

Pennsylvania Disability Organizations Seeking Public Comment on Services and Supports

HARRISBURG, PA (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council, along with Pennsylvania Protection and Advocacy, Inc., and the Institute on Disabilities, Pennsylvania's University Center for Excellence, announces five Public Forums to be held in Pennsylvania. Each forum will provide people with disabilities, family and community members, and service providers with the opportunity to comment on existing services and supports in Pennsylvania for people with disabilities and families, as well as to suggest strategies for their improvement.

The sponsoring organizations are particularly interested in discussing new initiatives, ways of better protecting the civil and human rights of people with disabilities, and training opportunities.

For individuals unable to attend a forum, comments are being accepted online at www.paddc.org.

Forums will be held on the following dates:

Pittsburgh – Monday, October 17, 2005, 12 Noon to 2 PM

Civic Building, 200 Ross Street, City Planning Meeting Room, First Floor, Pittsburgh (412-255-2102)

*Harrisburg – Wednesday, October 19, 2005, 6 to 8 PM
East Shore Area Library, 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg (717-652-9380)*

*Scranton – Thursday, October 20, 2005, 3 to 6 PM
The Advocacy Alliance, 823 Jefferson Avenue, Scranton (570-342-7762)*

*Philadelphia – Monday, October 24, 2005, 6 to 8 PM
Vision for Equality, Cast Iron Building, 718 Arch Street, Floor 6N, Philadelphia (215-923-3349)*

St. Mary's – Wednesday, October 26, 2005, 10 AM to

12 Noon

*Johnsonburg Fire Hall, 99 Clarion Road, Johnsonburg
(814-965-2503)*

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About the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council:

The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council (PADDC) is a planning and funding body made up of people with disabilities, their family members and state agency officials appointed by the Governor, to advocate for, build capacities of, and stimulate change in the services and supports people with developmental disabilities and their families use and rely upon in the Commonwealth.

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