

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: January 22, 2018

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MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Council is to inform and advise the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Legislature, and the Governor on the diverse issues affecting employment of people with disabilities.

The PaRC 2017 Annual Report and can be found on our webpage or by clicking on the following link <http://www.parac.org/reports/>.

Find Your Local CAC Meeting Dates: Please go to our website www.parac.org and click on the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) link to find dates, locations, times, etc. for information on the nearest CAC.

***** PaRC Calendar Year 2018 –Please Mark your Calendars *****

FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

PaRC Full Council meetings will be held at the **Harrisburg Hilton** from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM (unless otherwise noted). We will also have parking passes for those who park in the Strawberry Square Parking Garage. Please plan to stay for the entire meeting.

March 7, 2018

May 2, 2018
August 22, 2018
October 24, 2018

PaRC Member Committee Conference Calls – Please Mark your Calendars

CAC / Executive Committee Conference Call

Next Call: To be Determined

CareerLink/WIOA

Next Call: To be Determined

Executive Committee Conference Call

Next Call: – Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 2:00 PM

Legislative and Public Awareness Conference Call

Next Call: Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 3:00 PM

OVR Policy and State Plan Committee / Customer Satisfaction Conference Call

Next Call: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call

Next Call: Friday, January 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Transition & Education

Next Call: – Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 2:00 PM

1.) Policy Information Exchange (PIE):

PIE Info: SDHP's Lunch and Learn Webinar Series: Exploring Independent Living – February 9, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM --

The Pennsylvania Housing Choice Coalition presents "Lunch and Learn" a 6 session, 2nd Friday of the month, webinar series about independent living and different housing topics. This is a series of free educational webinars for individuals, families, and professionals who are exploring independent living and housing options. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2994168462566926081>

Save the Dates: Friday April 13 noon to 1 PM; Friday June 8 noon to 1 PM; Friday August 10 noon to 1 PM; Friday October 12 noon to 1 PM; Friday Dec 14 noon to 1 PM. SDHP -- www.sdhp.org

2.) Passle Helminski (PaRC Council Member):

Two Articles on Delta and service-animals. [USA Today: Comfort animals](#)
And [Delta: Service and Support Animals](#)

3.) National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research:

Factsheet: Healthy Eating & Healthy Aging -- The NIDILRR-funded [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Promoting Healthy Aging for Individuals with Long-Term Physical Disabilities](#) has published a new factsheet, [Tips for Healthy Eating & Healthy Aging](#). The factsheet includes tips for making healthy changes to one's diet, information on healthy eating habits, things to remember before making dietary changes, and additional resources. More factsheets from the [Aging Well with a Physical Disability series](#) are available from the project website.

4.) Cheryl Novak (Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist):

Hiram G. Andrews Center (HGAC) News –

HGAC announces they are accepting referrals to their new [Welding Technology Program](#).

OVR/HGAC and the Hershey Company collaborate to develop a [Food Manufacturing Training Curriculum](#).

BVRS/BBVS News -

Carnegie Science Center works with our Erie BBVS office to help students who are blind or visually impaired explore the STEM fields during [Carnegie's Mobile Fab Lab](#).

Our Philadelphia BVRS office's [Project SEARCH at Drexel University](#) helps prepare students with disabilities for employment!

Our York office, Fenner Drives, Manheim Central School District, PeopleShare and Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 collaborate to help [students with disabilities access real life, paid work-based learning experiences](#).

[Bella Lucia Gluten Free Cookies](#) is recognized by our Altoona BVRS office for their partnership to help provide on-the-job training opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Our [New Castle office's Project SEARCH at UPMC Jameson](#) students explore careers at Augustine Pizza.

Our Harrisburg BVRS office's [Cumberland County Project SEARCH](#) makes the news for helping individuals with disabilities gain the skills, confidence and experience they need to go to work.

5.) ABLE National Resource Center:

WEBINAR: Changes to ABLE in 2018 -- Thursday, January 25, 2018 - 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET. [Register online.](#) [Here is a brief summary of the 2018 changes that will be discussed.](#) Please note: Real time captioning will be provided for this webinar. For other accommodation requests, questions about the webinar, or the registration process, please contact Chris Rodriguez at crodriguez@ndi-inc.org.

6.) LEAD Center:

[WISE Webinar: Ticket to Work: The Pathway to Financial Independence](#)
January 24, 2018 3:00 pm EST

7.) Institute for Community Inclusion:

The Family Engagement in Online Employment Planning Intervention is looking for parents of a student with an intellectual and/or developmental disability to participate in a study to see how Facebook Messenger might be used as an effective tool to coach families on planning for employment. This study uses Facebook Messenger, as well as [The Arc's Build Your Plan tool](#), to see how a well-planned and individualized engagement strategy might improve families' beliefs about employment for their family member with IDD.

8.) National Disability Institute – Real Economic Input:

1.16.2018 -- [New Year: Same Unwavering Commitment to a Better Future for People with Disabilities](#)

1.24.2018 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

[WISE Webinar: Ticket to Work: The Pathway to Financial Independence](#)

9.) National Disability Rights Network:

Thursday January 25 at 2:00PM - 03:30PM -- [Webinar: Keeping the WIOA Committee Recommendations Alive: What P&As/CAPs Can Do.](#)

10.) National Federation of the Blind:

Listen to Podcasts About Our Legislative Priorities

[Opposition to the "ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017" \(H.R. 620\)](#) - Our government affairs team discusses H.R. 620, the ADA Education and Reform Act, and its potential implications.

[The Access Technology Affordability Act \(ATAA\)](#) - Our government affairs team discusses the Access Technology Affordability Act (ATAA) and what it would mean for blind Americans.

[AIM High - Accessible Instructional Materials in Higher Education](#) - Our government affairs team discusses the Accessible Instructional Materials in Higher Education Act (AIM High) and what it would mean for blind students in college and graduate school.

The PaRC is looking for a candidate to fill a veteran with a disability opening. Any interested candidates, please go to our website at www.parac.org and fill out an application. Thank You.

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