

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: April 16, 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: 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: To be Determined

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, May 18, 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) and fill out an application. Thank you.

1.) LEAD Center

Webinar – Building Employment Opportunities through Inclusive Career Pathways – Monday, April 23, 2018 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM ET.

REGISTER NOW

2.) Passle Helminski (PaRC Council Member):

APSE is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated leaders to serve on the National APSE Board of Directors! (The following is an excerpt) --

National APSE is now seeking members who have the expertise, talent and desire to be a part of our national leadership. There are 2 At-Large and 2 Regional Delegate positions open for election. APSE's Ethical Guidelines can be reviewed and downloaded [here](#). **Please click [here](#) for the job description for a full list of board duties** Complete the nomination form and provide the necessary attachments [here](#).

3.) National Rehabilitation Association:

We are pleased to present you with the April 2018 edition of the National Rehabilitation Association Contemporary Rehab Newsletter.

[April 2018 issue](#).

4.) Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers' Association

Hearing Distressing Voices, a Simulcast Training -- Thursday, May 10th, 9:30 -12:30 -- Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers' Association (PMHCA) Office, 4105 Derry Street, Harrisburg PA. About the Hearing Voices- What is it? Developing Empathy for the Lived Experience of Psychiatric Disability: A Simulation of Hearing Distressing Voices is a **free** 3-hour workshop developed by Pat Deegan, PhD. [Learn more and how to register](#)

Youth MOVE National is Hiring a Youth Program Coordinator --

Youth MOVE National is hiring a Youth Program Coordinator who has experience with team and project leadership. Come join our remote team.

The deadline to apply is Sunday, April 22, at 11:59 p.m. PDT.

The Youth Program Coordinator will work across the YM chapter network to form relationships, provide and coordinate technical assistance, and assist with the expansion of Youth MOVE National's Chapter membership. This position's primary responsibility is to grow and strengthen the YM Chapter Network. The Youth Program Coordinator will work to retain chapter

members and gain new chapter members involved in the organization through quality programs of the National organization. The Youth Program Coordinator will be expected to carry out the tasks as instructed by the Program Director, and serve as a member of the National Leadership Team. [Apply today.](#)

5.) DisabilityScoop.com:

Wage Hike Cut into Services for People with Disabilities – Increases to the minimum wage in some areas are making it hard for people with developmental disabilities to access housing and services, providers say.

[Read More >](#)

Nation's Report Card Shows Students with Disabilities Lagging – a routine look at how fourth and eighth graders across the country are performing in reading and math finds children with disabilities struggling to make progress. [Read More >](#)

6.) Hearing Loss Association of America-Pittsburgh Chapter:

Public Meeting – Saturday, April 21, 2018 -- The Hearing Loss Association of America Pittsburgh Chapter April 21 public meeting will feature Reva Rossman, PHD and her students presenting on how a person with a hearing loss can assess and create a safe home. Topics will include fire and carbon monoxide safety, general home safety, creating a floor plan, and using and installing special devices. 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 message).

7.) Mathematica Policy Research:

Transition Innovations: Promising Vocational Rehabilitation Practices for Youth -- April 26, 2018: Noon to 1:30 p.m. (ET) -- Live Webinar –

[Still time to register for the webinar.](#)

8.) DisabledWorld.com:

[wheelAIR Seek Wheelchair Users to Join Exclusive wheelAIR PRO Community](#)

-- Award-winning wheelchair cooling backrest cushion start-up, wheelAIR, are seeking outgoing manual wheelchair users to join their exclusive wheelAIR PRO community.

9.) National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research:

A Purpose in Life: Why Employment First Matters to Self-Advocates -

- The NIDILRR-funded [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on](#)

[Advancing Employment for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#) has published a report, [A Purpose in Life: Why Employment First Matters to Self-Advocates](#) (PDF). The report discusses key findings and quotes from interviews with self-advocates across the US who were asked to describe Employment First efforts in their states and why those efforts are important. The report was produced in collaboration with Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered and Green Mountain Self-Advocates.

March nTIDE: Americans with Disabilities in the Labor Market Reach a Two-Year Milestone -- The NIDILRR-funded [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics \(StatsRRTC\)](#) reported continued increases in job gains for Americans with disabilities in the [National Trends in Disability Employment \(nTIDE\) March 2018 Jobs Report](#). This marks a two-year milestone of positive employment trends for people with disabilities. The March nTIDE also highlights the importance of preparation for the workplace, including programs that provide hands-on work experiences that equip people with disabilities with the skills they need to succeed in careers in government, nonprofit, and private industries. These topics were also discussed in the monthly [nTIDE Lunch & Learn](#) archived on the project's website.

10.) ABLÉ National Resource Center:

WEBINAR: Social Security's Updated ABLÉ Guidance - A Deeper Dive -- Thursday, April 26, 2018 - 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET. [Register for this webinar.](#)

11.) Policy Information Exchange:

PIE Info: Person Centered Thinking Training Available - (The following is an excerpt) -- [Announcement 033-18: Person Centered Thinking Training Available](#). People with disabilities and family members are encouraged and invited to attend. Other stakeholders (Supports Coordinators, SC Supervisors, Provider Staff, Administrative Entity Staff and Organizational Leadership) are also welcome. Priority will be given to people with disabilities and family members. **PURPOSE:** To announce the availability of two more sessions of two-day Person Centered Thinking training and to provide registration information. This is a professional development opportunity. Training begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. **You must attend both days in order to complete the training and receive a certificate of attendance.** Please review the [attached announcement](#) for registration information and training locations.

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! 