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WEEKLY UPDATE: June 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 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.

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, June 19, 2018 at 2:00 PM

Legislative and Public Awareness Conference Call

Next Call: To be Determined.

OVR Policy and State Plan Committee / Customer Satisfaction Conference Call

Next Call: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call

Next Call: To be Determined.

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.) DPW-Government Disability:

Pennsylvania Employment First State Leadership Mentoring Program 2018 Community of Practice Webinar Series -- Best Practices in Rural Areas Part 3 (of a 3 part series) - Nuts and Bolts --

June 26, 2018 -- 2:00 - 3:30 pm -- We will discuss creative employment options, braided funding, staffing allocations, transforming transportation options, and most importantly community building. Please submit any questions that you would like answered as to these topics to Devon Grant at dgrant@pa.gov prior to the webinars and we will be sure to cover those questions. To Join the Webinar: Please register for the PA EFSLMP Community of Practice Webinar Series at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4189428861712912386>.

Recordings of past webinars and related resources can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Emp1st>. Who Should Participate? Program Managers, Employment Specialists, Job Developers, Job Coaches, Vocational Counselors, Educators, Employment Stakeholders, Supports/Service Coordinators, Self-Advocates and Families.

2.) Juliet Marsala (PaRC Council Member):

Comment Opportunity: Traveling by Air with Service Animals - The U.S. Department of Transportation is seeking public comment on amending its Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) regulation on transportation of service animals. In the [Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Traveling By Air with Service Animals](#) the Department seeks comments. Comments can be submitted [via Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) through July 9, 2018.

3.) Mathematica Policy Research:

Three New Reports Explore Transition Strategies for Youth with Disabilities --

The federal government seeks to help youth with disabilities—particularly those receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI)—achieve better job outcomes as they become adults. The goal is to reduce their dependency on benefits by helping them find jobs and earn higher wages. To help achieve this, several agencies have contracted Mathematica to examine how transition services are being used for youth with disabilities and identify which services and approaches show the most promise. Mathematica recently released three reports that shed light on this topic. "Potential Strategies to Improve the Employment Outcomes of Youth SSI Recipients"; "State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies' Early Implementation Experiences with Pre-Employment Transition Services"; "The Relationship Between Youth Services and Adult Outcomes Among Former Child SSI Recipients. [Read more.](#)

Topical Webinar: Part Two of a Five-Part Series on the Transition to Employment for Youth Receiving SSI - Thursday, June 28, at 2 p.m. (ET) --

Topic: Employment Options for Youth SSI Recipients -- This webinar will showcase viable employment services and pre-employment transition

services for youth recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI). This webinar is the second in a five-part series for the SSI Youth Recipient and Employment Transition Formative Research Project. Through this project, ODEP is building the knowledge base about SSI youth recipients and the factors that influence their successful transition to sustained, gainful employment. To register: Register in advance by clicking on the link below. <https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/1771763/E5448B7042F057012183C41BACBE BB89>

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

Out and About: Laws That Protect People with Disabilities -- The NIDILRR-funded [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Promoting Interventions for Community Living \(RTC/PICL\)](#) has published [Out and About: Laws That Protect People with Disabilities](#), a series of six factsheets on the rights of people with disabilities under US laws.

Transition App Development Highlighted in Eye on Vision -- Karla Antonelli, PhD, co-principal investigator of the NIDILRR-funded [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Employment for Individuals with Blindness or Other Visual Impairment](#), was interviewed in a [recent episode of Eye on Vision](#) on [WYPL-FM](#), Memphis Libraries' broadcast radio station. Dr. Antonelli discussed [Transition on Track](#), an app for youth who are blind or visually impaired or deaf-blind and their parents that will guide them through steps to help youth prepare for employment. The app is under development at the Center and will undergo field testing in 2019.

NIH News in Health Highlights Tech for Vision and Hearing Loss - The [May 2018 issue of News in Health](#), published by the [National Institutes of Health](#), features technology for vision and hearing loss. One feature article discusses research to develop new technology to improve screening for vision loss and to help people with low vision in everyday life. A second article discusses how technology for hearing loss is getting smaller and more versatile.

5.) American Association of people with Disabilities (AAPD): [Support the EMPOWER Care Act and Community Living](#) -- Join the June 22 National Call-In Day! [National Call-In Day to Celebrate Olmstead Anniversary](#) –

6.) ABLE National Resource Center:

WEBINAR: Advantages of ABLE for Those Not Receiving Public Benefits - Thursday, June 28, 2018 – 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET -- The purpose of this webinar is to focus on the advantages of being an ABLE account owner for individuals with disabilities who are not receiving public benefits. The webinar will take place Thursday, June 28 from 2:00-3:30pm Eastern

and include insight from experts in the disability sphere, the financial planning industry, state ABLE programs and self-advocates. Real-time captioning will be provided for this webinar. For other accommodation requests, questions about the webinar, or the registration process, please contact us at info@ablenrc.org. -- [Register for this webinar.](#)

7.) DisabilityScoop.com:

In Shift, Work Opportunities Expand for Young People with

Disabilities – Under a new federal regulation, young people with disabilities who once would have been steered to jobs paying subminimum wage are being put on a path toward mainstream employment. [Read More >](#)

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

The Center for Independent Living of Central PA administers the DeafBlind Living Well Services (DBLWS) program coordinates SSP services for people who are deafblind. And we need more SSPs! If you have an interest working with people who are deafblind then this training may be for you! **The deadline to register for the training is June 22, 2018!** To register, please complete this [form](#). In addition to completing the training, SSPs must be at least 18 years old and must complete two background checks- criminal & ChildLine. In addition, SSPs should have the ability to travel independently to assignments and have access to electronic communication- email and/or texting and a computer and printer. This is how we primarily communicate with our SSPs. Do not need to be fluent in American Sign Language (ASL). Not all people who are deafblind use ASL; Many will use a spoken language, such as English. If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Drenth, Program Manager of the DBLWS. You may contact her at dblws@cilcp.org or at 717-731-1900 extension 258.

9.) Disabled-World.com:

[IDEA and the Current State of IEPs](#) -- Examines challenges of K-12 teachers in inclusion classrooms and identify areas of opportunity which would improve classroom experience for students.

10.) National Council for Independent Living – Advocacy Monitor:

Announcing: The 2018 NCIL Policy Briefing - Wednesday, June 27, 2018; 3:00-4:30 p.m. Eastern -- [Register online](#)

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