



# National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

**May 17, 2024**

**12 PM to 1 PM EST**

## nTIDE Deeper Dive

### *Employment for Youth with Disabilities*

Live webinar hosted via Zoom Webinar

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- 12:00 PM:** Welcome and Purpose of this Deeper Dive
- 12:05 PM:** Updated numbers pertaining to today's area of focus
- 12:20 PM:** Guest Speaker: Ankita Patnaik, Mathematica

**Presenters:**

Andrew Houtenville, Institute on Disability/UNH  
John O'Neill & Elaine Katz, Kessler Foundation  
Ankita Patnaik, Mathematica  
Denise Rozell, AUCD

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## Presenter Bios:



**Ankita Patnaik, PhD**, studies programs that support people who face complex challenges to employment and economic security, including families with low incomes and people with disabilities. She is particularly interested in designing and conducting evaluations that can provide reliable evidence on the effectiveness of such programs in improving participants' lives.

As Senior Director of Research and Evaluation at Mathematica, Ankita currently leads several research projects focused on employment policy issues, especially for youth and young adults with disabilities. She directs the Research Support Services for Employment of Young Adults on the Autism Spectrum project and a feasibility study of respondent-driven sampling to survey transition-age youth. She was previously the evaluation lead for the Promoting Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income (PROMISE) Evaluation and she also led a study to examine collaborations between vocational rehabilitation agencies and Centers for Independent Living and the extent to which these collaborations included youth from racial and ethnic minority groups.



**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.



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**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.



**Elaine E. Katz, MS, CCC-SLP** is Senior Vice President of Grants and Communications at Kessler Foundation. Elaine Katz oversees the Foundation's comprehensive grantmaking 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, Elaine has worked with non-profit organizations in the areas of board development, fundraising, marketing, and business development. Elaine often speaks about innovative practices for employing people with disabilities, authors/co-authors articles and papers on related topics, and is a member of several aligned organizations.



**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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