

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



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### CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

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## BERKS AND SCHUYLKILL COUNTIES

# Citizen Advisory Committee

TO THE READING DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL  
REHABILITATION



Ensuring Quality Services to  
People with Disabilities

# CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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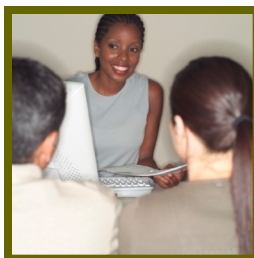
### OUR MISSION

The purpose of the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) is to evaluate the services provided by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) and to provide needed information and advice to OVR administrators based on feedback from consumers of OVR services. As such, the CAC serves to:

- ▶ Consult and advise on the manner in which services are delivered by OVR to people with disabilities
- ▶ Make suggestions to OVR on needed rehabilitation services and programs
- ▶ Advise on proposed OVR programs, services, and regulations
- ▶ Assist with the formation of positive relationships between OVR staff, people with disabilities, public and private sector employers, and the local community

Participation by consumers in evaluating the OVR service delivery system is essential to ensuring that the assets of people with disabilities are realized, particularly in relation to competitive employment.

### OUR MEMBERS



The CAC strives to always have at least one-half of the members be persons with disabilities. Members include:

- ▶ People with disabilities, with an emphasis on current and former customers of OVR services
- ▶ Family members of people with disabilities
- ▶ Members of the business community
- ▶ Representatives of government agencies
- ▶ Providers of services to people with disabilities
- ▶ Representatives of advocacy and support groups for people with disabilities
- ▶ Others interested in improving the vocational rehabilitation process

Every effort is made to ensure satisfactory representation by various disability groups and by gender, race, ethnic origin, and geographic area.

### OUR PLAN OF ACTION

On July 22, 2014, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law and included new amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The amendments emphasize pre-employment transition services for students with disabilities and employer engagement, including training and technical assistance to employers to increase their ability to recruit and hire individuals with disabilities in competitive integrated employment.

The CAC is committed to promoting a better understanding of OVR programs and procedures. The CAC can develop recommendations for consideration by OVR and can follow up on recommendations to see what actions have been taken.

