

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: December 4, 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: 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, January 24, 2019 at 2:00 PM

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 Dream Partnership](#)

[PaRC Herr Foods Inc.](#)

[PaRC Aha Moment](#)

[PaRC Keystone Blind Association](#)

[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, and an Intellectual Disability Representative. If interested please go to our website (www.parac.org) and fill out an application.

1.) DisabilityScoop.com:

Uber Promises More Timely Accessible Rides – A new business model by ride-hailing company Uber means quicker pickup times for passengers in wheelchairs in several U.S. cities. [Read More >](#)

Disability Groups Hope for Additional Support from New Congress – Advocates are optimistic that the forthcoming shift in the balance of power in Congress could bring positive change for people with disabilities. [Read More >](#)

To Find Jobs for Those with Intellectual Disabilities, Parents Get Creative – Frustrated by the difficulties that their adult children with disabilities face in obtaining employment, many parents are creating businesses to foster opportunities. [Read More >](#)

College Recruit on the Spectrum Set to Make History – As the first student-athlete with autism to sign a national letter of intent to play a team sport at the NCAA Division I level, Kalin Bennett has more than basketball on his mind. [Read More >](#)

Ed Department Reopening Hundreds of Disability Related Complaints – The U.S. Department of Education is reversing course after being used over changes to its handling of disability discrimination complaints in schools. [Read More >](#)

George H.W. Bush Remembered as Champion for those with Disabilities – The former president said that signing the Americans with Disabilities Act was one of his proudest accomplishments during his time in office. [Read More >](#)

2.) American Association of People with Disabilities: [Getting to Equal: The Disability Inclusion Advantage](#)

[People With Disabilities Want Paychecks Not Pity: Here's How Businesses Are Helping](#) -- "People want to live and make decisions for themselves. How can they do that without being gainfully employed? People with disabilities want paychecks, not pity." - Ted Kennedy, Jr., AAPD Board Chair

[Apply for the 2019 AAPD Federal IT Summer Internship Program](#) -- Thanks to generous support from Microsoft, AAPD is pleased to once again offer a Federal IT Summer Internship Program within our broader 2019 Summer Internship Program. The two IT interns will be a part of the regular Summer Internship Program class and participate in the same activities, but will be specifically placed in IT departments of federal agencies. We are

excited to partner with Microsoft to offer students with disabilities access to high-level IT internships. **Applications are due by December 5, 2018.**

3.) ABL National Resource Center:

WEBINAR: Qualified Disability Expense Fundamentals -- Thursday, December 13, 2018 – 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET. The webinar will discuss examples of QDEs and address questions such as: What are QDEs? What will happen if I use ABL distributions on non-QDEs? Are there strategies I should consider when deciding whether or not to use my ABL account for items or services? In order to prepare for the webinar, we encourage you to watch these short informative videos: [The Road Map to Enrollment](#): This 5-step Roadmap was designed for potential ABL account holders and their families to learn more about ABL accounts. In particular, the video in Step 3 (click on “learn more”) tells you what funds can be used for. [The Road Map to Independence](#): This 5-step Roadmap was designed to help current ABL account owners maximize the benefits of having an ABL account. In particular, the video in Step 4 (click on “learn more”) shows you how to keep track of your expenses. **Please note:** Real-time captioning will be provided for this webinar. For other accommodation requests, questions about the webinar, or the registration process, please contact us at info@ablenrc.org. [Register for this webinar.](#)

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

Nearly 1 in 5 American farmers has a disability. A variety of assistive technologies are helping them adapt and stay on the job.

<https://www.wired.com/story/farmer-disabilities-tools-agrability-breaking-new-ground/>

5.) Mathematica Policy Research:

Helping Youth with Disabilities Transition to Employment -- Resources Guide Policymakers in Selecting Interventions for Youth Receiving Supplemental Security Income. Youth with disabilities, especially youth receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), face unique challenges that affect their employment prospects as they become adults. A new [series of reports and webinars](#) by Mathematica for the U.S. Department of Labor provides practical advice to policymakers about how to select and test promising strategies that could help youth with disabilities achieve sustained and gainful employment. In the latest [blog post for Evidence in Action](#), project director [Todd Honeycutt](#) shares his insights on the need for better solutions to address the hurdles that youth receiving SSI encounter in their transitions to adulthood. He also writes about five strategies policymakers can pursue to ensure transition programs make a difference. [Read more.](#)

6.) PaTTAN:

The Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) is pleased to announce the Request for Posters for the 2019 Pennsylvania

Department of Education Annual Conference. The Poster Session for the conference will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm in the Chocolate Ballroom at the Hershey Lodge. Poster presentations will highlight evidence-based techniques and practices used in special and general education classrooms, school improvement, staff development, administrative initiatives, student achievements, and/or curricular materials. The topics may include: Assistive Technology; Autism; Special Education; Leadership; Family Engagement; Behavior; Low Incidence Disabilities; Project MAX; Secondary Transition; MTSS Reading, MTSS Math, MTSS Writing, MTSS Behavior (SWPBIS). One complimentary room for one night of lodging will be provided for each accepted proposal. Presenters who would like to utilize the complimentary one night of lodging (one room per poster) must make their own room reservation through the Hershey Lodge at 717-520-5732. Please note that the Hershey Lodge requires 3-day notification for all reservation cancellations. Presenters must register and pay the \$179.00 conference registration fee if they intend to participate in other conference activities (Registration and payment must be received by 4:00 pm, February 27, 2019). Registration for the Conference and the Poster Session submission form can be located at tinyurl.com/PAedConference. **All poster applications must be submitted by January 11, 2019.** Questions may be directed to Dennis Cullen at dcullen@pattan.net or by phone at 610-878-7232 or 1-800-441-3215 ext. 7232.

7.) Americans with Disabilities Act National Network: Accommodating Students with Disabilities Enrolled in Medical and Health Science Programs – Tuesday, January 15, 2019 from 2:00 PM EST – 3:30 PM EST. The ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act require colleges and universities to provide accommodations and academic adjustments for students with disabilities. This session will look at how students participating in medical and health science programs are provided with accommodations for classroom and clinical settings. Registration required – There is no cost. Registration Link: <https://www.accessibilityonline.org/ADA-Audio/session/?id=110694> (link is external). Registration Deadline: Monday, January 14, 2019. For More Information: [ADA Audio Conference Series](#)

8.) Hearing Loss Association of America:
Webinar: Life Without Limits – No Barriers @ Online Webinar Using Zoom
Dec 19 @ 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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