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Live webinar hosted via Zoom Webinar

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12:00 PM
Introduction & Welcome
Andrew Houtenville, University of New Hampshire
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, Director of Policy Innovation, AUCD

12:30 PM
Guest Presenters:
Libby Whiteside, Program Manager, Disability Rights Louisiana
Pat Holmes, Case Manager, Disability Rights Louisiana

12:45 PM
Open Question & Answer period for attendees

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Guest Presenters:

**Libby Whiteside** is Program Manager of the Financial Access Inclusion & Resources (FAIR) program at Disability Rights Louisiana (DRLA). She manages program operations and works closely with formerly incarcerated people with disabilities to address their employment and financial barriers. She has worked at DRLA since 2012, primarily as a Community Work Incentives Coordinator helping job seekers with disabilities connect to resources and understand how employment opportunities would affect their public benefits, with the goal of helping beneficiaries secure and maintain employment opportunities that would make them more financially stable and independent. Libby holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Loyola University New Orleans. While pursuing her degree, she spent a year interning with the Orleans Public Defenders' Pretrial Services Division, where she developed her passion for criminal justice reform and understanding the needs of those impacted by the criminal justice system.

**Pat Holmes** grew up in New Orleans, LA. After finishing high school, he attended Bard College for my BA and Master's Degrees in Economic Theory and Public Policy. His passion is social justice and economic theory as it translates to public policy. As a result, he became a Financial Access Inclusion and Resource (FAIR) Case Manager at Disability Rights Louisiana after graduating, with hopes of continuing to work with the residents of New Orleans to build a more sustainable and equitable community.

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.
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.

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.