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WEEKLY UPDATE September 18, 2020

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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 2019 Annual Report can be found on our webpage or by clicking on the following link

<http://parac.org/reports/2019AnnualReport.pdf>

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, agendas and minutes, etc. for information on your CAC.

***** PaRC Calendar Year 2020 –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.

November 18, 2020

The agenda will be posted on the PaRC website.

http://parac.org/council_mtgs.html

PaRC Member Committee Conference Calls – Please Mark your Calendars

CareerLink/WIOA

Next Call: Tuesday September 22, 2020 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:

Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call

Next Call: To be Determined

Transition & Education

Next Call: Friday October 9, 2020 at 2:00 PM

**Ad Hoc Recruitment Committee Friday September 18, 2020 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 Aha Moment](#)

[PaRC Dream Partnership](#)

[PaRC Herr Foods Inc.](#)

[PaRC Keystone Blind Association](#)

[PaRC Assistive Technology](#)

PaRC COUNCIL OPENINGS: The PaRC is looking for candidates to fill new openings on the council. If interested, please go to our website (www.parac.org) and fill out an application.

1.) Forwarded from Linda Williams

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

PUBLIC ZOOM MEETING Saturday SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

The Hearing Loss Association of America Pittsburgh Chapter Sept 19 public meeting will be by zoom and begins at ten am and ends at noon. We will learn zoom tips and tricks from Anna Cillo. Since 2009 Anna has been providing CART and Captioning. Anna is a graduate of Community College of Allegheny County's Court Reporting program and member of the National Court Reporters Association. Anna has worked with various production companies and corporate entities to incorporate captions into a wide array of situations including plays, performances, public meetings, and college classes. This zoom meeting will be captioned.

Dr Suzanne Yoder will moderate the Sept. 19 meeting and obtain questions from audience. You can send your questions to hlap.news@gmail.com. The last part of the meeting will be for socialization between attendees. Captioning will be provided for the socialization.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82823759371?pwd=cjMyUFdYWwNPMDRaYnF0ZDk5ZFE1Zz09> Meeting ID: 828 2375 9371 Passcode: 227556 Find your local number: [https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kxT3yz7OX](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82823759371?pwd=cjMyUFdYWwNPMDRaYnF0ZDk5ZFE1Zz09)

You can go to innocaptions (<https://chchearing.org/blog/zoom-captioning-innocaption-app/>) or Hamilton captel for instructions on using zoom captioning separate from our provision.

Our October 17 meeting will review online resources for auditory training for people with hearing loss. The primary goal of auditory training is to maximize a listener's ability to recognize speech using the auditory signal and to interpret auditory experiences. This presentation is developed by doctoral students at the University of Pittsburgh Auditory department and supervised by Dr Elaine Mormer. The content will include specific auditory

training computer and phone apps that attendees will be able to access on their own. Audience members will be encouraged to share their own experiences or resources related to auditory training.

You are invited to send questions to hlap.news@gmail.com.

2.) Forwarded from Linda Williams Wolf Administration Releases Suicide Prevention Plan, Reminds Pennsylvanians that They are Never Alone

Harrisburg, PA – The Wolf Administration, members of the General Assembly, and Prevent Suicide PA today recognized World Suicide Prevention Day and National Suicide Prevention Month and released Pennsylvania’s **Statewide Suicide Prevention Plan**. The plan, which was developed by the state’s Suicide Prevention Task Force, is a four-year strategy to reduce suicide in Pennsylvania by fighting stigma, increasing training and education on suicide and mental health, improving data collection for suicide, and supporting clinical practices and treatment to prevent suicide and help those who are struggling or in crisis know that things can and will get better. Read the final report of Pennsylvania’s Statewide Suicide Prevention Plan **here**. Members of the public can submit feedback on the plan at **RA-PWSuicidePreventn@pa.gov**.

3.) Forwarded from Passle Helminski The Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education is pleased to announce the following training opportunity

Introducing Transition Discoveries
Connect Virtually
October 8, 2020 (10:00 AM - 11:30 AM)

Improving secondary transition practices in Pennsylvania has the potential to positively impact the post-school outcomes of transitioning youth with disabilities. During this session, participants will learn about the Transition Discoveries framework

for improving secondary transition programming. The framework includes a two-year implementation progression with stakeholder surveys, action planning and implementation protocols along with online training modules and resources.

