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| 12:05 PM   | Overview of National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Jobs Report Release  
             **Andrew Houtenville**, UNH Institute on Disability, **Elaine Katz**, Kessler Foundation |
| 12:15 PM   | Announcements from the field of Disability Employment, Interviewee from the Field  
             **Denise M. Rozell**, Director of Policy Innovation, AUCD |
| 12:30 PM   | **Nicole Jorwic**, Senior Director of Public Policy, the Arc |
| 12:45 PM   | Open Question & Answer period for attendees |

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Nicole Jorvic has demonstrated a commitment to working toward systems change that will create equal access, improved supports, and full lives for all individuals with disabilities, which is in alignment with the mission of The Arc. Nicole has served in various roles to this end, including her appointment as a Senior Policy Advisor and Manager of the Employment First Initiative in Illinois, where she collaborated to draft a statewide strategic plan to make Employment First the reality in Illinois. Prior to that appointment, Nicole served as the CEO/President of the Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities where she continued the Institute’s mission to improve the lives of people with disabilities and assisted the leadership of the state of Illinois in developing public policy driven best practices.

Nicole is also an accomplished special education attorney and an advocate for students with disabilities. In addition, she has written several articles and developed trainings in areas such as transition services for individuals with disabilities, early intervention, special education law and policy, and first responder training for police officers responding to individuals with disabilities in crisis situations. Nicole has served as a public policy consultant with Autism Speaks, working on issues related to integrated housing and competitive employment.

Nicole has a brother Christopher, who is 25 years old and has autism. Chris has always motivated Nicole in her work. Nicole discovered her passion for influencing public policy by diligently working with legislators in Springfield, IL to educate them on issues that impact the lives of individuals with disabilities and encourage them to support permanent solutions and through her work with the Institute and the State of Illinois. Nicole has been trained in the field working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; she has been trained in the law, focusing her studies on education and disability related issues; and, through her affiliations, has been trained on advocacy issues that affect the intellectual and developmental disability community.

Nicole received her JD and Child and Family Law Certificate, from Loyola University Chicago. She received her in Recreation, Sport and Tourism with Honors from the University of Illinois.

**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 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. He was also a Senior Research Associate at Cornell University and New Editions Consulting in McLean, Virginia.

Elaine E. Katz, MS, CCC-SLP is Senior Vice President of Grants and Communications. Elaine Katz oversees Kessler Foundation’s comprehensive grant making program and its communications department. During her tenure, the Foundation has awarded more than $43.8 million in grant support for national and community-based employment programs. For more than 25 years, Katz has worked with non-profit organizations in the areas of board development, fundraising, marketing, and business development. Katz often speaks about innovative practices for employing people with disabilities, and is the author/co-author of articles and papers on related topics. She currently serves on the board of directors of JESPY House, New Jersey Association of People Supporting Employment First (NJAPSE), Essex/Newark Disabilities Issues Committee, and on the program committee of the Council of NJ Grantmakers. Elaine served as a member of the Human and Children Services Transition Advisory Committee for Governor-elect Phil Murphy. She is also an appointed member of Empower NYC Advisory Board, Workforce Matters National Steering Committee, ReelAbilities NY Advisory & Council, ReelAbilities 2019 Selection Committee and the NJ Veterans and Community Collaborative Network (VCCN).

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.