

Ohio DODD Waiver Modernization

Assessments Provider Discussion

June 30th, 2025



Agenda

Discussion topics and meeting goals

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Discussion Topics

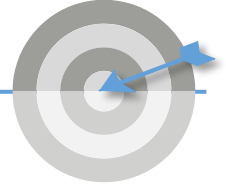
Assessment Status and Update (10 min)

Communications Plan (35 min)

- Key Themes
- Timing
- Channels

Discussion and Next Steps (15 min)

Meeting Goals



Assessment Status & Update: Share updates on status of interRAI assessment and tentative timing of release of information.

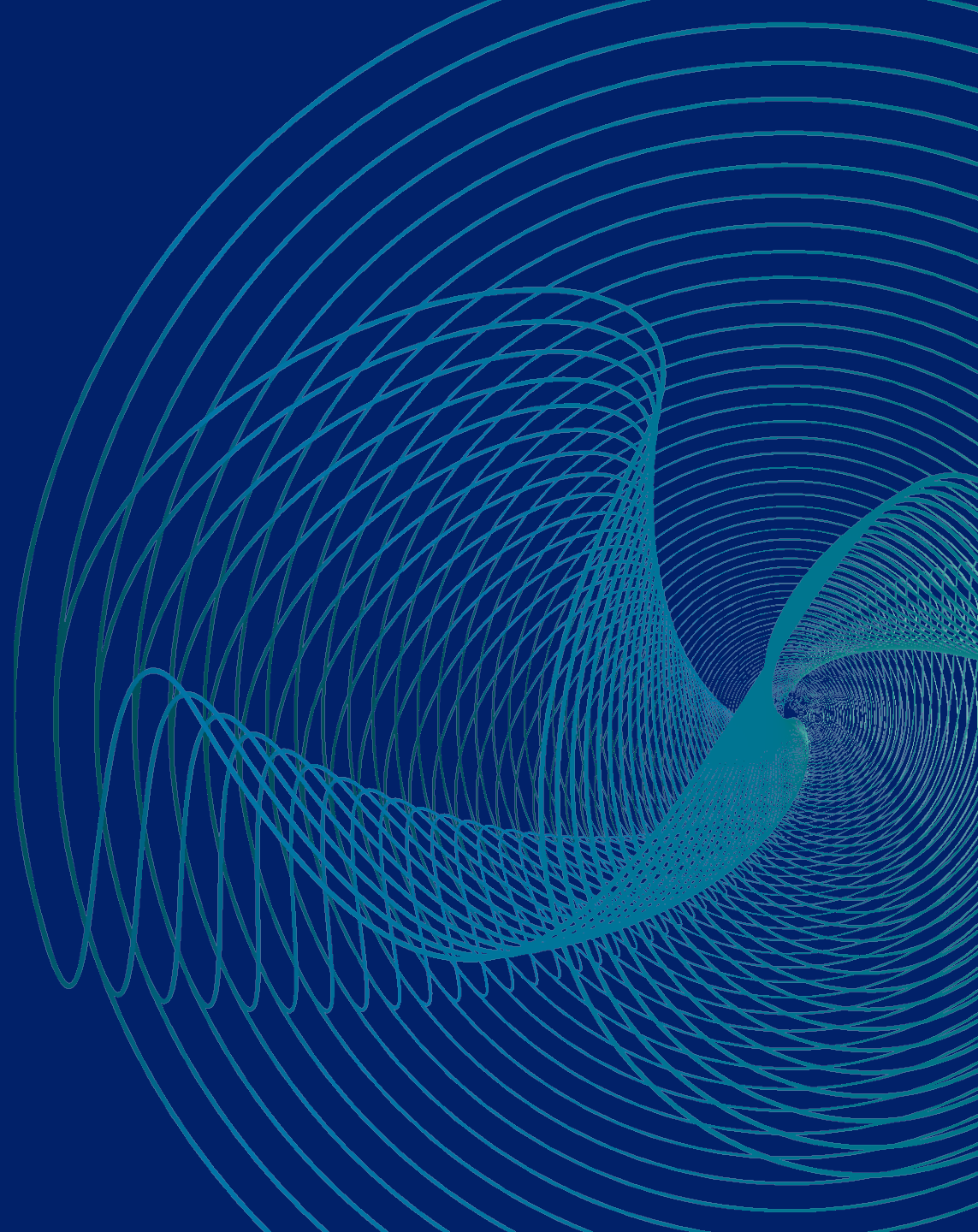


Communications Plan: Share communications plan including key themes of messaging, timing of communications, and distribution channels.



Discussion and Next Steps: Allow time for questions and solicit feedback on preferences for moving forward.

Assessment Status



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Overview of what the DODD and Deloitte team have been working on to support the assessment transition since our last update.

COMPLETED ACTIVITIES:

Developed **communications plan** to engage all stakeholders on the transition

Held kick-off interRAI implementation **conversation with ODM**

Held **weekly County Board representative conversations** to outline assessor logistics

Facilitated **training focused planning discussions** with interRAI fellows

Strategized **proposed transition timeline** options for assessments, budgets, and rates

Started **contracting conversations** with interRAI

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:



