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WEEKLY UPDATE: February 20 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: – To be Determined

Legislative and Public Awareness Conference Call

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

**OVR Policy and State Plan Committee / Customer Satisfaction
Conference Call**

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

Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call

Next Call: To be Determined

Transition & Education

Next Call: – To be Determined

This past year, 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.

[Educational and Outreach Videos](#)

1.) The Pennsylvania Community on Transition State Leadership

Team: The 17th Annual Pennsylvania Community on Transition Conference: Planning Today for a Winning Tomorrow will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2018. The Expo begins at 10:00 am and closes at 5:00 pm. This includes a Reception and Raffle scheduled from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at paconf2018@gmail.com

2.) LEAD Center:

WEBINAR -- WIOA State Plan Modifications from a Disability Perspective: Recommendations for Ensuring Inclusion and Equal Opportunity in State Plan Updates -- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018 3:00 - 4:30 PM ET -- Join this webinar to hear from DOL's ETA and the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), a representative from the Workforce Innovation and Technical Assistance Center (WINTAC), and people from different systems at the state level who engaged in updating and revising their State Plans. Specifically, you will learn about how they are using this requirement as an opportunity to modify plans and activities to ensure equal opportunity and the inclusion of youth and adults with disabilities in services provided by WIOA partners. Register for this webinar by clicking or copying and pasting the following link:

<https://leadcenter.webex.com/leadcenter/onstage/g.php?MTID=e5928cc085293e893c68d16ec758c1eea>. **Please note:** All LEAD Center webinars are captioned, and presentation materials are sent to participants in advance of the webinar. For any other reasonable accommodation requests, please contact Aramide Awosika at aawosika@ndi-inc.org.

3.) Matthew Seeley, Esq. (PaRC Council Member):

A group of advocacy organizations is conducting a survey about problems with air travel for passengers with disabilities in order to set revised and updated standards for wheelchair handling, labeling, storage, airline and airline contractor training. If you use a wheelchair or scooter full-time for mobility, please take the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/792HG6D>

4.) American Association of People with Disabilities:

[Congress just voted – now it's OUR TURN to vote!](#) -- Earlier today (02/15/18), the House of Representatives passed the ADA Education and Reform Act (HR 620) by a 225-192 vote. We are extremely disappointed and downright angry to see this blatant attack on the civil rights of people with disabilities to access places of public accommodation and now look to our allies in the Senate to prevent a companion bill from passing. We are grateful to all of you who called, tweeted, emailed, and met with your Members of Congress over the past few weeks to advocate against this bill and hope we can count on you again when this fight moves to the Senate.

AAPD will continue our advocacy alongside you and our allies to protect the Americans with Disabilities Act and the rights of people with disabilities.

[Letter to House Leadership Opposing HR 620](#) -- AAPD sent a letter to leaders of the House of Representatives expressing our opposition to the ADA Education and Reform Act (HR 620).

[Twitter Chat: #MeToo and the Disability Community](#) -- *February 21, 2018 | 7pm ET* -- Join the Disability Visibility Project and Rooted in Rights for a Twitter chat about the #MeToo movement and the disability community.

[2018 Autism Campus Inclusion \(ACI\) Summer Leadership Academy](#) - The Autistic Self Advocacy Network is now accepting applications for the 2018 Autism Campus Inclusion (ACI) Summer Leadership Academy. The ACI Summer Leadership Academy prepares autistic students to engage in disability advocacy at their colleges. Accepted students will travel to Washington, DC and participate in advocacy training from June 16-23, 2018. ACI participants learn about creating student groups, understanding disability policy, and talking to people in the government. **Applications are due by February 25, 2018.**

[Hamilton Relay College Scholarship](#) -- The Hamilton Relay Scholarship supports high school students who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, or have difficulty speaking with a \$500 college scholarship. **The deadline to apply is March 1, 2018.**

[Disability Community Day of Mourning](#) -- *March 1, 2018* -- Every year on March 1st, the disability community gathers across the nation to remember disabled victims of filicide—disabled people murdered by their family members or caregivers. [Sign-up to be a Disability Community Day of Mourning Coordinator with the Autistic Self Advocacy Network.](#)

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

For People with Mobility Disabilities, High-Quality Mobility Devices May Be Key for Community Involvement and Independence -- This week's [Research In Focus](#) looks at a survey of mobility device users and how the quality, reliability, and ease of maintenance of these devices may impact participation in the community.

Health Care Survey -- The NIDILRR-funded [Collaborative on Health Reform and Independent Living \(CHRIL\)](#) is conducting a [survey of adults with disabilities about getting and using health insurance and health care services](#). The online survey is open to adults 18 to 64 years old with any

type of disability and any type of health insurance. Responses are anonymous. Qualified participants may enter to win a \$100 gift card.

6.) Mathematica Policy Research:

Breaking Down Work Barriers for People with Disabilities:

Opportunities for Employers -- March 1, from 1:00–2:30 p.m. (ET).

Still time to register for the webinar. According to a recent article published by the IZA Journal of Labor Policy, at least one-third of people with disabilities who are not working say they deal with barriers that could be alleviated through workplace accommodations like assisted transportation or flexible schedules. Findings from the 2017 National Employment and Disability Survey reveal that many employers strive to recruit, train, and accommodate workers with disabilities, yet findings from qualitative research suggest that employers may not deploy the resources and processes at their disposal consistently, or with equal efficacy, to benefit all employees with disabilities. On March 1, from 1:00–2:30 p.m. (ET), Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy (CSDP) will host a webinar to examine these issues. Panelists will discuss: (1) actions employers can take to better accommodate employees with disabilities; (2) feedback from employer interviews about the challenges associated with recruiting and retaining workers with disabilities; and (3) findings from the National Employment and Disability Survey, recently released by the Kessler Foundation.

7.) ABLÉ National Resource Center:

WEBINAR REMINDER: -- Understanding ABLÉ Program Disclosure Documents -- Thursday, February 22, 2018 – 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

8.) Disability Rights PA:

DRP obtains Third Circuit ruling that American Sign Language tactile interpreting is an auxiliary aid and service for individuals who are deafblind under the ADA -- [Read the decision here](#)

9.) National Technical Assistance Center on Transition:

Ask the Expert: Employment for Youth with Autism: Keys to Success!

Webinar – 02-22-18 @ 3:00 pm EST -- [Register Now](#) -- Get key strategies; Learn collaboration strategies; Provide ASD-specific supports; Ask your questions!

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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