

# **PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)**

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## **WEEKLY UPDATE: April 2, 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: Monday, April 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM

### **Executive Committee Conference Call**

Next Call: – To be Determined

### **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](#)

**PaRC COUNCIL OPENINGS:** Effective July 2018, the PaRC will be looking for candidates to fill the following openings: A veteran with a disability, a Mental Health representative and a Community Rehabilitation Provider representative. If interested, please go to our website ([www.parac.org](http://www.parac.org)) and complete an application. Thank you.

#### **1.) ABLE National Resource Center:**

[The ABLE National Resource Center Partners with the Deaf Community to Offer Information on ABLE in American Sign Language](#)

**2.) Americans with Disabilities Act National Network:**

[ADA Live! Episode 55: Have Dog, Will Travel](#) -- April 4, 2018.

[Postsecondary Institutions and Students With Disabilities](#)

[The ADA & Accessible Ground Transportation](#)

**3.) Disabled-World.com:**

[Students Create 3D Printed Robot Prosthetic Limb for Amputees](#)

[Research Into Letter-Spacing Could Help Improve Reading Ability](#)

**4.) National Association of the Deaf:**

[Seeking Litigation Lawyer](#) -- 03/20/18

**5.) National Center on Deaf-Blindness:**

[Webinar: iCanConnect - The National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program](#) May 23

**6.) National Council on Disabilities:**

[Beyond Guardianship: Toward Alternatives That Promote Greater Self-Determination for People with Disabilities](#)

**7.) National Federation of the Blind:**

[Read the Latest Issue of \*Imagineering Our Future\*](#) -- Read about one Federationist's experience at National Convention, NFB EQ, and more in the latest issue of *Imagineering Our Future*.

[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*.

**8.) Networks for Training and Development, Inc.:**

Registration is now open for [The 18th Employment Supports Symposium: "Getting to Work"](#), which will be held on May 16 & 17, 2018 at the Convene Circa Centre in Philadelphia, PA!

**9.) American Association of People with Disabilities:**

**2018 NBCUniversal Tony Coelho Media Scholarship** – (The following is an excerpt) -- [Application now open!](#). The NBCUniversal Tony Coelho Media Scholarship is available to undergraduate and graduate students with disabilities who are pursuing an interest in the media, entertainment, or communications fields. High school seniors planning to begin their

undergraduate studies in fall 2018 are also eligible to apply. Each recipient will receive \$5,625 to help cover the cost of education. For more information please visit the [AAPD website](#).

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

**Webinar: Accessibility Issues in Rail Transportation** -- The NIDILRR-funded [Mid-Atlantic ADA Regional Center](#) will host a webinar, [Accessibility Issues in Rail Transportation](#), April 3rd, 2-3:30 pm ET. Presenters from the [National Disability Rights Network \(NDRN\)](#) will discuss requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for different types of rail equipment and rail stations. Discussion will include examples from around the country of stations and rail cars made more accessible for people with disabilities. Registration is free and required.

### **11.) Mathematica Policy Research:**

**Center for Studying Disability Policy forum: "Transition Innovations: Promising Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Practices for Youth."** -- Join the Center for Studying Disability Policy as it hosts a live webinar to highlight effective VR service practices and the challenges that state VR agencies face in adhering to new federal mandates related to transition-age youth. The webinar will feature a panel of experts with extensive experience on issues related to transition, VR, and employment for people with disabilities. -- **April 26, 2018 -- Time: Noon to 1:30 p.m. EST** -- [Complete registration online](#).

### **12.) LEAD Center:**

**WIOA State Plan Modifications from a Disability Perspective: Recommendations for Ensuring Inclusion and Equal Opportunity in State Plan Updates** -- [Continue reading "WIOA State Plan Modifications from a Disability Perspective: Recommendations for Ensuring Inclusion and Equal Opportunity in State Plan Updates"](#)

**ABLE Update: Social Security Administration's Updated Guidance for SSI Beneficiaries** -- [Continue reading](#)

**Adding Self-Guided Discovery to Your Toolkit: An Additional Resource to Promote Employment Outcomes for People with Barriers to Employment** -- [Continue reading](#)

**LEAD Center Releases Policy Briefs on Guided Group Discovery and ABLE Accounts and Employment** -- [Continue reading](#)

**WEBINAR: Advancing Financial Literacy for Individuals with Disabilities -- Wednesday, April 18, 2018 -- 1-3 p.m. ET --** To commemorate Financial Capability Month, and learn more about the challenges and opportunities to address the needs of Americans with disabilities to become more financially capable, please join us on April 18th for presentations and discussions with representatives from federal agencies, financial regulators, and leaders in the disability community. [Event Agenda](#) or [Register online](#).

**13.) 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 to 4:00 PM.** Make your own appointments with your state legislators in the morning before the rally. For questions, email: Gerald Penna at [psadierry@gmail.com](mailto:psadierry@gmail.com) or Liz Hill at [psadlizhill@gmail.com](mailto:psadlizhill@gmail.com).