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Disability & Employment Symposium: Research Informing Practice and Policy

Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Auditorium
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

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Agenda

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Onsite Registration/Check-in

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Opening and Welcome Remarks

Opening Introduction

Cherise J. Hunter, PhD

Co-Chair, Interagency Committee on Employment
Social Science Research Analyst and Evaluation Specialist
Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)
U.S. Department of Labor

Welcome Remarks

John Tschida

Chair, Interagency Committee on Disability Research
Director, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and
Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)
Administration for Community Living
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Symposium Overview

Cassandra P. Shoffler

Co-Chair, Interagency Committee on Employment
Management and Program Analyst
Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)
U.S. Department of Education

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Interactions among Research, Policy and Practice in Disability Employment Panel

Hannah Rudstam, PhD

Senior Extension Faculty
Cornell University

Demetra Smith Nightingale, PhD

Chief Evaluation Officer
U.S. Department of Labor

Kathleen Murphy, PhD

Senior Researcher
American Institutes for Research

Facilitator: Pimjai Sudsawad, ScD

Knowledge Translation Program Coordinator
National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and
Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)
Administration for Community Living
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Disability Employment Policy Panel

Yonatan Ben-Shalom, PhD

Senior Researcher
Mathematica Policy Research

Paul O’Leary, PhD

Economist
Social Security Administration

Dahlia Shaewitz

Principal Researcher
American Institutes for Research

Facilitator: Serena Lowe, PhD

Senior Policy Adviser
Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)
U.S. Department of Labor

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Employment of People with Disabilities: Employer’s Perspective Panel

Aida Flores

President

Hispanic Business Foundation of Maryland

Amy Dwyre D’Agati

Senior Associate

TransCen, Inc.

Michael Murray

Principal Advisor

U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Susanne M. Bruyère, PhD

Director, Employment and Disability Institute, ILR School

Cornell University

Facilitator: Patrick Cokley

Co-Director, Workforce Recruitment Program

Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)

U.S. Department of Labor

12:05 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Poster Session & Lunch (on your own)

1:15 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.

Workforce Development System Panel

Douglas Klayman, PhD

President

Social Dynamics, LLC

Arun Karpur, MD

Research Director NYS PROMISE/Extension Faculty Employment
and Disability Institute, ILR School

Cornell University

Michael Morris, JD

Director

Burton Blatt Institute and National Disability Institute

Co-Facilitator: Wayne S. Gordon

Director, Division of Research and Evaluation Employment and
Training Administration

U.S. Department of Labor

Co-Facilitator: Savi Swick

Director of Policy Planning and Research

Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)

U.S. Department of Labor

2:15 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.

Best Practices in Vocational Rehabilitation Panel

Susan Foley, MD

Senior Research Fellow
Institute for Community Inclusion, School for Global Inclusion and
Social Development
University of Massachusetts

Judith Cook, PhD

Professor and Director
Center on Mental Health Services Research and Policy
University of Illinois at Chicago

Joseph M. Ashley, PhD

Assistant Commissioner, Grants and Special Programs
Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

Kirsten Rowe, PhD

Grants and Systems Development Specialist
Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

Facilitator: Timothy Tansey, PhD

Professor
University of Wisconsin-Madison

3:05 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.

Break

3:25 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Employment Outcomes for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities Panel

David W. Test, PhD

Professor and Co-Director
National Technical Assistance Center on Transition
University of North Carolina at Charlotte

V. Scott Solberg, PhD

Associate Dean for Research
Professor, Department of Counseling and Human Development
Boston University School of Education

Marlene Simon-Burroughs, PhD

Associate Division Director for Research to Practice Division
Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)
U.S. Department of Education

Facilitator: Mindy Larson

Senior Program Associate
Institute for Educational Leadership

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Jennifer Sheehy

Acting Assistant Secretary
Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)
U.S. Department of Labor

Sharon Lewis

Principal Deputy Administrator
Administration for Community Living (ACL)
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Sue Swenson

Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)
U.S. Department of Education

Maria Town

Associate Director
Office of Public Engagement
The White House

Leslie Caplan, PhD

Facilitator, Interagency Committee on Employment
Project Officer, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living,
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4:30 p.m.

Adjournment