



National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

Episode 2 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 Yonatan Ben-Shalom and Monica Farid, Mathematica
12:45 PM	Question and Answer for Attendees

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PRESENTERS



Yonatan Ben-Shalom, PhD, a principal researcher at Mathematica, specializes in policies and programs related to the employment and income of people with disabilities, particularly those who acquire disability in adulthood. Currently, he leads evaluation technical assistance for the Retaining Employment and Talent After Injury/Illness Network (RETAIN), a demonstration that tests promising early interventions for improving the labor force participation and retention of people who recently sustained injuries and disabilities. From 2013 to 2016, he directed the U.S. Department of Labor's Stay-at-Work/Return-to-Work Policy Collaborative, which was instrumental in the development of RETAIN. Ben-Shalom has also served as principal investigator for numerous studies funded under the Social Security Administration's Disability Research Consortium and the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research's Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers.



Monica Farid, PhD, a researcher at Mathematica, conducts research and evaluation focused on the economic well-being of people with disabilities, primary care and care delivery transformation, and policies affecting the Medicaid and Medicare population. She has expertise in quasi-experimental study design and impact evaluation. Currently, she is part of the impact evaluation team for the Retaining Employment and Talent After Injury/Illness Network (RETAIN), a demonstration that tests promising early interventions for improving the labor force participation and retention of people who recently sustained injuries and disabilities. Her prior work includes leading the implementation of the benefit-cost analyses of the Promoting Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income demonstration, which aimed to promote positive education and employment outcomes among youth with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income. She also provides technical assistance to support and strengthen states' evaluations of their Medicaid Section 1115 demonstrations. She has contributed to the evaluations of the Medicare Independence at Home demonstration funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Promoting Opportunity Demonstration funded by the Social Security Administration.

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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 1999 & 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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