December 4, 2020      Season 5, Episode 12      12 PM to 1 PM EST

Live webinar hosted via Zoom Webinar

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12:00 PM  Introduction & Welcome
Andrew Houtenville, University of New Hampshire
Overview of National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Jobs Report Release

12:05 PM  The Numbers
John O’Neill, Kessler Foundation
Andrew Houtenville, University of New Hampshire

12:10 PM  Announcements from the field of Disability Employment
Denise Rozell, Director of Policy Innovation, AUCD

12:25 PM  Guest Presenters:
Hunter Norwood, CEO, A Little Something Extra Ice Cream
Michelle Norwood, Hunter's mother

12:45 PM  Open Question & Answer period for attendees

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Guest Presenters:

Hunter Norwood is a 2020 graduate of Geraldine High School. He is 19 years old and is now the CEO of his own ice cream business called, “A Little Something Extra.” Hunter happens to have Down syndrome, which occurs due to an extra 21st chromosome. This is where the name of the truck originated. Hunter, along with 20 other young adults with intellectual disabilities, are certified ice cream experts and work in the ice cream truck, along with Hunter’s parents, Anthony and Michelle Norwood, as well as his siblings, Hope and Brodie.

Michelle Norwood is the mother of Hope, Hunter and Brodie. She and her husband, Anthony, created A Little Something Extra Ice Cream as an employment opportunity for their son, Hunter, who has Down syndrome. In addition to the ice cream business, Michelle is a special education teacher and the author of her recently published book, “Stars In My Eyes.” Her second book, “Super Powers”, is scheduled to launch in March, 2021.

Monthly Presenters:

Andrew Houtenville, PhD is an Associate 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 1997 and was a National Institute on Aging Post-Doctoral Fellow at Syracuse University in 1998/1999. He was also a Senior Research Associate at Cornell University and New Editions Consulting in McLean, Virginia.
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 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.