

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: July 9, 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, July 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM

Legislative and Public Awareness Conference Call

Next Call: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 3:30 PM

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: Thursday, July 12, 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, a Business or Industry 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.) American Association of People with Disabilities:

[Announcing the AAPD Career Center](#) -- We are proud to introduce our redesigned AAPD Career Center (jobs.aapd.com): a premier source for people with disabilities to search and land professional careers with leading employers. The AAPD Career Center will attract the world's leading companies and universities to find qualified and diverse candidates. The new AAPD Career Center makes it easier than ever to find the right opportunities for you.

[Goldman Sachs 2018 Diverse Abilities Exploratory Program](#) -- *August 10, 2018* -- This interactive event brings undergraduate freshmen and sophomores with disabilities together to learn more about our innovative and collaborative summer internship program. During the event, attendees will receive a comprehensive introduction to their divisions of interest while developing acumen in financial services and interviewing skills. Students will also participate in business case studies, best-in-class training, and networking opportunities with the firm's Disability Interest Forum. Please email diversityrecruiting@gs.com with questions.

[Share your experiences! Participants Needed for Research Project on Non-Traditional Employment of People with Disabilities.](#) -- Georgia Tech is conducting a project to understand the experiences of people with disabilities within non-traditional work, such as temping, contracting, and freelancing. The goal of the project is to understand "non-traditional" job experiences among persons with disabilities.

[US Department of Labor Announces Theme for 2018 National Disability Employment Awareness Month](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor has announced this year's official National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) theme: *"America's Workforce: Empowering All."*

[126 Major Businesses Rated "Best Places to Work for Disability Inclusion"](#) -- Fortune 1000 Corporations are recognized as a part of the 2018 Disability Equality Index (DEI) -- Results from the annual Disability Equality Index reveal 126 companies truly prioritizing the inclusion of people with disabilities and honored as the "Best Places to Work for Disability Inclusion". The full company list can be accessed here: https://disabilityequalityindex.org/top_companies.

2.) DisabilityScoop.com:

[New York Woman is Nation's First Lobbyist with Down Syndrome](#) -- There are lots of people trying to sway federal lawmakers, but no one else is quite like Kayla McKeon, Capitol Hill's first-ever registered lobbyist with Down Syndrome. [Read More >](#)

ABLE Programs in Jeopardy, Disability Advocates Warn – Without a big change, advocates are warning that a recently-established vehicle to help people with disabilities save money without risking their government benefits could be unsustainable. [Read More >](#)

More Colleges Enrolling Students with Intellectual Disabilities - In 2004, just 25 colleges across the country welcomed students with intellectual disabilities on their campuses. By this fall, that number will grow to 270. [Read More >](#)

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

Self-Employment for People with Psychiatric Disabilities: Advantages and Strategies - The researcher from the recently-completed NIDILRR-funded fellowship project on [Workers with Psychiatric Disabilities and Self-Employment Through Microenterprise](#) has published an article, [Self-employment for people with psychiatric disabilities: Advantages and strategies](#), in the [Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research](#). The article discusses the positive aspects of self-employment in light of employment challenges experienced by individuals with psychiatric disabilities and provides recommendations based on larger trends in entrepreneurship. The article is available free in full text.

4.) LEAD Center:

Building a Roadmap that Supports the National WIOA System to Navigate Inclusive Career Pathways for Individuals with Disabilities. Over the past several months, the LEAD Center has researched effective strategies nationwide in serving people with disabilities and reaching positive employment outcomes through Inclusive Career Pathways. [Continue reading "Building a Roadmap that Supports the National WIOA System to Navigate Inclusive Career Pathways for Individuals with Disabilities"](#)

5.) National Technical Assistance Center on Transition:

[Pathways to the Future](#) is a tool-collection website developed by West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services. This website provides resources for school service professionals, students with disabilities in transition age, and their families. Click the link "Pathways to the Future" above, and you can find printable transition-related materials, including transition guide, sample lessons, and work exploration program manual.

Manage "Pre-Employment Transition Services in Inclusive Higher Education Settings: The what, where, and how of good collaboration" -- [Register Now](#) -- 08/09/2018 | 3:00 PM, EST – Webinar.

The emergence of pre-employment transition services (Pre-ETS) provides an important new avenue for collaboration between VR and institutions of higher education serving students with intellectual disability (ID). Join staff

from Think College and the Achieve program at Highline College as we share practical resources, strategies, and examples of how pre-ETS services can be offered via a college program, and how these services can help students with ID explore, and ultimately obtain, competitive integrated employment.

6.) PA Statewide Independent Living Council:

(The following is an excerpt) -- At the next SILC meeting we must begin the process of developing the next State Plan for Independent Living. The purpose of this email is to begin thinking about hearing locations for 2019 as well as to gather suggestions on better ways to take the pulse of the independent living community in Pennsylvania in order to make our state plan the most impactful and inclusive that it can be. We will begin this discussion at the **August 27 SILC board meeting** with the selection of a SPIL Chair, but we wanted to give people an opportunity to think about this process going forward and if anyone has any suggestions to make this a better plan, feel free to respond here. Please feel free to share this widely. We're looking for input from all stakeholders. Matthew R. Seeley, Esq., Executive Director, PASILC -- mrseeley@pasilc.org -- www.pasilc.org.

7.) Center for Independent Living of Central PA:

Living Well Transport Services is continuing to grow. We now offer transportation to people with disabilities and older adults in the region through **three** accessible vehicles. [check it out here.](#) A young adult group, entitled Y.A.C.C. (Young Adults Creating Change) has been created and is hosted every other Wednesday at either the CILCP or another location. [Learn more here.](#) On July 31, we will be hosting a self defense techniques training. [Learn more here.](#) And on July 26, we will be hosting a community photo shoot to capture pictures of real people with disabilities at City Island. [Learn more here.](#)

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