



National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

Special Episode - Introduction of 2024 Kessler Foundation National Employment and Disability Survey: Hospitality Industry

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Welcome to the National Trends in Disability Employment (or nTIDE) Lunch & Learn series. This month, we will introduce findings from the 2024 Kessler Foundation National Employment and Disability Survey: Hospitality Survey. The 2024 Survey is the fifth in a groundbreaking series aimed at gaining detailed information on ways people with disabilities achieve inclusion in the workplace.

Time	Item
12:00 PM ET	Opening Remarks and Introductions <i>Elaine E. Katz, MS, CCC-SLP, Senior VP, Grantmaking and Communications, Kessler Foundation</i>
12:10 PM	Survey Introduction, Methodology, Results, Implications <i>Andrew Houtenville, PhD, Professor of Economics and Research Director, Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire</i> <i>John O'Neill, PhD, Director, Center for Employment and Disability Research, Kessler Foundation</i>
12:40 PM	Question and Answer for Attendees
12:55 PM	Thank You and Adjournment

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Elaine E. Katz, MS, CCC-SLP is Senior Vice President of Grants and Communications at Kessler Foundation. Elaine Katz oversees the Foundation's comprehensive grantmaking program and its communications department. During her tenure, the Foundation has awarded more than \$55 million in grant support for national and community-based employment programs. For more than 30 years, Elaine has worked with non-profit organizations in the areas of board development, fundraising, marketing, and business development. Elaine often speaks about innovative practices for employing people with disabilities, authors/co-authors articles and papers on related topics, and is a member of several aligned organizations.



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.

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