



# National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

## Episode 5 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, Director of Policy Innovation, AUCD
12:30 PM	Conversation: A Reflection on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the COVID Lockdown Andy Imparato, Disability Rights California Elaine Katz, Kessler Foundation Andrew Houtenville, UNH John O'Neill, Kessler Foundation Denise Rozell, AUCD
12:45 PM	Question and Answer for Attendees

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## PRESENTERS



**Andrew J. Imparato, JD**, began work in February of 2020 as the Executive Director of Disability Rights California (DRC) after a high impact career in Washington, DC in disability advocacy and policy. DRC is the federally funded legal services agency that serves Californians with all disabilities across the age spectrum. While in DC, Imparato served as the Disability Policy Director for Chairman Tom Harkin on the US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, as President and CEO of the American Association of People with Disabilities, and as Executive Director of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, among other roles. Since joining DRC, Imparato has worked in coalition to prioritize high-risk people with disabilities for vaccines, to improve vital programs and services for people with disabilities and older adults, and to prevent discrimination on the basis of disability and age in the context of crisis standards of care and healthcare rationing during the pandemic. In February, President Biden appointed Imparato to the Biden Harris COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force, which is developing recommendations for the White House COVID-19 response team. Imparato grew up in Los Angeles and is a graduate of Stanford Law School. His perspective is informed by his lived experience with bipolar disorder.



**Elaine E. Katz, MS, CCC-SLP**, is Senior Vice President of Grants and Communications. Elaine Katz oversees Kessler Foundation's comprehensive grant making program and its communications department. During her tenure, the Foundation has awarded more than \$49 million in grant support for national and community-based employment programs. For more than 25 years, Katz has worked with non-profit organizations in the areas of board development, fundraising, marketing, and business development. Katz often speaks about innovative practices for employing people with disabilities, and is the author/co-author of articles and papers on related topics. She currently serves on the board of directors of [JESPY House](#), [New Jersey Association of People Supporting Employment First](#) (NJAPSE), Essex/Newark Disabilities Issues Committee, and on the program committee of the [Council of NJ Grantmakers](#). Elaine served as a member of the Human and Children Services Transition Advisory Committee for Governor-elect Phil Murphy. She is also an appointed member of Empower NYC Advisory Board, Workforce Matters National Steering Committee, ReelAbilities NY Advisory & Council, ReelAbilities 2019 Selection Committee and the NJ Veterans and Community Collaborative Network (VCCN).



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**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.



**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 the 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. *Brought to you by the University of New Hampshire*

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