



National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

Episode 8 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	Guest Presenters Meg O'Connell, CEO & Founder, Global Disability Inclusion Wendi Safstrom, President, Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Foundation
12:45 PM	Question and Answer for Attendees

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PRESENTERS



Meg O'Connell, CEO & Founder

Meg works with Global 500 companies, foundations, universities, and non-profits to provide strategic direction, design and implementation of disability employment and inclusion programs. Over the past two decades, Meg has worked with some of the world's most recognized brands to develop and implement talent strategies for domestic and international employers.

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Meg is also deeply involved in disability employee engagement through her long-standing partnership with Mercer. In 2021, she co-authored The State of Disability Employee Engagement which is the culmination of 10 years of research. This is the first-time disability employee engagement has been researched and studied globally. From this research Amplify, the world's first disability and climate culture survey was created to help companies understand the workplace experiences of their employees.

In 2022, Amplify has received two awards – one from the American Business Awards, a Gold Stevie for Achievement in Diversity & Inclusion. The second, a global award from People First, an HR Excellence Award for Enabling Diversity Practices.

Given Meg's extensive experience she and her team developed the content for the Employing Abilities at Work curriculum for the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Foundation that was released in early 2022.



Wendi Safstrom currently serves as President for the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Foundation. The SHRM Foundation is the philanthropic arm of SHRM, the world's largest professional society for HR. As a senior non-profit leader, Wendi is committed to serving the public through philanthropic program management, cultivating strategic partnerships and managing and developing high performing teams. Wendi leads the development and implementation of SHRM Foundation's programmatic, development, and marketing and communication strategies in support of SHRM Foundation's mission and vision. SHRM Foundation mobilizes the power of HR to lead positive social change in the workplace, focusing on building inclusive workplaces where businesses and talent thrive.

Wendi's management experience includes national program development and administration, membership strategy, marketing and product development, grant management, development and donor stewardship, and leading cross functional teams.

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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 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.

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