

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: March 12, 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.

May 1, 2018 (Makeup date for 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: – Monday, March 27, 2018 at 2:00 PM

Legislative and Public Awareness Conference Call

Next Call: Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 3:00 PM

OVR Policy and State Plan Committee / Customer Satisfaction Conference Call

Next Call: Tuesday, April 17, 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.) Hearing Loss Association of America Pittsburgh Chapter: PUBLIC MEETING Saturday March 17 2018 -- The Hearing Loss Association of America Pittsburgh Chapter March 17 public meeting will be a discussion on the recent change of title for Hearing Loss Magazine to Hearing Life, the magazine for better hearing. The meeting held at DePaul School for Hearing and Speech 6202 Alder St., Shadyside, begins with refreshments at ten am. Free and open to the public. Captioning and hearing loop are provided. FMI: HLAP.news@gmail.com 412 767 9769 (use caller ID and leave msg).

June 17 thru 20 the National ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) symposium will be held in Pittsburgh at the Grand Wyndham Hotel. Go to www.adasymposium.org or call 1800 949 4232 for information. The extensive agenda can be seen online.

Have you ever purchased a hearing aid? If so, please take a moment to complete our hearing aid survey. We will ask about where you purchased your hearing aid(s), what sort of costs were involved, how satisfied you are, etc. <https://www.hearingtracker.com/hearing-aid-survey>

A training session on service animals in shelters is available at Mid-Atlantic ADA Center (800) 949-4232 V/TTY (301) 217-0124 V/TTY
ADAtraining@transcen.org www.ADAinfo.org

Hearing Loss Association of America is opposed to the passage of H.R.620 www.hearingloss.org Passed House amended (02/15/2018)
ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017(Sec. 2)
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/620>

2.) LEAD Center:

WEBINAR - Self-Guided Discovery: Helping People Discover Their Own Path to Employment -- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018 - 3:00 - 4:30 PM ET – (THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT) -- Sign up now for a webinar on Self-Guided Discovery: Helping People Discover Their Own Path to Employment. In this webinar, we will share a new Facilitator's Guide developed in partnership with Griffin-Hammis Associates. The Guide can be used to implement Self-Guided Discovery in the workforce system; in Centers for Independent Living; in behavioral health and developmental disabilities programs; through vocational rehabilitation; with veterans, youth, and people who are homeless; and with many others. Register for this webinar by clicking or copying and pasting the following link: <https://leadcenter.webex.com/leadcenter/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb08efc4aef401f33a19a5a893b7b637e>. 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.) Policy Information Exchange:

PIE Info: CILCP Offers Training: Voting 101 - March 9, 2018 -- 2018 is an election year and now is a perfect time to brush up on your voting knowledge and get ready to vote! Gabe Labella, attorney with Disability Rights Pennsylvania will answer your questions about exercising your right to vote. Attendees will learn: About voting rights; How to become a registered voter; How to prepare for an election; How to resolve problems on election day. The training is open to the public. Center for Independent Living of Central PA -- 207 House Avenue; Suite 107, Camp Hill, PA 17011. **Training is in the CILCP large conference room** -- Friday, March 23, 2018, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No cost to attend. Bring your lunch. CILCP provides snacks & drinks. If you cannot join us at the CILCP, then you may join us by phone or Zoom. Upon registering, you will receive information to connect. **March 12, 2018 is the deadline to register and/or request an accommodation.** Contact Carrie Fowler at 717-731-1900 extension 253 or at cfowler@cilcp.org -- [Voting 101 Accessible Email](#)

4.) Mathematica Policy Research:

Davidson, Paul. "[Willing and Able: Disabled Workers Prove Their Value in Tight Labor Market](#)." *USA TODAY*.

5.) American Council of the Blind:

2017 ACB Special Education Presentation -- As parents and teachers of children prepare for their annual Individualized Education Plans (IEP) for the coming year, the American Council of the Blind (ACB) is pleased to offer parents and student advocates this two-part podcast, Improving advocacy Inside and Outside of the Classroom. Presented in partnership with ACB's Special Education Committee, this two-part series provides an overview on existing laws, regulations, procedures and best practices for assuring that your student receives the best possible care. [Click here to learn more and listen to the presentations.](#)

6.) Disabled-World.com:

[Access Stylus Makes Touchscreens Accessible for Everyone](#) -- Touchscreen Access Stylus for motion disabilities such as Parkinson's Disease, Essential Tremor, and other disabilities. The Access Stylus™ is the first of its kind, using a custom hardware and software approach to solve the frustrating experience that millions of motion disabled encounter every day which hampers their ability to use a touchscreen. "If our product succeeds," CTO Mark Arnold says, "it could help millions of people who have been cut off from the smartphone revolution." The Access Stylus allows a motion-

disabled user to select/activate apps; enter and select text; dial phone numbers; scroll, magnify and rotate the view; manipulate images and do anything that a non-disabled user can do on a touchscreen. The Access Stylus does not require the precise and difficult timing that is common among existing accessibility products.

7.) National Council for Independent Living – Advocacy Monitor: National Council on Independent Living 2017 Annual Report -- We are pleased to announce that NCIL's 2017 Annual Report is now available at our website. Open the [NCIL 2017 Annual Report in PDF](#), [Word](#), or [plain text](#).

Spring 2018 NCIL Legislative & Advocacy Priorities Booklet Now Available! The spring edition of NCIL's Legislative & Advocacy Priorities is now available at the NCIL website. This document contains specific information on the national legislative and policy priorities identified biannually by the NCIL membership, including funding for the Independent Living Program, healthcare and long-term care, housing, transportation, education, and more.

[NCIL Legislative & Advocacy Priorities \(PDF\)](#)

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8.) National Federation of the Blind:

[Read the March Issue of the *Braille Monitor*](#)

Read a Washington Seminar recap, an essay on the impact of generations of leaders in the NFB, and much more in the March issue of the [Braille Monitor](#).

[Read the Latest Issue of *Future Reflections*](#)

Learn about testing accommodations, orientation and mobility skills, advocacy, and much more in the latest issue of [Future Reflections](#).

2018 National Convention -- [Preregistration Now Open](#) -- Tuesday, July 3— Sunday, July 8, 2018

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. **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!** 