

## Highlights from DODD:

**Memo Monday**  
DODD News, Guidance, and Training



### Townhall Meetings to Discuss interRAI Assessment Updates Scheduled in June

DODD, along with Deloitte Consulting, will be hosting the fourth installment in a series of virtual townhall meetings to share updates and answer questions about the interRAI assessment process, which began statewide on May 1. These sessions will focus on key topics, including implementation updates and how to access your interRAI assessment report.

Townhall sessions will take place on **June 22 at 9 AM** and **June 23 at 6 PM**.

Register on Zoom:

- [June 22 at 9 AM](#)
- [June 23 at 6 PM](#)

Please visit [DODD's interRAI Assessment page](#) for the latest updates to frequently asked questions (FAQs) and other resources.

To request an accommodation, email: [training.team@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:training.team@dodd.ohio.gov).

### Environmental Accessibility Adaptation Service Webinar June 17

Join DODD for an Environmental Accessibility Adaptation Service webinar on June 17, 2026, at 2 PM.

Attendees will learn about updates to the Environmental Accessibility Adaptations waiver service, effective July 1, 2026. This session will explain what is changing, what is staying the same, and how the service will now be available through the SELF Waiver. This event is for people and families, service and support administrators (SSAs), providers, and anyone who supports waiver services.

Register for the event on

[DODD's website](#).

Need an accommodation?

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### July 2026 Waiver Updates Available

Please visit [DODD's Waiver Changes page](#) to find information describing the upcoming changes and updates to the department's waivers. These changes will take effect on July 1, 2026, upon Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.

### F.E.A.R. Factor Registration and Recording

Register for the next F.E.A.R. Factor 2026 session: Confronting Fears of Working with Facts, Evaluation, Action, and Results on Wednesday, June 24, from 1 PM-2:30 PM.

This session will refresh attendees' understanding of Medicaid for working people, emphasizing Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities (MBIWD), Workability, and 1619b. Speakers will address common concerns about working while receiving Medicaid and will explore pathways to employment while maintaining needed support.

The webinar will help attendees navigate the benefits system with confidence. Register for the event through [Member Connect](#).

Did you miss the F.E.A.R. Factor session in April on Medicaid estate recovery? You can now watch the recording on the [Ohio Association of County Boards' \(OACB\) YouTube channel](#).

## What Works for Work Virtual Training and Office Hours

What Works for Work is a nine-month online learning series created by OCALI. It is designed to help professionals support people with disabilities at work, in the community, and at home.

Starting in June 2026, participants will complete one online module each month. After that, they will join a live one-hour virtual session on the last Tuesday of each month from 2:30 PM-3:30 PM.

### Each live session will:

- Go over the main ideas from the month
- Show real examples
- Provide coaching and help with problem-solving
- Give time for questions and discussion

### Who Should Join:

Anyone who supports people with disabilities, such as job coaches, teachers, transition specialists, and other professionals.

### Why It's Helpful:

Participants will learn practical strategies that can improve independence, organization, communication, and confidence. They will also get to connect with others doing similar work.

### Monthly Topics:

- **June:** Visual Supports
- **July:** Task Analysis, Chaining, Prompting
- **August:** Video Modeling
- **September:** Technology Tools
- **October:** Memory Strategies
- **November:** Social Skills
- **January:** Community-Based Instruction
- **February:** Self-Management and Reinforcement
- **March:** Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination

Participants can register on [Zoom](#) and access the [online modules](#) at any time.

## Annual DSP Compensation Survey Launches June 9

The annual DODD Direct Support Professional (DSP) Compensation Survey launches June 9. The purpose of this required survey is to track direct care professional wages and benefits, as well as monitor total workforce size and employment outcomes. DODD has narrowed the criteria for participation this year.

Agencies do not need to participate in this year's survey if, in calendar year 2025, they served fewer than three people and/or received less than \$100,000 in DODD waiver reimbursement. To see if your agency must participate, [use this Tableau lookup tool](#).

Required providers will be able to submit their data to DODD between June 9, 2026 – July 31, 2026, using their agency's unique survey code that will be sent to all email addresses on file for their agency on June 9, 2026, from [DSComp@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:DSComp@dodd.ohio.gov).

Providers who do not submit their annual compensation data will not be able to receive DODD grants and contracts in State Fiscal Year 2027 (SFY27) and will be listed as non-participants in the annual report.

Resources for this year's survey can be found on [DODD's website](#).

Registration for training on the DSP Compensation Survey will open soon.