

# PAR POLICY CONFERENCE/2022

HBG, PA



Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources  
for Autism and Intellectual Disability

**MAY 3RD**  
**MAY 4TH**

**BREAKFAST** *Continental Style*  
**8:15 am - 9:00 am** Sponsored by InVision Human Services

**INTRODUCTION** **9:00 am - 9:30 am**

*Mark Davis, President & CEO, PAR & PAR Staff*

Join PAR as we kick off the 2022 Policy Conference! Hear updates from PAR staff as we prepare to jump into presentations from leaders in the Intellectual Disability and Autism field. Also hear from PAR Committee Chairs on the work their groups are doing to advocate for PAR.

**KEYNOTE - STATE REP. SHERYL M. DELOZIER** **9:30 am - 10:15 am**  
 Sponsored by Woods Services

**KEYNOTE - DHS ACTING SECRETARY MEG SNEAD** **10:30 am - 11:15 am**  
 Sponsored by Lakeshore Community Services, Inc.

**11:15 am - 11:45 am**  
**Federal Updates and ANCOR Priorities**  
*Speaker: Barbara Merrill, Chief Executive Officer, ANCOR*  
 Join Barbara Merrill, CEO of ANCOR, for the latest on federal issues that will impact ID/A. Barbara will provide updates on current issues and predictions for the future of the ID/A system at the federal level.

**11:45 am - 12:15 pm**  
**PAR Policy Updates**  
*Speakers: Mark Davis, President & CEO, PAR & PAR Staff*  
 Join PAR Staff for updates on major initiatives important to the ID/A community. Hear updates from PAR staff on research initiatives, William Penn Human Services, and multiple administrative issues. All of these updates will help prepare attendees as they head to the Capitol on day two to meet with their legislators.

**LUNCH 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm**

**1:15 pm - 2:15 pm**  
**ODP Updates with Deputy Secretary Ahrens**  
*Speaker: Kristin Ahrens, Deputy Secretary, The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP)*  
 Join Kristin Ahrens, Deputy Secretary of the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP), who will provide updates on the department's vision for the system.

**2:30 pm - 3:30 pm**  
**Human Services Committee Chairs Panel**  
*Speakers: Senator Art Haywood, Minority Chair, Senate Health and Human Services Committee; Staff of Representative Angel Cruz, Democratic Chair, House Human Services Committee*  
 Join us for this informative discussion with a panel of the Human Services committees about issues affecting Human Services, COVID-19, ID/A system reform, and the future of legislative engagement on these important issues.

**3:45 pm - 4:15 pm**  
**Congressional and Medicaid Updates**  
*Speaker: Michael Gamel-McCormick, Disability Policy Director, U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, Senator Bob Casey*  
 Join Michael Gamel-McCormick for federal updates from Senator Bob Casey's office. Michael will provide congressional, DSP and Medicaid updates.

**4:15 pm - 5:00 pm**  
**CMS and HCBS Updates**  
*Speaker: Melissa Harris, Deputy Director, Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*  
 Join the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for updates on HCBS and their vision for the system.

**PAR-ty! 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm** 🎉

**BREAKFAST** *Buffet Style*  
**8:00 am - 9:00 am** Sponsored by Partners For Quality

**INTRODUCTION** **9:00 am - 9:30 am**

*Mark Davis, President & CEO, PAR & PAR Staff*

Join PAR to kick off day two of the Policy Conference! Hear updates on current PAR initiatives and current priorities in the ID/A community.

**LEGISLATIVE PANEL** **9:30 am - 10:30 am**

*Speakers: Stephen Bruder, Policy Director for the Office of Minority Leader Jay Costa; Neal Leshner, Communications Director for the Office of Appropriations Chairman Stan Saylor; Adam Pankake, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Office of Majority Leader Kim Ward; Ali Thomas, Policy Director for the Office of the Minority Leader Joanna McClinton*

Join us for this informative discussion by a panel of legislative insiders about issues affecting Human Services from the Federal and State budgets, COVID-19, ID/A system reform, and the future of legislative engagement on these important issues. You will have the opportunity to interact with the panelists, ask questions and participate in a robust discussion about the needs of the ID/A community working in partnership with legislative leaders for the benefit of providers, individuals with ID/A and their families.

**10:45 am - 11:45 am**  
**The Future of IDD Services in a Rapidly Changing Landscape**  
*Speakers: Tine Hansen-Turton, MGA, JD, President and CEO, Woods Services, Inc.; Kristen Farry, Vice President of Policy and Government Relations, Woods Services, Inc.; Mike Clark, MPA, Policy Director, Convenient Care Association; Rebecca Wolfkiel, Director of Federal Affairs, Ridge Policy Group*

An interdisciplinary team comprised of members of Woods' System of Care and policy experts will highlight the two key elements of a multi-pronged policy strategy needed to promote systems change in the IDD sector and support alternative payment models, focusing on health care access and the direct care workforce. First, the presenters will describe the process for obtaining a special federal medical population designation for people with IDD and medical complexities, who experience significant health disparities. The medical and behavioral needs of this population far outstrip available funding on the support services side of the equation. Access to health care funding will fill a gap. Second, the workforce crisis has reached an untenable level and must be addressed before the entire IDD sector falls apart.