REGISTRATION:

<https://www.pattan.net/Events/Webinar/Course-2780/Events/Session-34880>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar, including the Zoom link.

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4.) EEOC Issues More Guidance on the ADA and COVID-19 In the Workplace by Melinda Kaufmann September 14, 2020

On September 8, 2020, the EEOC once again updated its guidance on the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) and the Coronavirus pandemic. EEOC Updated Guidance. The new document, through a question and answer format, expands the EEOC’s prior guidance on how the ADA applies to the current pandemic. Here are some takeaways from the updated guidance:

To read more, go to: <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/eec-issues-more-guidance-on-the-ada-71676/>

5.) PA Providers: Huge Budget Cuts Could Hurt People With Mental Illness

By Ed Mahon
September 15, 2020

SPOTLIGHT PA — Eight years ago, as the state was still recovering from the fallout of a severe economic recession, lawmakers in Harrisburg cut \$84 million that counties used to fund programs for people with intellectual disabilities, mental health challenges, and other needs.

At the time, Republican Gov. Tom Corbett's administration said the state faced a more than \$700 million shortfall and that funding for counties was one of the few areas where its hands were not tied by federal mandates.

Then the coronavirus arrived. To continue reading, go to:
<https://wskg.org/news/pa-providers-huge-budget-cuts-could-hurt-people-with-mental-illness/>

6.) Forwarded from Linda Williams

You are invited to attend Senator Casey's Virtual Aging Conference on Friday, September 25 from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The Conference will be broadcast live starting at 10:15 a.m. You can join the Conference at <https://casey.senate.gov/aging-conference> or on the Senator's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SenatorBobCasey/>

The Conference will examine the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) health crisis on the safety of nursing homes residents and discuss strategies to expand access to long-term services and supports.

Individuals can register for the Conference by emailing your name, organization and zip code to Casey_Events@aging.senate.gov. While registration is not required, by doing so, you will receive an email ahead of the Conference with the agenda and additional resources. There is no cost to attend this Conference.

If you are having trouble viewing the conference on the day of the event, please clear your browser's cache and open or close the browser. Instructions can be found online on how to clear your particular browser's cache.

ASL interpreters and closed captioning will be available during the Conference. The Conference is open to the general public, so please consider sharing this invitation with others who may be interested.

7.) He Calls Baseball Games by Ear. Without Fans, His Job Is a Lot Harder
By James Wagner
Sept. 11, 2020

The soundtrack of the 2020 baseball season, played amid a pandemic, is undoubtedly different. The pop of the catcher's mitt, the thwack of the bat and the fervor from the dugouts sound louder without the buffer of tens of thousands of cheering fans.

A certain energy, though, is sorely missing from games with empty stands: There is no natural crescendo to big moments, no gasps, or boos after deflating ones.

Perhaps no one in Major League Baseball feels the changes on this auditory roller coaster more acutely than Enrique Oliu, 58, the longtime Spanish language radio broadcaster for the Tampa Bay Rays. To continue reading, go to:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/11/sports/baseball/enrique-oliu-rays-broadcaster.html>

8.) Forwarded from Passle Helminski

Please join us this fall for Connecting Talent to Opportunities!

The kickoff to the Virtual 20th Employment Supports Symposium is just around the corner!

Beginning with a pre-conference session with Colwin Williams,

taking place September 25th from 10:00 – 12:00 on “Arrested Development”, a session that intersects poverty, violence, employment, and mental health. You don’t want to miss this event, or any of the engaging content that continues on October 1st with the Philadelphia Employment First Stakeholder Event, keynote by Laura Owens from TransCen.

Sessions will continue, three sessions per week throughout the month of October in recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), with additional sessions, once per week in November and December. To see the conference at-a-glance [click here](#).

Register before September 23rd and gain access to the entire Fall Virtual Symposium for only \$50.00! After September 23rd, the ticket price increases to \$60.00 per person. Please follow the links below:

Preconference Event with Colwin Williams (free session):
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/employment-first-stakeholder-event-emp-tickets-118964358599?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

Fall Symposium:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/20th-employment-supports-symposium-fall-series-emp-tickets-115995091441>

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