

Familiar Faces on this Video that was posted last week!

What's Your "Why"?

The start of a new year is a great time for reflection and goal-setting.

At DODD, we are connecting with our "Why" - the story behind why we do what we do. It's a commitment to transparency, both personally and professionally. The developmental disability community is made up of many stories and many "whys," and we plan to highlight those unique connections throughout the year.

1. 1099 FORMS- Confirm Accurate Contact Information

- Ohio Shared Services will be mailing out 1099 tax forms in January. Providers should ensure that their address within the system is accurate. 1099 forms that are returned due to address issues will cause payment accounts to be moved to inactive and Ohio Shared Services will not issue payments until the address is updated.
- Verify your address with Ohio Shared Services by using the Ohio Pays portal at ohiopays.ohio.gov, by calling 1-877-644-6771 or email at obm.contactcenter@obm.ohio.gov

2. Updates to Remote Support and Assistive Technology Rules- REMOTE PROVIDERS ONLY

- Effective January 1, 2026, an update to Ohio Administrative Code 5123-9-35 clarifies that all Remote Support staff must have a background check.
- This rule applies to services under the Individual Options, Level One, and Self-Empowered Life Funding waivers.
- Updates to the rule also require additional information to be included in the individual service plan or a written agreement. Unless there is an immediate change to services, DODD would expect to see these items added to the OhioISP during the annual revision.
- For more details, you can read the rule here: **Rule 5123-9-35**.

3. DSP Provider Toolkit Information Sessions

- DODD's DSP & Provider Support Team is hosting an informational session for providers on locating resources on DODD's website and effectively using the DSP & Provider Toolkit. Annual training options for 2026 will be shared.

When: Monday, January 26th - 10:00-11:00am

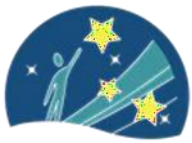
Where: Zoom

Register: [Click Here](#)

- **Questions/Accommodations email** - training.team@dodd.ohio.gov

4. Waiver Changes January 1, 2026

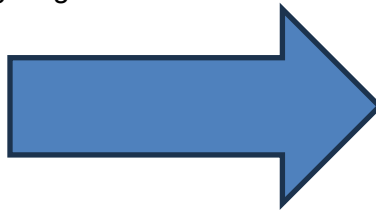
- DODD has updated the Support Broker service and added it to the IO and Level 1 waivers and made updates to the Remote Services and Assistive Technology services which are both available with all three waivers.
- DODD has provided a [summary of these updates](#) that went into effect 1.1.2026



- Questions about the upcoming proposed changes, please email WaiverPolicyTA@dodd.ohio.gov

5. Provider Network Management

- [CLICK HERE for all resources on PNM](#)
- Lots of help when navigating PNM



- [PSM User Guide for Certification](#)
- [New to PNM Application - A New Provider](#)
- [PNM to PSM Certified Provider](#)
- [PNM - Updating a Provider File](#)
- [Voluntary Withdraw of DODD Certification](#)
- [Add-On Service](#)
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- [Change of Demographics - Billing and Payment Address](#)
- [Competency Add-On Rate](#)
- [How to Withdraw Your DODD Application](#)
- [Name Change](#)
- [Provider Admin Transfer - Remapping](#)
- [Provider Type 38 - Nurses](#)

6. Annual MUI Reporting Requirements

- As part of Ohio's Health and Welfare system, we review Major Unusual Incident (MUI) data. This year, we will look at data from 2023, 2024, and 2025. The goal is to analyze trends and patterns and work to prevent incidents. This process helps the people we serve, as well as teams and agencies, make informed decisions, prevent incidents and plan.
- Agency providers must complete the Annual Review and submit it to the County Board no later than February 28. The Annual Review must include all the elements outlined in **OAC 5123-17-02 (N)(1)-(3)**. An **Annual Report Template** is available in the Health and Welfare Toolkit at the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities website at *dodd.ohio.gov*.

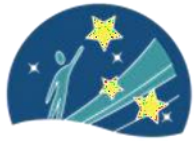
Under the revised MUI rule, independent providers no longer need to complete an annual analysis. Independent providers should continue to work with teams to address patterns and trends and make sure risks are addressed for each person served

7. Important Note about Certification Renewals

- Certification renewals are currently taking 10-12 weeks for initial review at DODD. It is important that you monitor your end dates as it has been reported that DODD is not sending out 90-day certification renewals.
- Please make sure that you are paying attention to the DODD certification date and not the date noted on the PNM homepage.

8. Ohio Human Trafficking Awareness Webinar

- The Governor's Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force is hosting a webinar to help people learn more about human trafficking. This webinar will explain what human trafficking is, share facts and real examples from Ohio and across the country, and teach what to do if you think someone may be a victim.



- Webinar Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Register at this link: **The Governor's Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force Awareness and Identification Webinar for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams**

Register early to secure your spot. Participants can earn 1 hour of DODD Continuing Professional Development. This is available for Investigative Agents, SSAs, and Superintendents.

- If you have questions or accommodations, please contact our office at **mui.unit@dodd.ohio.gov**

9. IMPORTANT DATES AND UPCOMING TRAININGS

- a. March 3, 2026- ANNUAL 8 HOUR TRAINING. ONLY OFFERED 4x/year Check Calendar for new dates!
- b. February 10, 2026, CPR-First Aid 9-12
- c. March 10, 2026 2025- CPR-First Aid 9-12
- d. March 17, 2026 Provider Meeting 10:00AM