

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: September 17, 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.

October 24, 2018

PaRC Member Committee Conference Calls – Please Mark your Calendars

CareerLink/WIOA

Next Call: Tentatively – Monday, October 15, 2018 at 11:00 AM

Executive Committee Conference Call

Next Call: – Tuesday, September 25, 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, October 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call

Next Call: Tentatively – To be Determined

Transition & Education

Next Call: – Tentatively - Thursday, November 8, 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: The PaRC is looking for candidates to fill the following openings: A veteran with a disability, a Mental Health representative, a Business or Industry Representative, Intellectual Disability Representative and a Community Rehabilitation Provider representative. If interested please go to our website (www.parac.org) and fill out an application.

1.) DisabilityScoop.com:

Influx of Students Likely to Exacerbate Special Ed Teacher Shortage

– With thousands of additional children in one state expected to soon be eligible for special education; there are big questions about where the teachers will come from. [Read More >](#)

Can Charter Schools Afford to Welcome Students in Special Education? – Some charter schools are opening their arms to students in special education, but the challenges of serving a higher-than-average population of children with disabilities can be daunting. [Read More >](#)

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

Positive Numbers Return for Employment of Americans with Disabilities -- The NIDILRR-funded [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics \(Stats RRTC\)](#) has published the [August National Trends in Disability Employment \(nTIDE\) Report](#), reporting a positive upswing in employment of Americans with disabilities after two months of lower numbers.

3.) National Institute on Deafness & other Communicable Disorders: Happy 10th Anniversary, Noisy Planet! -- The Noisy Planet campaign celebrates 10 years of teaching kids and adults about healthy hearing habits. [Read more >](#)

October is National Protect Your Hearing Month: Spread the Word! -- Noisy Planet encourages you to promote awareness of noise-induced hearing loss—a preventable form of hearing loss—throughout the year, but especially during October, which is National Protect Your Hearing Month. [Read more >](#)

Children Who Receive Hearing Aids or Cochlear Implants Early in Life Have Better Language Skills -- Kids who are born with permanent hearing loss and who receive hearing aids or cochlear implants benefit from earlier introduction of the chosen intervention. [Read more >](#)

4.) Passle Helminski (PaRC Council Member):

The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth recently released a new brief titled, "**Professional Development Needs Among WIOA Youth Service Professionals.**" The brief examines the professional development that Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act youth service providers are receiving and recommends strategies and resources for expanding front-line staff development. Youth service providers indicate that some of their top needs include training on how to recruit and retain out-of-school youth, how to develop, place, and support youth in work experiences, and how to serve youth with disabilities, including youth with the most significant disabilities. [Professional Development Needs Among WIOA Youth Service Professionals"](#)

S1885 – AV Start Act - As the U.S. Senate moves this month toward passing necessary legislation to fund the government, there exists an opportunity for inclusion of the AV Start Act (S. 1885), which would move forward testing and manufacturing of autonomous vehicles. AVs have great

potential toward expanding freedom of mobility for individuals unable to operate regular vehicles, and the technology being developed will significantly reduce vehicle related pedestrian fatalities. Both of these issues are significant for Americans who are blind and visually impaired. The AV Start Act has two key provisions worth sharing with your Senators:

1. The bill will provide protections under the ADA to prohibit discrimination of operation based on an individual's disability; 2. The Department of Transportation will convene a stakeholder group, which will have on its plate issues encompassing accessibility. ACB believes these are two important pieces to the current landscape encompassing AV development not found in the House legislation passed last year. To this end, we urge the Senate to pass S. 1885, assuring access remains on the table as this technology develops. To contact your state Senators, call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121. For more information on the AV Start Act, visit the bill's page on [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1885): <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1885>

5.) PADES Summit:

Registration Is Open! -- PADES 2018 -- October 31 and November 1 - Hilton Harrisburg in Harrisburg, PA. If you are interested in participating in the Summit as an attendee, resource fair exhibitor or employment fair exhibitor, and want more information, visit our website to register!

6.) Policy Information Exchange:

CILCP Seeking Qualified Members of the Community to Serve on the Board of Directors -- The CILCP has served the community since 1988 by advancing the rights of people with diverse disabilities. CILCP's current Board of Directors consists of a majority of persons with diverse disabilities and we are currently looking for additional qualified persons both with and without disabilities to be considered for board membership. Visit our webpage at cilcp.org to gain a better understanding of what we do and stand for and then follow this link to <http://cilcp.org/about-us/board-of-directors> and complete an online application at the bottom of that page for consideration.

7.) Americans with Disabilities Act National Network:

[Online Video Accessibility](#) -- September 20, 2018 -- Description: For video to be fully accessible, its audio content must be accessible to people who are unable to hear (solution: captions), its visual content must be accessible to people who are unable to see (solution: audio description), and both audio and visual content must be accessible to people who are deaf/blind or unable to access the video for technical reasons (solution: transcript). The video must also be provided in a media player that is fully accessible to people using keyboard alone or assistive technologies. This webinar will explore each of these issues and their solutions in depth, including tools, services, and strategies for addressing video accessibility needs throughout large

organizations, with a particularly focus on video accessibility in higher education.

ADA Publications:

[Know Your Rights! the Americans With Disabilities Act \(ADA\) & Older People](#)

[The ADA and Small Business](#)

[Postsecondary Institutions and Students With Disabilities](#)

8.) National Council for Independent Living (Advocacy Monitor):

Action Alert: Prepare for 2018 Midterms by Attending AAPD /

DOnetwork Webinars - September 12, 2018 --

Are you ready to engage in voting rights advocacy for the disability community? The American Association of People with Disabilities' [REV UP](#) (Register, Educate, Vote! Use Your Power) Campaign, in partnership with Disability Organizing Network, is hosting a series of free webinars on election accessibility this fall. On September 21 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern, AAPD and DOnetwork will be hosting **Access Barriers to Voter Education Materials**. "The webinar will explore how political campaigns, hosts of candidate forums, and election officials can make their materials and information more accessible to people with disabilities. You can register for this webinar at the [DOnetwork website](#).

Kavanaugh Update -- [Confirmation hearings](#) for Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court have wrapped up, and a final vote on his confirmation is expected next week. NCIL strongly opposes this nomination. You can [view an uncaptioned video of the testimony](#) or [read a transcript](#). For more information on that decision and others, please refer to [NCIL's full statement of opposition](#).

CIL-NET Presents... A National Teleconference & Webinar –

Supporting Youth in Transition: How CILs Can Contract for Youth

Transition Services - September 26, 2018; 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Eastern -

Join us in September to learn how one CIL has built excellent youth transition services for young people in their community – and turned them into revenue generators for their CIL. **Registration Fee:** \$75.00. Fee is per site (connection) and does not apply per participant; registrants are encouraged to gather as many individuals as desired to participate by telephone. [\[Read more...\]](#). [Register online](#) or by using the [printable registration form](#) (PDF).

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