

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: February 12, 2019

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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 2018 Annual Report and can be found on our webpage or by clicking on the following link

<http://parac.org/reports/2018AnnualReport.pdf>

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 2019 –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 6, 2019

May 1, 2019

August 21, 2019

October 23, 2019

PaRC Member Committee Conference Calls – Please Mark your Calendars

CareerLink/WIOA

Next Call: To be Determined

Executive Committee Conference Call

Next Call: – To be Determined.

Legislative and Public Awareness Conference Call

Next Call: To be Determined.

OVR Policy and State Plan Committee / Customer Satisfaction Conference Call

Next Call: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call

Next Call: To be Determined

Transition & Education

Next Call: – Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 2:00 PM

The PaRC Social Media and Outreach Committee in partnership with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) produced 6 videos, 5 of which are OVR individual and business success stories, as well as a PaRC Recruitment video. We want to thank both the individuals and companies that participated in making these videos and OVR for supporting the project. The PaRC is pleased to present the following 6 videos. Please feel free to share.

[PaRC Recruitment](#)

[PaRC Aha Moment](#)

[PaRC Dream Partnership](#)

[PaRC Keystone Blind Association](#)

[PaRC Herr Foods Inc.](#)

[PaRC Assistive Technology](#)

PaRC COUNCIL OPENINGS: The PaRC is looking for candidates to fill the following openings: A veteran with a disability and a candidate to represent the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. If interested, please go to our website (www.parac.org) and fill out an application.

1.) DisabilityScoop.com:

Lawmakers Call for End to Subminimum Wage – There is a new effort underway in Congress to do away with rules that allow employers to pay people with disabilities less than minimum wage. [Read More >](#)

Boot Camp Helps Businesses Looking to Employ Those with Autism – An online boot camp is helping individuals looking to launch social enterprises, with the goal of creating profitable businesses that also employ those with developmental disabilities. [Read More >](#)

App Aims to Help Air Travelers with Special Needs – In an effort to ease the travel experience for people with special needs, one airport is offering video, audio and text instructions for navigating everything from check-in to boarding. [Read More >](#)

When Schools Use Child Protective Services as a Weapon Against Parents – Fed up with what they see as obstinate parents who don't agree to special education for their kids, schools sometimes use the threat of a child-protection investigation to strong-arm parents. [Read More >](#)

MLB Abandoning "Disabled List" – Major League Baseball is reportedly renaming its "disabled list" over concerns that the language gives the wrong impression of what it is to have a disability. [Read More >](#)

2.) LEAD Center:

WEBINAR - The Inclusive Career Pathways Roadmap: Navigating the Road to Employment and Economic Self-Sufficiency -- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019 -- 3:00 - 4:30 PM ET. Register for this webinar by clicking or copying and pasting the following link:
<https://leadcenter.webex.com/leadcenter/onstage/g.php?MTID=e5d8b54ad5314660308290d7f6f8a9043>

3.) POLICY INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

PIE Info: Ensuring the Accessibility of Voting Systems in Pennsylvania -- This report, [Ensuring the Accessibility of Voting Systems in Pennsylvania: Report and Recommendations](#), addresses accessible voting systems for persons with disabilities with meaningful recommendations regarding appropriate, accessible, usable voting technology that supports an individual's right to mark, verify, and cast the ballot privately and independently as do their fellow Pennsylvanians.

4.) DisabledWorld.com:

IoT Devices Should Deal with Privacy Impacts for People with Disabilities - Future of Privacy Forum releases; The Internet of Things (IoT) and People with Disabilities: Exploring the Benefits, Challenges, and Privacy Tensions.

U.S. Education Department Addresses Restraint and Seclusion to Protect Children with Disabilities - United States Department of Education announces initiative to address the inappropriate use of restraint

and seclusion to protect children with disabilities and ensure compliance with U.S. federal laws.

