April 3, 2020  Season 5, Episode 4  12 PM to 1 PM EST

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*

12:05 PM
The Numbers
*Andrew Houtenville, University of New Hampshire*

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Announcements from the field of Disability Employment
*Denise Rozell, Director of Policy Innovation, AUCD*

12:30 PM
Guest Presenter:
*Valentina Morales, Wildcat Service Corporation, an agency of The Fedcap Group*

12:45 PM
Open Question & Answer period for attendees

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Valentina Morales is the Senior Director of Justice Initiatives at Wildcat Service Corporation, an agency of The Fedcap Group. At Wildcat, she creates and consults on programming for persons presently navigating the criminal legal system, those diverted to programming post-conviction, and those returning to the community upon completion of sentence. She is the creator and director of The Women’s Project, an innovative alternative to pre-trial detention program specifically focused on high-needs women. Prior to joining Fedcap, Valentina was a chief regional supervisor at the Mental Hygiene Legal Service (M HLS) in the First Judicial Department. She led the legal representation of persons committed to psychiatric hospitals throughout Manhattan, as well as those receiving court-ordered care, and persons receiving services from the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). While at M HLS, Valentina led research initiatives aimed at addressing quality of care issues and consistently advocated to improve individual hospital policies and practice. Prior to joining M HLS, she was a senior associate at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP where she represented sovereigns and state-owned entities in disputes with transnational investors. At Curtis, Valentina maintained a robust pro bono practice focused primarily on advocating for inmate mothers detained in both city and state correctional facilities. She began her legal career at the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem where she created and directed a program aimed at providing quality holistic representation to monolingual Spanish-speaking clients.

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.