



National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

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Season 4, Episode 5

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
Andrew Houtenville, *UNH Institute on Disability*, **John O'Neill**, *Kessler Foundation*
- 12:15 PM** Announcements from the field of Disability Employment, Interviewee from the Field
Denise M. Rozell, *Director of Policy Innovation, AUCD*
- 12:30 PM** **Jill Houghton**, *President & CEO, Disability: IN*
- 12:45 PM** Open Question & Answer period for attendees

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Presenters



Jill Houghton is the President and CEO of Disability:IN. Jill's goal is to empower companies to achieve disability inclusion and equality. Through her leadership, Disability:IN has partnered with over 170 Disability:IN corporations, accounting for a total workforce of over 7.8 million people. Jill has led the development of nationally recognized programs, such as the Disability Equality Index (in partnership with the American Association of People with Disabilities), Supplier Diversity program providing disability-owned business certifications recognized by the Billion Dollar Roundtable, and programs supporting NextGen Leaders, like the Mentorship Exchange and Talent Accelerator. It is her hope to build an inclusive global economy where people with disabilities can participate fully and meaningfully.

Monthly nTIDE Presenters:

Debra Brucker, PhD. As a research assistant professor at the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability, Dr. Debra Brucker uses national level survey data to measure the economic, health and social well-being of persons with disabilities. She has over 20 years of applied policy research experience and has held social and health policy research positions at academic institutions, research organizations, and state agencies. Her work has been published in numerous peer-reviewed journals including *Social Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*, and *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*.

John O'Neill, Ph.D., CRC is the Director of Employment Research at the Kessler Foundation. He currently serves as the Project Co-Director of two NIDILRR-funded Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTC), "Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics" and "Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Individual-Level Characteristics Related to Employment Among Individuals with Disabilities" He is a former principal investigator of the RRTC on the Community Integration of People with TBI, and worked for more than eight years on NIDILRR-funded research to improve the quality of vocational rehabilitation services for persons with AIDS.

For six years Dr. O'Neill sat on the NY Rehabilitation Council and was the Council's representative working with the State vocational rehabilitation agency to create a comprehensive system of personnel development. Dr. O'Neill also directed the graduate program in rehabilitation counseling at Hunter College, CUNY for 25 years. He is a guest editor for the *Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin* for an upcoming special issue on Disability, Person-Environment Interaction and Employment (Spring 2013). Dr. O'Neill is a national expert in the employment of individuals with disability. He recently joined KF as Director of Vocational Research. In this capacity, he will work with the NNJTBS as a co-investigator focused on dissemination activities regarding employment issues in TBI. Dr. O'Neill will additionally serve as a co-investigator on our site specific research project, assisting with the measurement of employment-related outcomes.



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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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