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| 12:05 PM | Overview of National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Jobs Report Release  
*Andrew Houtenville, UNH-IOD, John O'Neill, Kessler Foundation* |
| 12:15 PM | Announcements from the field of Disability Employment  
*Denise Rozell, Director, Policy Innovation, AUCD* |
| 12:25 PM | Interview from the Field  
*Mary Lea West, Vocational Resource Facilitator & Megan Helsel, Wildlife Specialist for the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service* |
| 12:35 PM | Guest Presentation  
*Meredith DeDonna, MPH, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of Labor* |
| 12:45 PM | Open Question & Answer period for attendees |

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Presenters

**Meredith DeDonna** is a Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of Disability Employment Policy at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). In this role, she oversees the agency’s Stay at Work/Return to Work efforts, including research, demonstration projects, and federal interagency coordination. Prior to joining DOL, Ms. DeDonna was a Senior Consultant on Booz Allen Hamilton’s Community Partnerships & Philanthropy team, where her portfolio included working with regional offices to craft community involvement programs responsive to local needs and shaping the firm’s national efforts in the areas of education and children/youth. Ms. DeDonna holds a B.A. in International Studies with an international politics concentration from American University and a Master of Public Health with a global health concentration from George Washington University. In her personal time, she volunteers at Carpenter’s Shelter in Alexandria, VA, and enjoys rewriting songs about her adorable beagle, Polly.

**Monthly nTIDE Presenters:**

**Andrew Houtenville, PhD** is an Associate 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 Principle 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. He was also a Senior Research Associate at Cornell University and New Editions Consulting in McLean, Virginia.

**John O’Neill, Ph.D., CRC** is the Director of Employment Research at the Kessler Foundation. He currently serves as the Project Co-Director of two NIDRR-funded Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTC), “Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics” and “Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Individual-Level Characteristics Related to Employment Among Individuals with Disabilities” He is a former principle investigator of the RRTC on the Community Integration of People with TBI, and worked for more than eight years on NIDRR-funded research to improve the quality of vocational rehabilitation services for persons with AIDS.

For six years Dr. O’Neill sat on the NY Rehabilitation Council and was the Council’s representative working with the State vocational rehabilitation agency to create a comprehensive system of personnel development. Dr. O’Neill also directed the graduate program in rehabilitation counseling at Hunter College, CUNY for 25 years. He is a guest editor for the *Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin* for an upcoming special issue on Disability, Person-Environment Interaction and Employment (Spring 2013). Dr. O’Neill is a national expert in the employment of individuals with disability. He recently joined KF as Director of Vocational Research. In this capacity, he will work with the NNJTBIS as a co-investigator focused on dissemination activities regarding employment issues in TBI. Dr.
O’Neill will additionally serve as a co-investigator on our site specific research project, assisting with the measurement of employment-related outcomes.

Denise M. Rozell is the Director of Policy Innovation at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (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 also was the Governmental Relations Representative for the American Foundation for the Blind and the Director of Public Policy for the National Association of Developmental Disabilities Councils, the membership organization representing the 55 state and territorial Developmental Disabilities Councils. 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.