



National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

Season 10, Episode 2 nTIDE - *Special Session: Year End*

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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.

*This is the first of three hour-and-a-half **Special Sessions** this year, which will offer a more in-depth discussion of the topic. Watch for our Special Sessions in July highlighting the ADA generation, and in October highlighting the National Disability Employment Month.*

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
12:40 PM	Announcements from the field of Disability Employment: Denise Rozell, AUCD
12:55 PM	Guest Presenters Kelly Nye-Lengerman, Mathematica
1:15 PM	Question and Answer for Attendees

Note. All webinars will be recorded and closed captioned and will be added to our website archives along with full transcripts following the live broadcast.

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PRESENTERS



Kelly Nye-Lengerman, PhD, specializes in disability policy and services in employment and community living for people with disabilities. Her work is focused on building evidence to ensure public policies and systems work for people. Kelly joined Mathematica in 2024 to work on disability and health projects that advance whole person well-being, community participation, and economic mobility, bringing more than 20 years of experience to her position.

She previously served as a research professor and director of the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire and also directed the community living and employment area at the Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota. As a principal investigator on local, state, and federal projects, she focused on increasing competitive integrated employment, applying evidence-based practices to support people with disabilities and professionals, and implementing policy and system solutions to improve health and employment outcomes for people with disabilities. Her work has been funded by the Administration on Community Living, Office of Disability Employment Policy, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Education, and the Social Security Administration. Nye-Lengerman credits her early career roles as a direct support professional and social worker in building foundational knowledge and commitment to equity and justice.



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.



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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