Finalize Transition Timelines



Finalize Public-Facing Materials

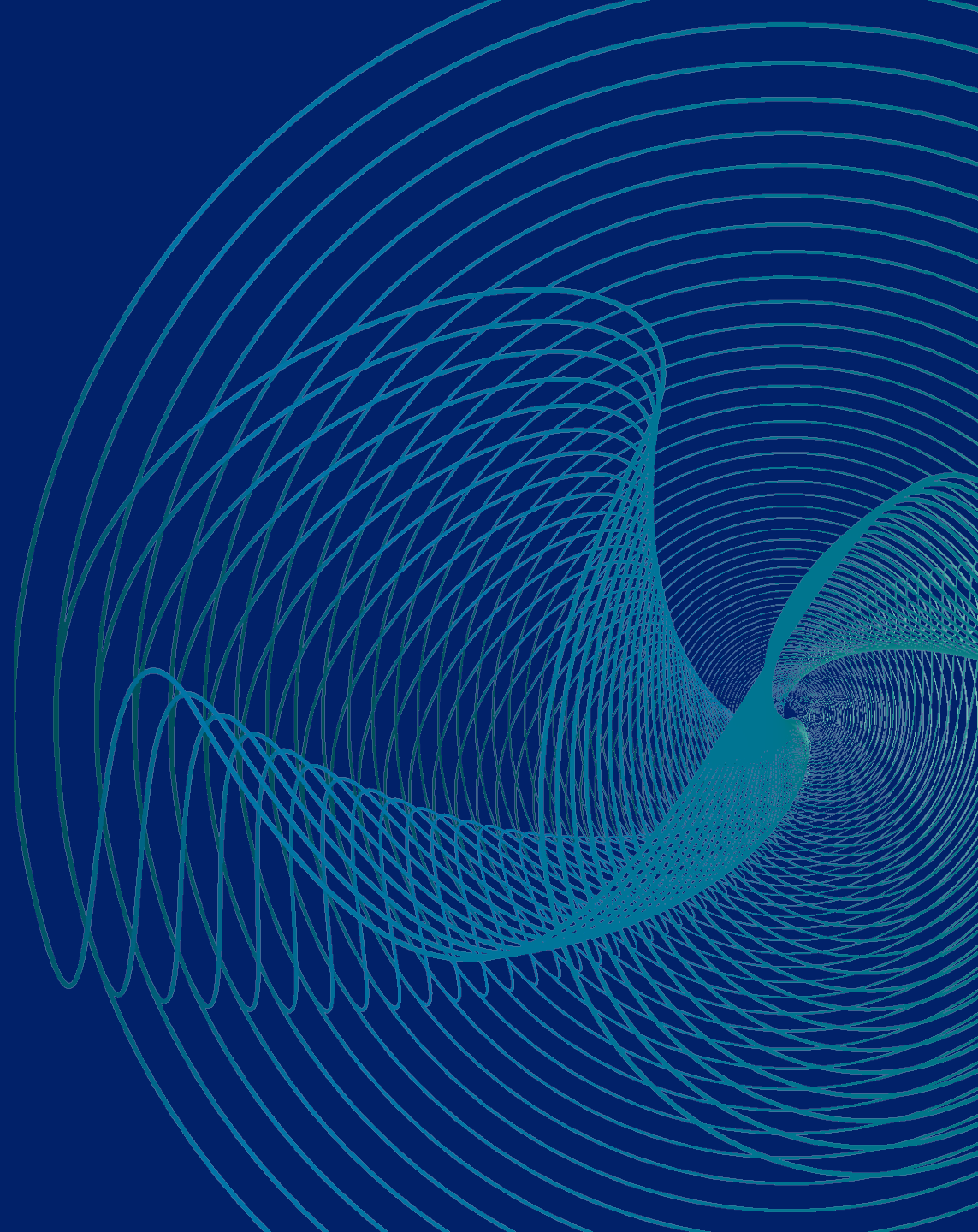