5.) ABLÉ National Resource Center:

WEBINAR: Strategies for Funding an ABLÉ Account -- Thursday, February 28, 2019 – 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET. As the [ABLÉ National Resource Center \(ANRC\)](#) continues to provide consistent, reliable information concerning the benefits of having an ABLÉ account, this webinar will: review basic rules for funding an ABLÉ account and cover strategies that could be used to ensure that contributions are easy to make, occur automatically when possible and are available to the ABLÉ account owner. It will also provide some "tax time" information related to ABLÉ accounts to enhance your ABLÉ contributions. If you are new to ABLÉ accounts, or are a current ABLÉ account owner looking for more information, we encourage you to review: [The Road Map to Enrollment](#) and [The Road Map to Independence](#). [Register for this webinar.](#)

6.) EARN:

Introducing the EARN Online Training Center - This month EARN is pleased to unveil a new resource - the Dinah Cohen Training Center for Disability Employment and Inclusion. This one-stop resource for comprehensive, curated multimedia training on disability inclusion offers a wide range of turn-key presentations developed by EARN that employers can use to implement disability inclusion training in their workplaces. [Read more.](#)

Disability-Inclusive Training - EARN Consultant Derek Shields was recently interviewed by the Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI) for an article about how employers can ensure their commitment to disability inclusion goes beyond just recruitment and hiring to encompass all aspects of the employment lifecycle, including training and professional development opportunities. [Read more.](#)

Vocational Rehabilitation "In Focus" - The Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) recently launched a newsletter called "In Focus." [Read more.](#)

7.) Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers' Association:

Mental Health and Wellness Conference - May 20 and 21, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey. Keystone Speaker Mike Schlossberg, Advocate, Author, and Pennsylvania State Representative. The conference will unite peers, family members, advocates and professionals for a one-of-a-kind, statewide mental health event. Early-bird Registration \$125; Standard Registration \$150. Room rates available through April 19, 2019. Rate: \$114 per night plus tax. [Reserve your room.](#) Group Code: NAM. Phone Number: 717-469-0661. Questions? Email Sara Levine Steinberg,

Events Coordinator, at slsteinberg@namikeystonepa.org or call her at 412-366-3788.

8.) Youth MOVE PA:

Scholarships Available for Mental Health Awareness Day -- The 2019 Mental Health Awareness Day will be held on May 8th, 2019 at Strawberry Square in Harrisburg from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 to 29? Are you interested in joining Youth MOVE PA at Mental Health Awareness Day at Strawberry Square in Harrisburg, PA on May 8th, 2019? Youth MOVE PA will pay for your travel, one night at a hotel in downtown Harrisburg, and meal expenses at the state accepted rates. Youth MOVE PA will make hotel reservations. Applications for the scholarship are due by April 15, 2019. Application in **Word Format, PDF Format** or **apply online**. Please email applications to zack@youthmovepa.org or postal mail to: Zack Karenchak – PMHCA, 4105 Derry St., Harrisburg PA 17111. Winners of the scholarship will be notified by April 22nd, 2019.

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

Young Adult Children of Parents with Disabilities Can Experience High Self-Esteem and Positive Childhoods - In this week's [Research In Focus](#), researchers asked young adult children of parents with disabilities about growing up with a parent with a disability, finding it can be a positive experience.

PCPID to Host Virtual and In-Person Meetings - The [President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities \(PCPID\)](#) will host a [series of meetings to discuss their 2019 report to the President](#). A virtual meeting will be held on March 4th, 11am-12:30pm ET. To listen in, call 888/949-2790 and use the pass code 1989852. In-person meetings will be held on March 21st and 22nd, 9:30am-4:30pm ET each day, at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building in Washington, DC. The same call-in option will be available for these meetings to listen remotely. For more information, contact Allison Cruz, Director, Office of Innovation at Allison.Cruz@acl.hhs.gov or by calling 202/795-7334.

NIDILRR Seeks Peer Reviewers for Upcoming Competitions - [NIDILRR](#) is seeking expert peer reviewers for several upcoming competitions, expected to begin Spring 2019. Expertise in all areas of disability and rehabilitation is welcome. NIDILRR uses teleconferences to conduct all review meetings, so reviewers do not have to travel to participate. Interested individuals who would like to be considered for peer reviewers may send CV and contact information to NIDILRR-grants@acl.hhs.gov.

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