



National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

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12 PM to 1 PM EST

Live webinar hosted via Zoom Webinar

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- 12:00 PM Introduction & Welcome
- 12:05 PM Overview of National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Jobs Report Release, *John O'Neill, Kessler Foundation*
- 12:15 PM Announcements from the field of Disability Employment, Interviewee from the Field *Denise Rozell, Director of Policy Innovation, AUCD*
- 12:30 PM Guest Presentation: *Kelli Crane, Center for Transition and Career Innovation, University of Maryland*
- 12:45 PM Open Question & Answer period for attendees

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Guest Presenter:



Kelli Thuli Crane, Ph.D., is co-principal investigator and co-project director for Way2Work Maryland. She earned her doctorate from Virginia Tech in vocational special needs education. She received her master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in rehabilitation psychology and graduated with high honors from University of Wisconsin-Stout with a bachelor's degree in vocational rehabilitation and secondary special education. Prior to joining Way2Work, Dr. Crane served in leadership roles on the Youth Transition Demonstration project, Maryland PROMISE, and the Center on Transition to Employment. She has worked in Federal and state government agencies including the National School to Work Office (funded by the US Departments of Education and Labor) and the Center on Education and Work, University of Wisconsin-

Madison. Dr. Crane is a recognized leader in the field transition and employment. She has a long history of organizing and leading diverse audiences at the national, state, and local levels.

Monthly nTIDE Presenters:

John O'Neill, PhD is the director of employment and disability research at Kessler Foundation and has over 28 years of experience in vocational rehabilitation as a rehabilitation counselor educator, disability employment researcher, and advisor to state vocational rehabilitation agencies. Dr. O'Neill has been a PI or co-PI on six NIDILRR funded, five year research and training centers focusing on TBI and community integration, disability statistics, disability employment service system, and how individual and contextual factors relate to employment outcomes among people with disabilities.

Denise M. Rozell is the Director of Policy Innovation at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD). Prior to joining AUCD, she spent fifteen years as Assistant Vice President for State Government Relations with Easter Seals. Denise was the primary resource to Easter Seals 75 affiliates in building capacity to increase awareness of and support for Easter Seals in state government. Prior to that, Denise was the Executive Director of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, an international membership organization for the professionals serving individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Denise also was the Governmental Relations Representative for the American Foundation for the Blind and the Director of Public Policy for the National Association of Developmental Disabilities Councils, the membership organization representing the 55 state and territorial Developmental Disabilities Councils. Denise holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Occidental College in Los Angeles and a juris doctorate from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California in Berkeley.



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