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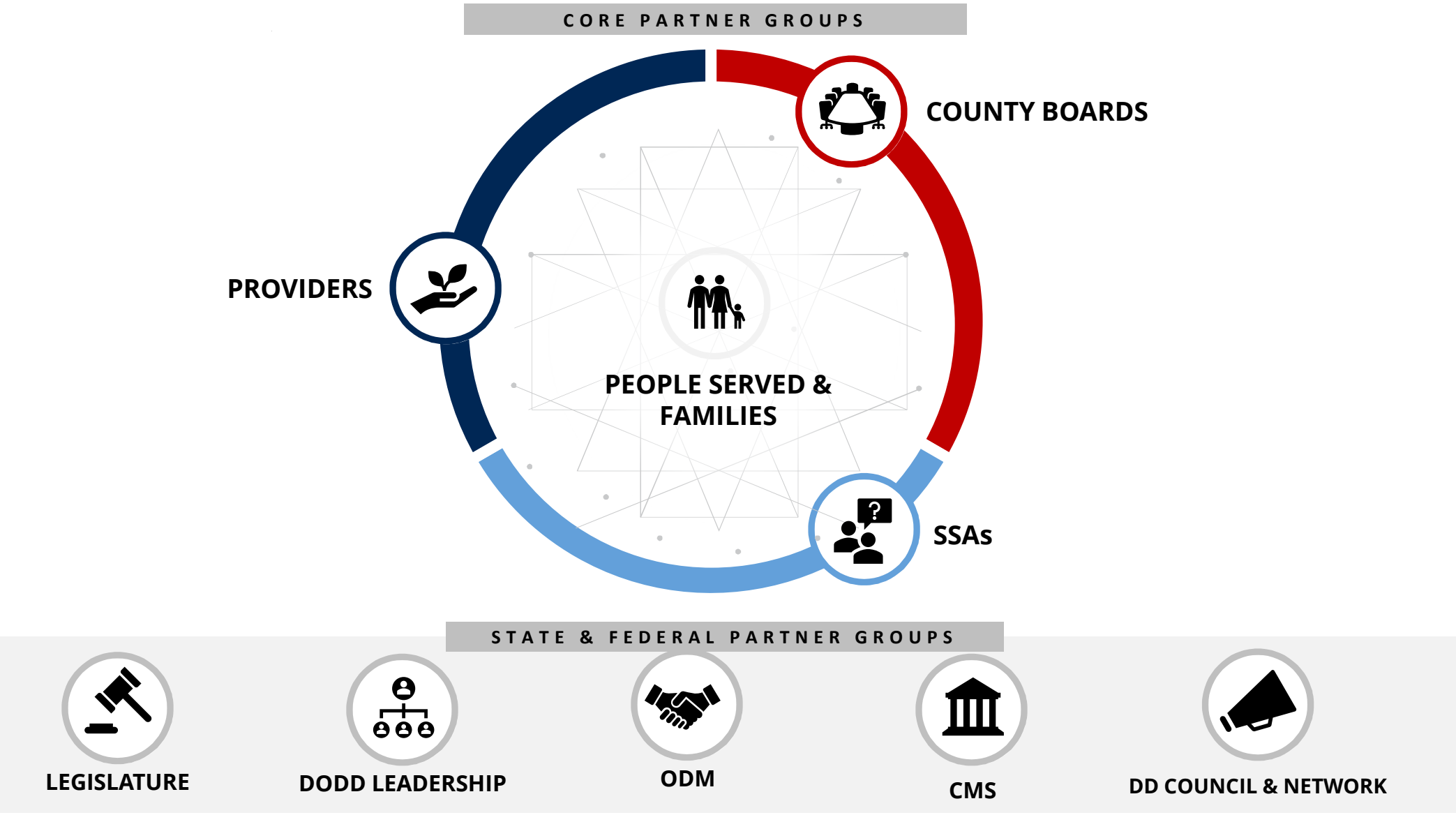
Confirm Assessors

