October 7, 2016  
**Episode 8**  
12 PM to 1 PM EST

Live webinar hosted via Zoom Webinar

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12:00 PM  
Overview of National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Jobs Report Release  
**Andrew Houtenville**, UNH-IOD, **John O’Neil**, Kessler Foundation

12:10 PM  
nTIDE open Question & Answer period for attendees

12:20 PM  
Announcements from the field of Disability Employment  
**Michael Gamel-McCormick**, AUCD  
**Joshua Basile**, Attorney, Jack H Olender & Associates

12:30 PM  
Announcements open Question & Answer period for attendees

12:40 PM  
“The Value of Employability Skills”  
**Mary V.L. Wright**, Senior Director for Demand Side Engagement & Analytics, Jobs for the Future

12:50 PM  
Open Panelist Question & Answer period for attendees

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Presenter Bios

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.
Michael Gamel-McCormick is the Associate Executive Director at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD). Prior to joining AUCD he was the Disability Policy Director and Senior Education Policy Analyst with the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions under the chairmanship of Senator Tom Harkin. For 17 years, Michael was professor and Dean of the College of Education and Public Policy at the University of Delaware, the interim chair of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, and the director of the Center for Disabilities Studies, Delaware’s University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. He has also been the director of a rural early intervention program, the director of health and education services at a large urban community services agency, the coordinator of an early childhood special education technical assistance center, and a preschool teacher.

Joshua Basile, JD is a trial attorney with the preeminent law firm of Jack H Olender & Associates in Washington DC. The law firm fights for the injured with a concentration on medical malpractice and catastrophic injury cases. In 2004, Basile’s life was literally flipped upside down. While on a family vacation in Delaware, he was slammed headfirst into the ocean floor by a wave. His paralysis rendered him a C4-5 quadriplegic but it did not stop him from finding his voice and wheeling after his goals. Basile’s positive attitude and desire to help others motivated him to form the Determined2heal Foundation. For over 10 years, he has fought to simplify the difficult transition into life with paralysis for the newly injured. He went on to create the world’s largest paralysis video mentoring network — www.SPINALpedia.com.

Basile’s paralysis limited what he could do physically but mentally the sky was the limit. He went on to strengthen his mind and voice by graduating cum laude from the University of Maryland in communication. Three years later, Basile graduated magna cum laude from law school, and soon after passed the Maryland and District of Columbia bars.

In his free time, Basile takes those in the spinal cord injury community on rehabilitative adventures. He invented a sport called Slingshot Golf which allows anyone with a physical limitation to play golf competitively. He received two patents for his putting device called The Pendulum Putter. His other rehabilitative adventures include skiing, sailing, bowling, fishing, gliding and indoor skydiving. In May 2016, he brought a quadriplegic and paraplegic on a sailing adventure from Key West to Cuba and back over eight days. He believes that with the right attitude and adventure spirit most anything is possible. In order to truly experience the world, one must not be afraid to get their wheels a little dirty. No matter the surface — land, air or sea — the world can and should be experienced by all. Life is too short not to dream big!
Mary V.L. Wright is Jobs for the Future’s Senior Director for Demand Side Engagement and Analytics. She helps low-skilled adults move into and through postsecondary education and on to careers that pay family-sustaining wages. Specifically, she focuses on how to better link employer demands to the outcomes of training initiatives. She and her staff provide technical assistance to community colleges, workforce boards, and other entities to use labor market information to better align investments in education and training with the needs of the economy. She also spearheads the College Employer Collaborative, which takes employer created online content to community colleges and helps match the employer demand for skills to the supply of educated talent. In addition, she is JFF’s lead for the Job Driven Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center, a project funded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the Department of Education and managed by the Institute for Community Inclusion.

Ms. Wright has more than 20 years of experience connecting the public and private sectors in municipal finance, government affairs, and workforce development. Prior to joining JFF, she served as director at The Conference Board in New York City, driving its work in workforce readiness, business, and education partnerships, as well as improving the employment outcomes for people with disabilities through research and convenings. Ms. Wright co-authored or acted as project director on several key reports on workforce readiness skills including, Are They Really Read to Work, The Ill-Prepared Workforce. Her non-profit board experience includes organizations that support educational opportunities for underrepresented youth, housing options for low-income families, and the arts. Ms. Wright has an MBA in public/nonprofit management from Columbia University and a bachelor’s degree in urban affairs from Connecticut College.