**LUNCH 11:45 am - 12:45 pm**

**12:45 pm - 1:45 pm**  
**Budget Update and Capitol Preparations**  
*Speakers: Mark Davis, President & CEO, PAR; Nick Kratz, Gov. Relations Manager, PAR; Allegheny Strategy Partners*  
 Join PAR and our contract lobbyists to learn about the current political climate, updates on the budget, and PAR's budget ask. This session will also prepare attendees for legislative visits.

**1:45 pm - 2:15 pm**  
**Walk to the Capitol**  
 Attendees will walk to the Capitol to meet with legislators and/or their staff to advocate for the ID/A system.

**2:15 pm - 5:00 pm**  
**Hill Visits**  
 PAR staff will be scheduling legislative visits for conference attendees. Be sure to let us know who your legislators are when you register! Don't know the name of your legislators? That's okay! We can look them up for you from your zip code. Connecting with your legislator is an important part of your advocacy.



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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register for the 2022 PAR Policy Conference visit <https://par.net/par-policy-conference-2022>  
 If you have any questions about registration, please contact the PAR office at (717) 236-2374 or email [par@par.net](mailto:par@par.net). The PAR Policy Conference is open to EVERYONE! PAR Members, non-members, and anyone who has an interest in supporting individuals with intellectual disability and autism.

**Registration for Hill Day is included in your Policy Conference registration.**  
 Please be sure to indicate whether you are available to meet a legislator in the afternoon on Wednesday, May 4. PAR staff will reach out to attendees' legislators to schedule in-person visits with the legislator and/or their staff. These meetings are typically 30 minutes. If multiple attendees have the same legislator, PAR will seek to schedule one meeting with the legislator for the group of attendees. Connecting our members with their legislators is a critical part of our advocacy for funding for ID/A services so we strongly encourage you to participate if you are able!

Please register by Tuesday, April 26 to ensure that PAR has ample time to reach out to your legislator(s) for a meeting. While we can't guarantee your legislator's availability, the more time we have to reach out the better!

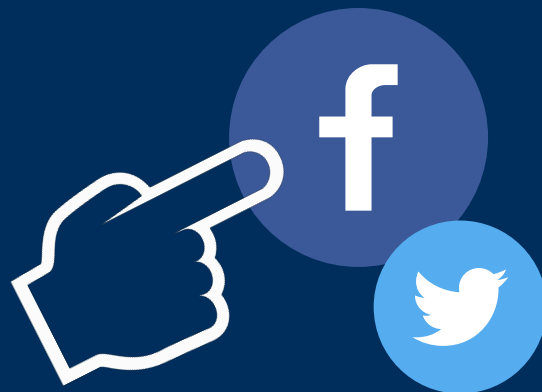
## ATTENDEE PRICING

PAR Member	Price
PAR Member Full Conference (Tuesday & Wednesday)	\$329
PAR Member Single Day (Tuesday OR Wednesday)	\$259
Non PAR Member	Price
Non PAR Member Full Conference (Tuesday & Wednesday)	\$425
Non PAR Member Single Day (Tuesday OR Wednesday)	\$325
Family Member/Self Advocate	Price
Family Member and/or Self Advocate Full Conference (Tuesday & Wednesday)	\$199
Family Member and/or Self Advocate Single Day (Tuesday OR Wednesday)	\$129

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<p><b>Coffee &amp; Tea</b> Direct Care Innovations</p>	<p><b>Afternoon Refreshments</b> KenCrest</p>	<p><b>Tuesday Breakfast</b> InVision Human Services</p>
<p><b>Tuesday Lunch</b> Fayette Resources, Inc.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Breakfast</b> Partners For Quality</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Lunch</b> Beacon Specialized Living</p>
<p><b>PPE Hand Sanitizer Minis</b> eVero Corporation</p>	<p><b>Scholarship Donors</b> Mainstay Life Services      InVision Human Services</p>	

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| 2. MITC Software             | 7. Therap                  |
| 3. SafeinHome                | 8. Sandata                 |
| 4. Beacon Specialized Living | 9. Direct Care Innovations |
| 5. Trinity Asset Protection  | 10. eVero Corporation      |

## **For Your Health & Safety:**

PAR takes your health and safety seriously. We will follow all safety measures recommended by the CDC at the time of the conference. The conference may be switched to a virtual event, if called for by new CDC recommendations. In addition, PAR will have masks and hand sanitizer available for use.



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PAR is a nonprofit organization that represents home and community-based service providers in Pennsylvania. PAR members provide services and supports to tens of thousands of individuals in Pennsylvania with autism and/or intellectual disability. PAR's mission is to strengthen the capacity of its membership to provide person-centered services to Pennsylvanians with intellectual disability and/or autism.