High-Level Communications Plan



State Partner Groups Overview

Overview of state partner groups



Assessment Implementation Core Messaging

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What message will be delivered to all partners when discussing the implementation of a new assessment?

Overview

DODD's main goal for Waiver Modernization is to sustain a waiver program that is innovative, flexible, and meets the needs of Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families. **Switching to a well-known national assessment tool is an important part of this effort.**

New Assessment

Launching a new national and standardized assessment tool, designed for people with I/DD across ages, will help create a full picture of individual strengths, while also identifying areas of need, **providing the necessary information to begin a strong, person-centered planning process.** The new tool will also make things easier by reducing the number of different assessments that individuals, families, and SSAs have to complete.

Acuity-Based Rates

Ohio wants to make sure that **people can get services from providers who understand their unique needs, and that providers are paid fairly for the care they give.** By using a new, standardized assessment tool, Ohio will be able to create rates that are based on each person's level of need.

Partner Group Outcomes

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Specific messaging for partner groups to support the transition to a new assessment tool and acuity-based rates.

"WHY IS OHIO TRANSITIONING TO A NEW ASSESSMENT TOOL?"

PEOPLE SERVED/ FAMILIES



*...to make it easier for individuals **to access essential services** by utilizing a nationally recognized, standardized tool that **more comprehensively identifies a person's needs.***

PROVIDERS



*..to **align reimbursement to the complexity and needs** of the person served and to **streamline and simplify the billing process.***

COUNTY BOARDS



*...to better understand a person's needs **through a standardized assessment process** and therefore **more accurate and predictable budgets.***

SSAs



*..to provide **additional insight to person's needs and better inform service planning.***

External Facing Material Content

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Preparation for sharing updates with all partners on the interRAI assessment decision targeting mid-late July.

Waiver Modernization Background

- Explain how DODD arrived at selecting a new assessment tool and how it accomplishes Waiver Modernization project goals.

