

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: November 6, 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: – Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 200 PM

Legislative and Public Awareness Conference Call

Next Call: Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 10:00 AM

OVR Policy and State Plan Committee / Customer Satisfaction Conference Call

Next Call: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call

Next Call: To be Determined

Transition & Education

Next Call: – 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:

Labor Department Looks to Incentivize Disability Hiring – Federal contractors may soon get one more reason to prioritize hiring workers with disabilities. [Read More >](#)

States Cite Hurdles to Providing Community-Based Services – States are facing challenges meeting their obligations to provide home and community-based services to people with developmental disabilities and other groups, federal investigators say. [Read More>](#)

Recent Natural Disasters Trigger Complaints from Disability Groups – Advocates say that federal emergency response efforts are failing to protect the civil rights of people with disabilities, including by sending them unnecessarily to nursing homes. [Read More >](#)

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

Ready Player One: With Some Design Tweaks, People with Physical Disabilities Could Join in Active Video Gaming Using an Adapted Balance Board - Active video gaming can be a fun way to engage in physical activity, and with an adapted balance board anyone can join in, in this week's [Research In Focus](#).

ADA Live! Airport Accessibility and the ADA - The NIDILRR-funded [Southeast ADA Regional Center](#) will host [Episode 62: Airport Accessibility and the ADA](#), the latest episode in the [ADA Live! webcast series](#), November 7th, 1-1:30pm ET. Presenters will discuss the role of the ADA and the Title IV Coordinator in airports, challenges to airport accessibility, and ways to make air travel comfortable and convenient for people with disabilities. No registration is required and questions may be submitted in advance.

Study on Online Transfer Training - The NIDILRR-funded [University of Pittsburgh Model Center on Spinal Cord Injury \(UPMC-SCI\)](#) seeks participants for a [study to determine the effectiveness of an online wheelchair transfer training program](#). The program uses an interactive training module, which includes videos and photographs of the transfer techniques as well as advice for caregivers. Participants must be between 18 and 75 years old, use a manual or power wheelchair for the majority of their mobility needs, and be able to transfer independently using the seated pivot method. Additional eligibility information is available online.

New NDEAM PSA: Working Works - The [Office of Disability Employment Policy at the Department of Labor](#) and the [Campaign for Disability Employment](#) launched a new public service announcement (PSA), [Working Works](#), as part of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). The PSA highlights the importance of helping workers who

experience temporary or permanent disability remain active in the workforce.

3.) The Arc of Pennsylvania:

The Arc of Pennsylvania is seeking highly qualified applicants for the position of Executive Director. The Search Committee is seeking highly qualified applicants to electronically submit a letter of introduction (including salary requirements), and a resume to: searchcommittee@thearcpa.org (Please note, only electronic submissions will be considered.) The Executive Director is the senior manager of the organization and leads efforts with members, affiliates, volunteers, and other stakeholders to carry out the mission, advance the goals and objectives, and implement the strategic plan of The Arc of Pennsylvania. The Executive Director reports to the Board of Directors. For full job description, see The Arc of PA website at www.thearcpa.org.

4.) LEAD Center:

Final Reminder: LEAD Center Website Survey -- Deadline: November 16 -- The LEAD Center wants to learn more about how you use the resources on our website so that we can continue to improve what we offer. We ask that you take a very brief survey, which should only take 5 minutes or less to complete. **Take the LEAD Center website survey**

5.) Center for Independent Living of Central PA:

WITF Documentary: Going Home - Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Today, most people with intellectual disabilities are living in the community. "Going Home" is a follow-up to WITF's award-winning documentary, "i go home", which examines the journey towards including people with intellectual disabilities. For more information: <http://www.witf.org/on-air/2018/10/going-home.php> **Questions** Contact Theo Braddy at theobraddy@cilcp.org or at 717-731-1900 ext. 211. [Accessible Version - WITF Going Home](#)

Bring your favorite cookies to share – bring a container to take cookies home with you. Friday, December 14, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Center for Independent Living of Central PA – 207 House Avenue, Suite 107, Camp Hill, PA 17011 in the CILCP Conference Room. Deadline to register and/or request an accommodation is December 3, 2018. Contact Dawn Marron at 717-731-1900 Ext. 253 or at dmarron@cilcp.org.

6.) Policy Information Exchange:

PIE Info: CHC Eligibility and Dating Rules Fact Sheets -- Community HealthChoices (CHC) is still new, so people may be confused about eligibility requirements and whether or not they are eligible for CHC. It's important to remember that Medicaid eligibility is not changing with CHC. The attached CHC [Eligibility fact sheet](#) includes details on who is eligible for CHC, who is

not eligible and information on other programs for long-term services and supports. If you have any questions, please visit www.HealthChoices.pa.gov or email RA-PWCHC@pa.gov.

7.) PA Mental Health Consumers' Association:

Prescription Drug Coverage -- Be sure to check a plan's formulary to be sure your medications are covered at a rate you can afford. Watch video: **Prescription Drug Coverage**. Learn more about **healthcare insurance available in Pennsylvania**. Visit **www.healthcare.gov** to find out if you are eligible for insurance through affordable care act coverage, and the types of insurance that are available to you. Pennsylvania provides a comparison tool at **pa.checkbookhealth.org**. The 2019 Open Enrollment Period runs from Thursday, November 1, 2018, to Saturday, December 15, 2018. If you don't act by December 15, you can't get 2019 coverage unless you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. Plans sold during Open Enrollment start January 1, 2019.

Mental Health and Wellness Conference - Call for Workshop

Presenters -- Submit a workshop proposal for the 2019 Pennsylvania Mental Health and Wellness Conference in Harrisburg. The deadline to submit a workshop proposal is **Friday, November 30, 2018**. Sessions run 75 minutes in length and they should be interactive and include time for audience questions. **Submit Workshop Proposal Online**

8.) Linda Williams (PaRC Support Staff):

PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources -- Link meetings are a great way to network with Lancaster County Link partner resources, to learn more about other partners' resources and offerings and to visit a Lancaster County partner facility you may not have been to before. The meeting begins at 1:00 pm with networking and is totally **FREE** to attend. Link meetings are informative and, we hope, enjoyable. This month's meeting is **Thursday, November 15**. The Draft meeting agenda [is posted here](#). Let us know you're coming; **RSVP now** call or text - 717.380.9714 - email - bllink@mail.com

9.) Disabled-World:

Disability Scholarships from Scholarship America - Wells Fargo

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