

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: February 26, 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 Dream Partnership](#)

[PaRC Herr Foods Inc.](#)

[PaRC Aha Moment](#)

[PaRC Keystone Blind Association](#)

[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.) Policy Information Exchange:

Home and Community-Based Services Beyond Medicaid -- AARP has published a new paper on how state-funded home and community-based

services programs are supporting low-income older adults. The paper highlights promising practices that support maximum independence for low-income older adults and/or people with physical disabilities and their family caregivers. The paper explores programs across nine states, including Washington state's emerging innovation: the Medicaid Transformation demonstration. This paper is intended to foster the exchange of information and encourage administrators and policy makers to implement programs that will reach people who do not qualify for Medicaid or who are waiting to receive Medicaid services. [Click here](#) to read more.

2.) Arc of Pennsylvania:

The Arc of PA will host **ACRE certification training session**. **When:** In person training takes place on April 15-17, 2019 from 8:30am to 4:30pm. 1.5 hour long online classes will be held on April 23, 26, 29, May 3, 6, 10, 13 17. Online courses are scheduled for 2:30pm-4pm. **Where:** 333 Technology Dr, Malvern, PA 19355. **Who is this for:** Providers of Supported Employment Services. **Price:** \$150 per person. **Technical Requirements:** Participants will need a computer with a webcam or headset, Google Chrome, Safari or Firefox for their internet browser, and an internet connection capable of streaming video (minimum of 300 kbps).

Registration: Register for the training by emailing the following information to registration@includemepa.org. Limit to 3 people per agency. Attendees beyond 3 per agency will be accommodated on a first come/first serve 'waiting list' until class is at capacity. **Name of Agency (if applicable);**

Name of attendees; Email/phone of attendees; Billing address.

Accommodations: The Arc of Pennsylvania will do its best to fulfill reasonable requests for accommodations. Requests for accommodations must be made at least 30 days prior to the event. To request accommodations, please email registration@includemepa.org.

Reimbursement: Upon successful completion of certification, attendees will be reimbursed for travel, up to \$25. The registration fee will be reimbursed to participants upon successful completion of the certification requirements.

Refunds: Refunds will not be provided for registrants who fail to show up or for cancellations that occur after March 18, 2019. Registration is open until April 1st, 2019.

3.) Disabled-World.com:

Unseen But Heard: State Solutions for Non-Visible Disabilities in the Workplace - On the latest podcast episode, policymakers discuss helping people with invisible disabilities and enhancing the lives of those with disability.

Social Security Benefits Still Taxable Despite Tax Overhaul - Senior Citizens League warns while the 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act is expected to lower taxes for many taxpayers, it fails to address a feature of tax law that takes a cut of Social Security income from senior taxpayers.

**3.) National Technical Assistance Center on Transition:
Webinar - NTACT Tool Release Alert: Transition Gradebook is
Released – 03/14/19 at 3:00 PM ET - [Register Now](#)**

In this webinar, Dr. Matthew Klare will introduce the Transition Gradebook, a school-level tool for recording individual students' transition-related activities, including the required pre-employment transition services (Pre-ETS), and various risk and protective factors associated with dropout, graduation and positive postschool outcomes.

4.) Linda Williams (PaRC Support Staff):

Approximately 1.73 million Pennsylvanians (13.7%) have at least one disability. This month we highlight trends in the population with disabilities in PA according to the 2013-2017 American Community Estimates. Key trends include: A higher percentage of females and older persons had disabilities. Ambulatory, or movement-based, disabilities were the most common type. Those with disabilities had lower educational attainment and earnings. Read more:

https://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/sdc/pasdc_files/researchbriefs/Feb_2019.pdf

5.) DisabilityScoop.com:

Postsecondary Programs More Inclusive, Report Finds - With an increasing number of colleges offering programs for those with intellectual disabilities, a new report suggests the programs are becoming more inclusive and leading to better outcomes. [Read More >](#)

Walmart Employees with Special Needs Fear Losing Jobs – As retail giant Walmart moves away from “people greeters” in favor of “customer hosts” at the front of its stores, some employees with disabilities are finding themselves out of a job. [Read More >](#)

Families Struggling to Find Care for Adults with Disabilities – Low wages for personal care attendants mean families are often unable to maintain the assistance they need leaving some people with disabilities no choice but to move into a nursing home. [Read More >](#)

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