Assessment Process

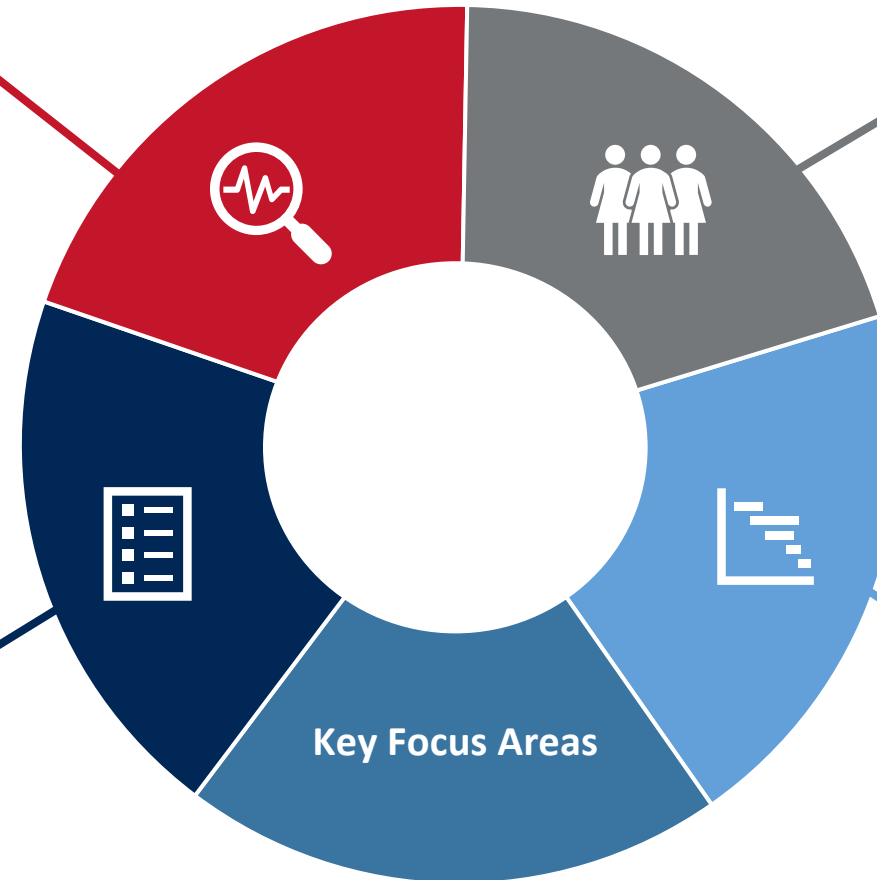
- Provide an overview of what people served/families can expect with a new assessment tool, including who assessors will be, the type of questions they may be asked, and how the assessment functions.

InterRAI Overview

- Introduce the interRAI assessment instruments being used and why the assessment was selected.
- Include details on what the assessment will be used for.

Implementation Timeline

- Provide dates of when state partners can expect changes to current state processes.



Methods of Engagement

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Suggested methods of engagement for waiver modernization assessment implementation progress moving forward.



Website Landing Page

Build out/update a comprehensive landing page on waiver modernization with subsections holding FAQ documents, links to upcoming calls, etc.
All stakeholder groups



FAQ Documents/Fact Sheets

Ad hoc updates leveraged by partner groups to help disseminate information and posted on public facing website for information sharing.
All stakeholders



Virtual Townhalls

Quarterly/Bimonthly live touchpoints with core partner groups (held separately to start) beginning in late July.
Individuals, family members, providers, County Boards, SSAs



Newsletters

Regular, high level informational blurbs on upcoming meetings and assessment implementation progress. (e.g. Memo Mondays)
All stakeholders



Monthly Status Updates

Continue **monthly** public facing status updates including implementation progress details.
All stakeholder groups



Surveys





Solicit **pre and post implementation feedback** from specific stakeholder/partner groups who will be most impacted by the new tool.
Individuals, family members, providers

Ongoing monitoring of redesign@dodd.ohio.gov inbox

Live Communications

Tentative dates for initial live communications with core stakeholder groups.

DODD will **continue to meet with this group monthly** to continue collaborating on Waiver Modernization progress and leverage the associations to disseminate information amongst stakeholder groups.

PARTNER	DATE	RECURRENCE	TOPIC
 People Served / Public	Mid-Late July	Bi-Monthly	Overview of waiver modernization progress & interRAI tool.
 Providers	Early August	Quarterly	Overview of waiver modernization progress & interRAI tool.
 County Boards/OACB	Mid-August	Quarterly	Overview of waiver modernization progress & interRAI tool, focus on new assessor model.
 SSAs	Mid-August	Quarterly	Overview of waiver modernization progress & interRAI tool, focus on new assessor model.

Questions?

