcummings@mhrbwcc.org. And, you can always call the Crisis Hotline at (877) 695-6333 or text "4hope" to 741741

DSP Nation Quarantine Concert

OADSP and OPRA are partnering to sponsor the DSP Nation Quarantine Concert tomorrow, Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7 PM. This will be a Facebook Live concert. This should be a fun event for people that can be shared with their family, friends, and the people they support. Messages of encouragement will be spread throughout the concert. People can head over to OADSP's Facebook page to view and share the event.

Two-part webinar series: Financial Literacy and Resilience in the Midst of a Global Pandemic

In recognition of financial literacy month in April, the LEAD Center, a project of the Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), is hosting a two-part webinar series that will provide information, financial tools, and strategies that individuals and workforce professionals can use immediately in response to the urgent challenges ahead.

On Wednesday, April 22, the LEAD Center Technical Assistance team will be joined by experts from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the New York Legal Assistance group, and National Disability Institute (NDI) to share strategies that workers with disabilities can implement immediately. Then, on Wednesday, April 29, the team will welcome representatives from several workforce boards to highlight a few key ways the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and workforce professionals can support workers facing economic challenges today and in the future.

1. Financial Strategies for Workers with Disabilities During the Coronavirus Pandemic
   - Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. EST
   - Register Here

2. How WIOA Can Support Workers Facing Economic Challenges
   - Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. EST
   - Register Here

Don't be confused by the PDT listed as 12:00 to 1:00 – It’s scheduled in a different time zone from Ohio