



# National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

## Episode 9 nTIDE Update

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Welcome to the National Trends in Disability Employment (or nTIDE) Lunch & Learn series. On the first Friday of every month, corresponding with the Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs report, we will be offering a live broadcast via Zoom Webinar to share the results of the latest nTIDE findings. In addition, we will provide news and updates from the field of Disability Employment, as well as host an invited panelist who will discuss current disability related findings and events.

### AGENDA

Time	Item
12:00 PM ET	Introduction & Welcome Andrew Houtenville, University of New Hampshire
12:10 PM	Overview of National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Jobs Report Release John O'Neill, Kessler Foundation  The Numbers Andrew Houtenville, University of New Hampshire
12:15 PM	Announcements from the field of Disability Employment: Denise Rozell, AUCD
12:30 PM	Guest Presenter Kelly Israel, National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
12:45 PM	Question and Answer for Attendees

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## PRESENTERS



**Kelly Israel, JD**, is the Voting Accessibility Organizer for the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN). Kelly coordinates the work of the National Coalition for Accessible Voting (NCAV), a disability rights organization coalition that works to maintain and expand voting access for people with disabilities. NCAV supports federal, state, and grassroots efforts to ensure accessibility in all methods and aspects of the voting process, from registration to casting a ballot. As an autistic person, Kelly brings unique lived experience to the role and has a passionate commitment to the ideal of “Nothing About Us Without Us.” This ideal can only be realized if people with disabilities have equal access to the power to elect and influence those who represent our interests nationwide. Kelly Israel previously worked as a Policy Analyst for the Autistic Self Advocacy Network, wherein she substantially advanced ASAN’s advocacy on the education of children with disabilities, value assessment and its relationship to health care access, supported decision-making as a viable

alternative to guardianship, and the over-criminalization of people with developmental disabilities. She contributed to several of ASAN’s key voting rights projects. She has worked for other public interest organizations on the death penalty and on guardianship in the United States. Kelly is also an attorney and graduate of American University, Washington College of Law.



**Andrew Houtenville, PhD**, is a Professor of Economics and Research Director of the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire. Dr. Houtenville is extensively involved in disability statistics and employment policy research. He has published widely in the areas of disability statistics and the economic status of people with disabilities. He is the Principal Investigator on the NIDILRR-funded Employment Policy and Measurement Rehabilitation and Research Training Center. Dr. Houtenville received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of New Hampshire in 1999 & was a National Institute on Aging Post-Doctoral Fellow at Syracuse University in 1998/1999.

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**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. Cindy Smith serves as the Director of Public Policy for AUCD, Cindy works with Congress and the Administration to improve policies for persons with disabilities.



**Denise M. Rozell, JD** is the Director of Policy Innovation at the 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 professionals serving individuals who are blind or visually impaired. 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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