

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: February 26 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, February 27, 2018 at 2:00 PM

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: Friday, April 6, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Transition & Education

Next Call: – Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 2:00 PM

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. [PaRC Recruitment](#) [PaRC Aha Moment](#)

[PaRC Dream Partnership](#)

[PaRC Keystone Blind Association](#)

[PaRC Herr Foods Inc](#)

[PaRC Assistive Technology](#)

1.) American Association of People with Disabilities:

[March nTIDE Lunch & Learn Webinar](#) -- March 9, 2018 | 12pm ET -- On the first Friday of every month, corresponding with the Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs report, the National Trends in Disability Employment (or nTIDE) Lunch & Learn series will offer a live broadcast to share the results of the latest nTIDE findings as well as news and updates from the field of disability employment.

[disABLEDperson, Inc. Scholarships](#) -- disABLEDperson, Inc. recently announced their Spring 2018 National Scholarship Competition for college students with disabilities. **Applications for this \$2,000 scholarship are due by March 16, 2018.**

[Plan Ahead with The Arc's Center for Future Planning®](#) -- The Arc's Center for Future Planning® supports and encourages adults with an intellectual and/or developmental disability (I/DD) and their families to plan for the future. Future planning is important in creating a guide for a person with I/DD to lead a good life as independently as possible. A plan is important through all stages of life, but especially for the future when a parent or caregiver is no longer able to provide support. The [Build Your Plan®](#) tool allows families to create accounts and begin to develop their plans online.

2.) LEAD Center:

[WISE Webinar: Ticket to Work: Choosing the Service Provider That's Right for You](#) --
February 28, 2018 3:00 pm EST

Webinar Series – AJC Certification & Section 188: A Window of Opportunity to Impact Equal Opportunity Policy & Practice for People with Disabilities -- This training series will consist of **three live webinars** jointly facilitated by Technical Assistance teams from the LEAD Center and the Disability Employment Initiative (DEI). **By attending this series, participants will:** Increase foundational knowledge of the intersection between WIOA disability-related provisions, Section 188 Equal Opportunity regulations and AJC Certification, especially in programmatic accessibility; Identify their need to update State/local Section 188 compliance procedures and AJC Certification processes to reflect the expanded role of AJC Core Partners under WIOA; Learn replicable strategies and action steps from multiple States to implement effective AJC Certification processes, with Section 188 as the framework; Identify key components in their State/local regions for effective Section 188 and AJC Certification implementation, including roles of cross-system partners, Equal Opportunity Officers and Vocational Rehabilitation. **March 7, 2018 -- 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET WIOA from a Disability Perspective & Section 188: A Powerful Foundation for Access** [REGISTER](#) -----**March 21, 2018 -- 3:00-4:30 p.m. ET State Workforce Systems that Are Making Equal Opportunity a Priority: Missouri, Virginia, California** [REGISTER](#) -----**April 4, 2018 -- 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET Achieving 188 Compliance & AJC Certification: Key Strategies & Actions from Policy to Procedures** [REGISTER](#)

3.) Ralph Roach (OVR Staff):

(The following is an excerpt) -- **The 2018 PRA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE** - Central Pennsylvania College, Summerdale,

PA 17093 -- **March 21nd, 2018 Pre-Conference Evening Event:** 7 PM
Town Hall: The Opioid Impact. 6:30pm Free Refreshments& Networking
Event followed by Opioid Impact multi presentation and Open Discussion
March 22, 2018 Main Conference Overview -- Keynote Topic: *The Opioid Crisis & It's Impact for the VR Community - 1st Annual Dr. Ralph Pacinelli Policy Forum: WIOA of 2014 What Changed and What Lies Ahead.* For more information, contact:
rroach@pa.gov **Registration:** <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=hjqyq>

4.) Mathematica Policy Research:

[Special education students are more engaged in high school and less likely to prepare for the future.](#)