



National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

Episode 10 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 |
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| 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, AUCD |
| 12:30 PM | Guest Presenters Debra Brucker, Vidya Sundar, University of New Hampshire |
| 12:45 PM | Question and Answer for Attendees |

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PRESENTERS



Debra Brucker, PhD, is a Research Associate Professor at the Institute on Disability at UNH. She studies the economic, health and social well-being of persons with disabilities and other vulnerable populations. She has over 25 years of applied policy research experience and has held social and health policy research positions at academic institutions, research organizations, and state government agencies. She currently serves as 1) Principal Investigator (PI) on a two-year US Department of Agriculture funded project to develop improved measurement of food security for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; 2) Co-PI on a five-year National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) grant that is exploring how Long COVID has impacted living and working for people with disabilities; 3) PI of a University of Michigan Retirement and Disability Research Consortium one-year grant that is examining how to improve access to Social Security disability and retirement benefits for rural persons; and, 4) Co-PI on five-year NIDILRR grant that trains the next generation of disability employment policy researchers. Dr. Brucker is an elected member of the National Academy of Social Insurance.



Vidya Sundar, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy at the University of New Hampshire. Her graduate and undergraduate coursework is related to inclusive workplace practices and worker rehabilitation, human occupation, and research methods. Her research and scholarly interests include programs and policies that promote employment outcomes of individuals with disabilities. Her recent research interest is in career advancement and management strategies for people with disabilities. Vidya is the Principal Investigator of a three-year Field Initiated Research Project (funded by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research) to develop and test the use of job crafting as an intervention strategy to improve work-related self-efficacy engagement among persons with disabilities. Prior to this position, she served as the project director and program evaluator of several federally funded initiatives on employment, aging in the community, and chronic homelessness.

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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. Cindy Smith serves as the Director of Public Policy for AUCD, Cindy works with Congress and the Administration to improve policies for persons with disabilities.

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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 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.