



# National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

## Episode 3 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 Presenter Patricia Gill, National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF)
12:45 PM	Question and Answer for Attendees

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## PRESENTERS



**Patricia D. Gill, JD**, serves as the Director of Workforce Development at the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF). As such, Patricia helps lead NRAEF's strategy, investment, and implementation of programs developed to prepare disengaged populations for entry, reentry, and advancement in the workforce. This work includes a Department of Justice and Department of Labor grants to increase access and opportunity for justice-involved adults and young adults, to credentials, a living wage, and career pathways in the restaurant, food service, and hospitality industry. Patricia also leads the 30-state Restaurant Ready Network which uses training and employment opportunities in hospitality to support the work-readiness of under-resourced communities and individuals, including young adults, youth aging out of foster care, veterans, people with disabilities, and other un/under-employed populations.

Patricia has 30+ years' experience in federal grant administration, youth program management, and technical assistance and has written over \$50 million in successful federal, municipal, and foundation grant proposals. Her experience includes directing workforce development, after-school, juvenile reentry, and mentoring programs in the United States and the opportunity to conduct site visits, youth focus groups, and program standards development in Haiti. Her areas of expertise include: multi-site grant implementation, juvenile reentry, mentoring, youth development, disability, college preparation, career development, positive discipline, training facilitation, and community youth mapping.

Patricia holds a Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center and a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication from the University of Maryland at College Park. She is certified as a Master Facilitator of the Advancing Youth Development Curriculum for Training Youth Workers and helped develop the Youth Service Professionals' Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Training Modules. She is also the proud foster to adopt mother of an amazing daughter, smart puppy, and spunky rabbit. She previously served on her condo board and co-facilitated PRIDE resource home training for prospective foster families.

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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.