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WEEKLY UPDATE: April 23, 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: – 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: Tentatively - Tuesday, June 5, 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: – To be Determined.

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.) ABLE National Resource Center:

[Webinar: Social Security's Updated ABLE Guidance - A Deeper Dive](#) -- April 26, 2018

2.) American Council of the Blind:

Advocacy Update: Delta Policy Regarding Service Animals 3-2-18 --

For more information about the Delta policy update, visit:

<http://acb.org/delta-update-3-2-18>. Access the most up-to-date Delta policy on service and support animals by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/y94nxpsu>

3.) Americans with Disabilities Act National Network:

[Postsecondary Institutions and Students With Disabilities](#)

[The ADA & Accessible Ground Transportation](#)

4.) National Center on Deaf-Blindness:

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

5.) National Disability Rights Network:

[WTH ED?!](#) -- In response to the Department of ED convening a School Safety Summit without inviting the disability community, NDRN issued the following statement. [Read more.](#)

6.) National Technical Assistance Center on Transition-NTACT:

Ask the Expert: I'm Determined Website Tour -- [Register Now](#) -- Webinar -- 04/26/2018 | 3:00 pm EST -- Learn how to use their free resources at www.imdetermined.org to help your students become more Self-Determined!

7.) DisabilityScoop.com:

Trump Signs Bill Adding Protections for Social Security, SSI

Recipients – Individuals tasked with handling Social Security payments for people with disabilities will be subject to greater scrutiny under a new law signed by President Donald Trump. [Read More >](#)

Congressman Hopes Disability Internship Program Outlives his

Tenure – As U.S. Rep. Gregg Harper prepares to leave Congress, he has

high hopes the Capitol Hill internship program he created for individuals with intellectual disabilities will continue to grow. [Read More >](#)

8.) LEAD Center:

Dialogue on Financial Literacy Education for People with Disabilities

LEAD Center Hosts National – (The following is an excerpt) -- In recognition of Financial Literacy Month, the LEAD Center launched a two-week national dialogue called [Money Matters](#). To participate in The Money Matters Online Dialogue, [please register on the site so that you can submit or view ideas](#).

9.) American Association of People with Disabilities:

[#StopTheShock and Torture of People with Disabilities](#) -- Join The Autistic Self Advocacy Network and The Arc of the United States for a **national call-in day next Tuesday (4/24)** to tell the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Commissioner Scott Gottlieb to release regulations that would ban the use of electric shock devices.

[Applications Open for the 2018 NBCUniversal Tony Coelho Media Scholarship](#) -- Applications are due by June 6, 2018.

[Seeking Volunteer Coordinators for Disability Mentoring Day \(DMD\) 2018!](#)

[Action Alert! Urge Congress to Pass the EMPOWER Care Act to Get People with Disabilities & Seniors Back Home](#)

[Youth Scholarships are now available for the 2018 NCIL Annual Conference on Independent Living](#) -- Youth scholarship applications are due by April 30, 2018.

[M-Enabling Summit 2018](#) -- *June 11-13, 2018 | Washington, DC* -- The M-Enabling Summit Conference and Showcase is dedicated to promoting accessible and assistive technology for seniors and people with disabilities.

[National ADA Symposium](#) -- *June 17-20, 2018 | Pittsburgh, PA.*

[New Report: Working People Need Minimum Wage Raise](#) -- Among the recommendations is the elimination of the subminimum wage that applies to certain working people with disabilities.

[National Social Security Month](#) -- April is National Social Security Month! This year's theme is "See what you can do online!" - visit

www.ssa.gov/onlineservices to learn more about the information and services offered by the Social Security Administration.

[Agents of Their Own Success: Self-Advocacy Skills and Self-Determination for Students with Disabilities in the Era of Personalized Learning](#) –

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

[Moving Along to Employment: 30-Second Training](#) -- These short 30-second training slide shows from the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University are set up to offer an introduction about employment of persons with psychiatric disabilities for four target audiences: individuals in recovery, family members, service providers, and employers.

[Why we need emoji representing people with disabilities.](#)

Peer Support Specialists May Offer Unique Support for People with Psychiatric Disabilities in Finding and Keeping Jobs -- Peer support specialists who have lived experience with psychiatric disability may offer unique support for their clients, this week's [Research In Focus](#) finds.

Webinar: Ticket to Work for Young Adults -- The [Social Security Administration \(SSA\)](#) will host a webinar, [Ticket to Work for Young Adults](#), April 25th, 3-4:30pm ET. Presenters will discuss the SSA's [Ticket to Work](#) program and support services for young people with disabilities who are ready to work. Registration is free and required.

**11.) Linda Williams (PaRC Support Staff):
New Voting Systems Will Be on Display at Vendor Demonstration April 26 at the Farm Show Complex** – (The following is an excerpt) -- The public and media are invited to the afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Parking will be available in the lot off Wildwood Park Drive. Enter through the Cameron Street entrance. Handicap parking is available in the lot, and elevators to the exhibit area will be clearly marked. No registration is necessary to attend the demonstration. The Farm Show complex offers ample free parking.

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