

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: October 2, 2018

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NOTE: This update is for informational purposes only. The PaRC and Support Staff are not responsible for the accuracy of this information. Some of the information found in this update you may have already received from another source. The PaRC or the Support Staff do not use this update as a vehicle to express their views and positions. As of **October 2, 2018**, all links have been verified. Please credit the PaRC Support Project for any information forwarded to others. Thank You.

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: Monday, October 15, 2018 at 11:00 AM

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, November 6, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call

Next Call: 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.) Americans with Disabilities Act National Network:

ADA Publication - [Reasonable Accommodations in the Workplace](#)

2.) DisabilityScoop.com:

Special Ed, Disability Programs Spared in Government Budget Deal –

The federal government will increase funding for special education and

allocate money to address the needs of caregivers as part of a spending bill that's expected to be signed by the President. [Read More >](#)

Schools Requiring "Mental Health" Disclosures by Students - School Districts in one state now must ask if new students have ever been referred for mental health services. Some parents worry that the information could be held against their kids. [Read More >](#)

3.) LEAD Center:

WEBINAR -Community of Practice Meeting - Adult and Continuing Education: Options and Resources to Promote Inclusive Career Pathways and Employment Outcomes -- **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018 3:00 - 4:30 PM ET** --Register for this webinar by clicking or copying and pasting the following link:

<https://leadcenter.webex.com/leadcenter/onstage/g.php?MTID=e20707c82f44fd2ad71e76e13a8bebcff>

Employment Project in Oregon Highlighted at Federal Briefing -- On August 8 and 9, 2018, the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) hosted Employment First Federal Briefings on School-to-Work Transition, Provider Transformation, Interagency Coordination, and Mental Health practices that have been shown to promote competitive integrated employment (CIE) for youth and adults with disabilities. Fifteen federal agencies attended the briefing [Continue reading "LEAD Center's Statewide Youth Employment Project in Oregon Highlighted at Federal Briefing."](#)

LEAD Center Releases Neurodiversity Brief -- The LEAD Center recently released a brief. This brief discusses actions that American Job Center (AJC) staff and employers can take to make services and workplaces more accessible to autistic people and others with psychosocial, cognitive, intellectual, and developmental disabilities. [Continue reading "LEAD Center Releases Neurodiversity Brief."](#)

LEAD Center Brief on Ways to Expand Opportunities for Competitive Integrated Employment in Your Community -- This brief can be shared with others who are interested in advancing employment for youth and adults with disabilities. It highlights recent federal and state policies that advance opportunities for Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE). [Continue reading "LEAD Center Brief on Ways to Expand Opportunities for Competitive Integrated Employment in Your Community."](#)

October Is National Disability Employment Awareness Month -- National Disability Employment Awareness Month is a nationwide campaign observed each October that raises awareness about disability employment. [Continue reading "October Is National Disability Employment Awareness Month."](#)

New LEAD Center Self-Paced Trainings Now Available! The LEAD Center just launched self-paced trainings on popular topics, including Customized Employment, Guided Group Discovery, and Financial Literacy. Participants can learn at their own pace, test their knowledge around key concepts, and obtain a completion certificate for each course. If you do not already have an account, register now on the NDI Online Classroom to access the LEAD Center courses. [Continue reading "New LEAD Center Self-Paced Trainings Now Available!"](#)

4.) National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders:

October is National Protect Your Hearing Month -- Take steps to protect your hearing -- [Read more »](#)

5.) Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy:

Latest Research Findings Featured at Sixth Annual Disability Research Consortium (DRC) Meeting -- The DRC held its sixth annual meeting on August 1, 2018, in Washington, DC. More than 200 attendees learned about the latest findings from DRC-supported research projects. The 12 projects featured were designed to examine the factors that affect disability program enrollment, influence the well-being of people with disabilities, and affect the relationship between health insurance and disability insurance. The findings from these studies will help inform policymakers and others as they strive to better serve people with disabilities. Research summaries and presentations for the 2018 DRC Annual Meeting can be found [here](#).

Webinar—New Insights into Disability Beneficiaries' Pursuit of Work

- Join the Center for Studying Disability Policy for a webinar focusing on new research on the work activity of beneficiaries with disabilities. [Click here](#) for more information and to register for the online webinar. October 17, 2018 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 p.m., ET.

6.) ASPE – Employment First:

Diversity Partners Program Spotlight: Providing Enhanced Services To Employers; The 21 And Able Career Transition Program -- October 3rd, 1:00 to 2:00 PM, EST -- Register here:

<http://register.yangtaninstitute.org/register/index.cfm?event=6846>

7.) Passle Helminski (PaRC Council Member):

The Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education is pleased to announce the following training opportunity: **2018-2019 PA Community on Transition Webinar Series – Planning for the LifeCourse** -- All webinars will take place from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm . This webinar series is designed to assist individuals of all abilities think about life

experiences needed to move ahead in life. Throughout the series, a cross-agency panel, including the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), Office of Developmental Programs (ODP), Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network (PYLN), and PaTTAN representatives will provide participants with information on what IEP teams and students need to know and do regarding setting a vision for a meaningful life, identify how to find or develop supports, and discover what it takes for students to live the lives they want to live. October 10, 2018 - Planning for the LifeCourse Overview; December 5, 2018 - Planning for the LifeCourse - Employment Uses; February 6, 2019 - Planning for the LifeCourse - Postsecondary Education and Training Uses; April 1, 2019 - Planning for the LifeCourse - Independent Living. You may register online by clicking on the name of the event on the Training Events Calendar at: <https://www.pattan.net/events/>. For questions regarding content, contact: Hillary Mangis, PaTTAN Pittsburgh, 800-446-5607 x6878, hmangis@pattan.net. For questions regarding registration, contact: Pam Ranieri, PaTTAN Pittsburgh, 800-446-5607 x684, pranieri@pattan.net

8.) Linda Williams (PaRC Support Staff):

CILCP Hosts Session--It Is All About Your Hearing! -- Join us for a presentation "It Is All About Your Hearing" on October 19, 2018 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Center for Independent Living of Central PA located at 207 House Avenue, Camp Hill. No cost to attend. Deadline to RSVP and/or request an accommodation is October 12, 2018 as space is limited. Contact Sharon Behun at sbehun@cilcp.org or (717) 731-1900 ext. 224.

Below is a link to the **OVR Facebook events page**, with information about NDEAM events. It will continue to be updated as events are added.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/PAVocRehab/events/?ref=page_internal

9.) Policy Information Exchange:

Job Opening - Public Policy and Outreach Coordinator for the PA

SILC – General Description: The Public Policy and Outreach Coordinator is jointly responsible for the overall coordination of the issue initiatives as outlined in the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) including performing the essential functions required to support the external committees of the PA SILC. By mail to 207 House Avenue, Suite 107, Room 14, Camp Hill, PA 17011 or email: mrseeley@pasilc.org or call 717-364-1732 with questions.

[Visit our Website](#)

10.) PA Society for the Advancement of the Deaf:

Lancaster Center of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing career opportunity –

Full-time Administrative Assistance Fluent in ASL – candidates should submit a letter/email of interest along with a current resume to hadmin@bdhhs.org or call 610-685-4523 x 112 for more information.

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