September 1, 2017  Season 2, Episode 9  12 PM to 1 PM EST

Live webinar hosted via Zoom Webinar

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12:00 PM  Introduction & Welcome

12:05 PM  Overview of National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Jobs Report Release
Deb Brucker, 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

12:35 PM  Guest Presentation
Donna Smith, Senior Director, Easterseals Project Action Consulting

12:45 PM  Open Question & Answer period for attendees

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Presenters

**Donna Smith** has over thirty-five years’ experience as a professional in the field of disability advocacy with most of those years as a training and technical assistance specialist on disability-related laws and issues. Since 2002, she has focused specifically on transportation issues. Her strongest skills are the ability to communicate clearly and to help diverse groups find common ground from which to seek and create solutions. Donna understands firsthand the essential role of accessible, affordable transportation in the lives of people with disabilities, and it is both her job and her passion to help find solutions to transportation needs. Donna is a graduate of Mississippi State University and has earned an ADA Coordinator certification from the Great Plains ADA Center and The University of Missouri.

**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 NNJTBI 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.