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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
  Andrew Houtenville, UNH Institute on Disability, John O’Neill, Kessler Foundation
12:10 PM  Announcements from the field of Disability Employment, Interviewee from the Field
  Denise M. Rozell, Director of Policy Innovation, AUCD
12:25 PM  Lori Norris, NCISI Director, The National Center for Innovation & System Improvement
12:40 PM  Interview from the Field
  Stacey DeCosta
12:50 PM  Open Question & Answer period for attendees

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**Lori Norris** brings over 23 years experience in the areas of advocacy and educational / vocational services for those with disabilities and barriers to employment, workforce development, alternative education, adult education, project management, facilitation, and training and development.

Before joining Fedcap, Ms. Norris worked for School & Main Institute providing guidance to school districts as they worked to bolster social/emotional support services, community collaboration and alternative education opportunities for students at risk of dropping out of school. Prior to that she served as the Administrator for the Workforce Development Services Division at the RI Department of Labor and Training (DLT). Highlights of Ms. Norris’ accomplishments include the creation and implementation of a statewide youth workforce development system, growing it from serving 400 youth to 10,000 youth each year.

From 1995 until 2007, Ms. Norris worked for Goodwill Industries of RI, an agency that specializes in vocational rehabilitation for individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment. The agency also provided transitional services for youth in five districts as well as operated an alternative high school for youth with special needs. MS. Norris concluded her career at Goodwill as the President and CEO.

Ms. Norris has worked independently in the Rhode Island community assisting non-profits with strategic planning, board development, agency advancement and project based facilitation services.

Ms. Norris holds a B.S. from the University of RI, an M.Ed. from UMASS Boston and is currently pursuing an EdD from University of New England.

**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, Ph.D., CRC is the Director of Employment Research at the Kessler Foundation. He currently serves as the Project Co-Director of two NIDILRR-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 principal investigator of the RRTC on the Community Integration of People with TBI, and worked for more than eight years on NIDILRR-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 S 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.