

# **PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)**

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## **WEEKLY UPDATE: July 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](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.

**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: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 10:00 AM

### **Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call**

Next Call: Tentative Tuesday, August 14, 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](http://www.parac.org)) and fill out an application. Thank you.

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

**Guide to Benefits.gov for People with Disabilities** -- The July 2018 issue of Benefits.gov Compass newsletter, published by the Department of Labor (DOL), features A guide to benefits.gov for people with disabilities, describing resources and programs to support the independence of people with disabilities and their caregivers. The article describes income assistance, employment, veteran, and caregiver programs. Other articles in this issue cover resources for disaster preparedness and environmental sustainability and conservation, and the launch of the DOL's new apprenticeship.gov website.

## **2.) Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability (EARN):**

**Disability:IN** -- At its annual conference last week, one of EARN's partners unveiled a new name and brand: Disability:IN. Formerly known as the U.S. Business Leadership Network (USBLN), Disability:IN chose its new branding to reflect its commitment to promoting full inclusion of people with disabilities, inspiring accessible innovation, and fostering cultures of inclusion. At the conference, EARN was pleased to exhibit as well as host the quarterly meeting of the "Circle," a group of companies recognized for their commitment to disability inclusion and equality. [Learn more about Disability:IN.](#)

**Disability Employment Resources for Employers** - The Campaign for Disability Employment (CDE), which like EARN is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, works to change attitudes through powerful media products, including public service announcements (PSAs), all focused around the core message that "at work, it's what people can do that matters." In addition to these products, the CDE's website has a guide for employers, with links to a variety of resources that can assist in recruiting, hiring and advancing the employment success of people with disabilities. Access the CDE's [PSAs](#) or [Employer Resource Guide](#)

## **Webinar: Tips on Web Accessibility and Accommodations for Hiring Individuals with Disabilities - July 25, 2018 – 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET --**

This webinar, sponsored by Microsoft, Getting Hired and PeopleFluent, will explore key strategies for web accessibility and accommodations for hiring people with disabilities. Participants will learn how Microsoft ensures its website is accessible for consumers and job seekers with disabilities and the components of a successful disability recruiting initiative. [Register for the July 25 Web Accessibility webinar.](#)

## **3.) Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy:**

Danovich, Tove K., and Maria Godoy. "[Why People With Disabilities Want Bans on Plastic Straws to Be More Flexible.](#)" NPR.

Siordia, Carlos, Lori A. Hoepner, and Allen N. Lewis. "[Why Public Health Researchers Should Consider Using Disability Data from the American Community Survey.](#)" *Journal of Community Health*, vol. 43, no. 4, 2018, pp. 738–745.

#### **4.) DisabilityScoop.com:**

**Talk of Segregating People with Disabilities Alarms Members of Congress** – A bipartisan group of lawmakers is looking for answers after a top federal official responsible for community living reportedly said she favored "segregation" of people with disabilities. [Read More>](#)

#### **5.) National Disability Institute:**

7.16.2018 --[National Disability Institute Releases New Information Brief Based on FINRA Investor Education Foundation Data](#)

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