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.
June 24, 2015

Agenda

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**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
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<td>9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.</td>
<td><strong>Interactions among Research, Policy and Practice in Disability Employment Panel</strong></td>
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|              | **Hannah Rudstam, PhD**  
Teacher 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**                                                                                                                                 |


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<td><strong>Employment of People with Disabilities: Employer’s Perspective Panel</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Aida Flores</strong>&lt;br&gt;President&lt;br&gt;Hispanic Business Foundation of Maryland</td>
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<td><strong>Amy Dwyre D’Agati</strong>&lt;br&gt;Senior Associate&lt;br&gt;TransCen, Inc.</td>
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<td><strong>Michael Murray</strong>&lt;br&gt;Principal Advisor&lt;br&gt;U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM)</td>
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<td><strong>Susanne M. Bruyère, PhD</strong>&lt;br&gt;Director, Employment and Disability Institute, ILR School&lt;br&gt;Cornell University</td>
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<td><strong>Facilitator: Patrick Cokley</strong>&lt;br&gt;Co-Director, Workforce Recruitment Program&lt;br&gt;Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)&lt;br&gt;U.S. Department of Labor</td>
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<td><strong>Douglas Klayman, PhD</strong>&lt;br&gt;President&lt;br&gt;Social Dynamics, LLC</td>
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<td><strong>Arun Karpur, MD</strong>&lt;br&gt;Research Director NYS PROMISE/Extension Faculty Employment and Disability Institute, ILR School&lt;br&gt;Cornell University</td>
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<td><strong>Michael Morris, JD</strong>&lt;br&gt;Director&lt;br&gt;Burton Blatt Institute and National Disability Institute</td>
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<td><strong>Co-Facilitator: Wayne S. Gordon</strong>&lt;br&gt;Director, Division of Research and Evaluation Employment and Training Administration&lt;br&gt;U.S. Department of Labor</td>
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<td><strong>Co-Facilitator: Savi Swick</strong>&lt;br&gt;Director of Policy Planning and Research&lt;br&gt;Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)&lt;br&gt;U.S. Department of Labor</td>
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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, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)
Administration for Community Living
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4:30 p.m.  Adjournment