

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: October 30, 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 2019 –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.

March 6, 2019

May 1, 2019

August 21, 2019

October 23, 2019

PaRC Member Committee Conference Calls – Please Mark your Calendars

CareerLink/WIOA

Next Call: Monday, January 14, 2019 at 10:00 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.) DisabilityScoop.com:

Disability Groups Step Up Efforts to Reach Minority Families – Support and advocacy organizations often fall short in reflecting the diversity of Americans with disabilities, but some are looking to change that. [Read More >](#)

Ed Department: Texas Must do More to Help Students Needing Special Ed - After determining that Texas illegally set a cap on the number of students receiving special education, the U.S. department of Education says the state is not doing enough to fix the problems. [Read More >](#)

Parents Struggle to Find In-Home Nurses – Families in some areas are struggling to find nurses to assist their children with disabilities leading to compromised care and straining parents who are left to pick up the pieces. [Read More >](#)

Settlement Reached After Student Reportedly Left in Basement – A student with disabilities who was allegedly removed from school, placed in a basement and told to watch DVDs and sort nuts and bolts, will receive more than \$1 million in compensation. [Read More >](#)

2.) Policy Information Exchange:

PIE Info: Town Hall Meeting - PA Relay & PA Captioned Telephone Relay -- PA Relay and PA Captioned Telephone Relay is having their annual Town Hall Meeting at the Center for Independent Living of Central PA (CILCP). We hope you can join us on November 9th to learn about relay! Most people think of TTY/TDD relay, even though that is still around, advancing technology has changed the world of relay! The documents in the link below have the details for the event. Deadline to register is November 1, 2018! [Click here for more information on this event and how to register.](#)

3.) Linda Williams (PaRC Support Staff):

Please see the digital version of the PADES article in the Central Penn Business Journal. Perhaps it will create some additional interest in PADES – or, at least, it will support the value of hiring people with disabilities! <http://www.cpbj.com/article/20181025/CPBJ01/181029946/twoday-summit-aims-to-connect-people-with-disabilities-to-jobs>

4.) American Association of People with Disabilities:

["Getting to Equal: The Disability Inclusion Advantage"](#) report now available.

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

Celebrating 30 years of supporting discoveries in communication research -- Since 1988, the NIDCD has supported research that has led to striking discoveries in communication sciences. These advances improve the

lives of the millions of people who have disorders in hearing, balance, taste, smell, voice, speech, and language. To celebrate our 30th anniversary, read the stories of three dedicated people—an individual with hearing loss, a scientist, and a congressional staffer—who highlight the crosscutting collaboration critical to turning an idea into an institute and creating the NIDCD. [Read more »](#)

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

LiveWell 2019 Student App Challenge -- The NIDILRR-funded [Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center for Community Living, Health, and Function \(LiveWell RERC\)](#) is sponsoring the [LiveWell 2019 Student App Challenge](#), an app development competition for middle, high school, and college students, as well as non-professional developers to create apps that can be used by people with disabilities and people who are aging. Suggested target areas include, but are not limited to, health and function, accessibility, money management, navigation, home automation and control, personal communication, and access to public announcements and notifications. Judging will take place in May 2019 with three submissions selected for a cash award, and two selected for random prizes. Guidelines and qualifications are described on the competition website.

Report on National Disability Employment Policy -- The [National Council on Disability \(NCD\)](#) has issued a report, [National Disability Employment Policy, From the New Deal to the Real Deal: Joining the Industries of the Future](#), which assesses the status of employment for people with disabilities under Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act. In this report, NCD explores trends regarding workers with disabilities being paid below minimum wage and highlights recent policy changes impacting this employment model. The report also discusses the need to build capacity and infrastructure for supported employment services and gives recommendations on how to change pay structures and how to make improvements to the processes of employment service providers who support people with disabilities

7.) Americans with Disabilities Act National Network:

Upcoming Events:

[ADA Live! Airport Accessibility and the ADA](#) – 11/07/18

[Inclusive Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Recovery](#) – 11/08/18

[Best Practices in Inclusive Employment](#) – 11/13/18

ADA Publications:

[Reasonable Accommodations in the Workplace](#)

[Legal Brief: Revisiting Disability-Related-Inquiries and Medical Examinations Under Title I of the ADA](#)

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

Here's a great and easy way to support NCIL! From now through November 2, Amazon will be giving 5% of the price of eligible purchases made through AmazonSmile to the charity of your choice! This is ten times the usual amount that Amazon gives to charities through AmazonSmile, so don't miss out. To shop through AmazonSmile, click on [NCIL's unique AmazonSmile link](#) and shop on Amazon just as you normally would. When you've completed your shopping, 5% of the cost of your purchase will go to NCIL!

Lyft and Uber Service Dog Denials -- According to Uber's policy, "A driver-partner CANNOT lawfully deny service to riders with service animals because of allergies, religious objections, or a generalized fear of animals." All drivers are made aware of this policy and are obligated to comply with the law upon signing their terms of agreement. If an Uber driver refuses to transport a rider because of their service animal, they violate the law and breach their agreement with Uber. If Uber determines that the driver knowingly refused to transport a rider and their service animal after thoroughly investigating the case, the driver is permanently removed from the platform. Lyft's policy is very similar to Uber's, but drivers have one chance to be educated before they are removed from the platform. Despite these strict policies and multiple lawsuits, such as the National Federation of the Blind's settlement with Uber in 2016, drivers continue to take it upon themselves to make uninformed and discriminatory decisions as to who should be allowed in their cars. [\[Read more...\]](#)

An Update from the Transportation Subcommittee: Disability Provisions Included in FAA Reauthorization! -- On October 5, 2018, the President signed the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2018 – [H.R. 302](#) (PDF) into law. This bill reauthorizes the FAA and other programs through 2023, and we are thrilled to report that the final bill includes several important disability provisions NCIL and other disability rights groups have been advocating for. [\[Read more...\]](#)

Enforcement Notice – Airline Reporting of Data on Mishandled Baggage, Wheelchairs, and Scooters -- The Department of Transportation has posted an Enforcement Notice titled *Airline Reporting of Data on Mishandled Baggage, Wheelchairs, and Scooters* on the DOT website. That notice addresses the obligations of large U.S. airlines to report to the Department mishandled baggage, wheelchairs, and scooters data following the enactment of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. [Open the Enforcement Notice \(PDF\)](#)

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