

# **PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)**

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## **WEEKLY UPDATE: March 19, 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](http://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: – Tuesday, 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.) APSE:**

**Financial Literacy: Increasing Your Knowledge to Take Charge of Your Finances** – (The following is an excerpt) -- **Registration is open through Friday, March 30!** This curriculum-designed for: Direct support professionals and Individuals with disabilities & their families. The curriculum offers four separate lessons that describe the options available to a person who receives SSI and for a person who receives SSDI. Viewers may be surprised to learn there are actually a number of options available to people who receive Social Security Disability benefits. [Register TODAY!](#)

### **2.) ABLÉ National Resource Center:**

**New Webinar Open for Registration: ABLÉ Program Spotlight Series -**

- Starting in March, the ABLÉ National Resource Center (ANRC) will be hosting periodic webinars that feature individual ABLÉ Programs. The purpose of these webinars is to introduce potential ABLÉ account owners and their families to ABLÉ programs from around the country. These "Spotlight" webinars will allow you the opportunity to learn program specific information, such as fees, investment choices, enrollment processes and whether or not the program provides features such as debit cards. Additionally, you will be able to submit questions directly to a representative from that ABLÉ program. The ANRC is excited to begin our "Spotlight" series with [Oregon's "ABLE for All" program](#). The webinar will be held on **Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2-3pm ET.** [REGISTER NOW](#)

**Social Security Administration Releases Updated Guidance on ABLÉ -**

On March 8, 2018 the Social Security Administration (SSA) published an updated version of its Program Operations Manual System (POMS) regarding the ABLÉ Act and ABLÉ accounts. POMS is based upon the law and is an operational policy reference used by SSA internal staff to conduct SSA business. [Read a summary of the updated guidance.](#)

### **3.) Mathematica `s Center for Studying Disability Policy:**

[FACES survey shows positive gains in child development from Head Start.](#)

### **4.) National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research:**

**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 62 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.

### **5.) Mental Health Association of Pennsylvania:**

**2018 Glenn Koons Certified Peer Specialist Scholarship** -- The Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers' Association (PMHCA) and Mental Health Association of Pennsylvania (MHAPA) are now accepting applications for the 2018 Glenn Koons Scholarship. To apply for the 2018 scholarship, complete the [online application](#) or use the [paper application](#) and mail it to the address on the application. The deadline for submitting applications is **May 11, 2018**.

**6.) Policy Information Exchange:**

**PIE Info: OTLT-April 10 Webinar – PA Resources for Funding**

**Assistive Technology** - The Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) is offering a webinar on the topic of Pennsylvania Resources for Funding Assistive Technology on **Apr 10, 2018 at 9:00 AM**. Assistive technology devices help make it possible for individuals with disabilities to work, live in their own home, go to school, and participate in the community. Please register for Pennsylvania Resources for Funding Assistive Technology on Apr 10, 2018 9:00 AM EDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1130279650865651714>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. If you have questions regarding this email please contact Edward M. Butler, OLTL, at 717-214-3718 or [edbutler@pa.gov](mailto:edbutler@pa.gov)

**PIE Info: April 13 Webinar – “Cents and Sensibility”** -- The Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) is offering a financial education webinar: “Cents and Sensibility” on **Friday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m.** “Cents and Sensibility”: A Guide to Money Management. Topic areas include: how to begin the conversation between wants and needs, developing a money map, how to expand income (and learn about Social Security’s work incentives), safe ways to save, protecting against identity theft, and more. Please register for Cents and Sensibility: A Guide to Money Management on Apr 13, 2018 1:00 PM EDT at:

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**PIE Job: Executive Director, The Arc of Philadelphia** -- Qualified candidates should send a cover letter and resumé to [HR@sparcphilly.org](mailto:HR@sparcphilly.org), using "Executive Director - The Arc of Philadelphia" as the subject line. For further information about the job, responsibilities, qualifications, etc., click on the envelope.



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**7.) Linda Williams (PaRC Support Staff):**

**Self-Advocacy Power Network for All --** What's Your Vision? Let's Talk about Your Everyday Life! People with disabilities from the greater Pittsburgh area need to take part in this fun, free, interactive, life-changing conversation. We'll talk about waiver changes and use Life Course tools.

**Tuesday March 27, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** – PaTTAN Pittsburgh, 3190 William Pitt Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. Gate Code: 49830# To register or if you have any questions call Jeff Wheeler at 1-800-446-5607 ext. 6881 or 412-826-6881 or email him at: [jwheeler@pattan.net](mailto:jwheeler@pattan.net) Family members and other allies can attend their own session, same day, time and place provided by the PA Family Network.

**8.) Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf:**

Support the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Rally at the State Capitol Rotunda on **Monday, April 9, 2018 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**. For questions, email Gerald Penna at [psadjerry@gmail.com](mailto:psadjerry@gmail.com) or Liz Hill at [psadlizhill@gmail.com](mailto:psadlizhill@gmail.com).

**9.) Passle Helminski (PaRC Council Member):**

**The National Federation of the Blind Applauds the Introduction of Legislation Implementing the Marrakesh Treaty --** Treaty will Expand Availability of Accessible Books for Blind and Print Disabled Americans. "By allowing the worldwide production and exchange of accessible books, the treaty will dramatically increase the availability of knowledge to blind people everywhere. We urge both houses of Congress to swiftly pass this legislation, and in doing so, unlock the doors to expanded literacy for millions of blind Americans."

*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](http://www.parac.org) and fill out an application. Thank You. **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!** *