



# National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

## Season 11, Episode 3 nTIDE – *A Strength-Based Program to Supporting Employment for Neurodivergent Young Adults*

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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: Shoshana Marin, AUCD
12:30 PM	Guest Presenters Helen Genova, Kessler Foundation
12:45 PM	Question and Answer for Attendees

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## PRESENTERS



**Dr. Helen Genova** is the Associate Director at Center for Autism Research at the Kessler Foundation and is a cognitive neuroscientist whose work focuses on autistic transition-age youth as they move from youth into adulthood. Her research centers on the development and evaluation of novel, technology-based interventions designed to improve employment and community participation outcomes for autistic young adults. Drawing on principles of positive psychology, she builds scalable, engaging interventions that empower youth to use their personal strengths to improve their work readiness skills. Her work is supported by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). Dr. Genova is pleased to share her work with the nTIDE audience and contribute to advancing employment outcomes for neurodivergent individuals.



**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.

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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.



**Shoshana Marin** is the Public Policy Fellow and assists the Policy Team in advocating for and implementing AUCD's policy priorities at the federal level. Shoshana has a degree in Media and Communications from Muhlenberg College, minoring in Spanish. She previously served as Deputy Press Secretary for U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) where she led communications strategy for Senator Casey's portfolio as Chairman of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging. Shoshana previously worked as a Field Organizer in Northampton County, Pennsylvania supporting PA Democrats in the 2018 midterm elections and in Philadelphia, where she coordinated volunteer activities to support local direct service organizations.

*Note. All webinars will be recorded and closed captioned and will be added to our website archives along with full transcripts following the live broadcast.*

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