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What Works for Youth? Tracking Vocational Rehabilitation Outcomes

MODERATOR



Jody Schimmel Hyde, Mathematica Policy Research

Jody Schimmel Hyde is a Senior Researcher in Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy. Her areas of expertise include return-to-work for Social Security disability beneficiaries, access to care for individuals with disabilities, and the effects of disability onset in older workers. Dr. Hyde is directing several studies and Mathematica's training initiatives under the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Disability Research Consortium (DRC). She also leads Mathematica's data development efforts for SSA's Disability Analysis File and she directs Mathematica's research activities under the NIDILRR's Employment Policy and Measurement Research and Rehabilitation Training Center. Dr. Hyde holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan.

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Todd Honeycutt, Mathematica Policy Research

Todd Honeycutt is a Senior Health Researcher at Mathematica who focuses on vocational rehabilitation and employment programs for people with disabilities. His latest research involves the assessing the relationship between post-secondary education supports and outcomes for youth with and without mental health issues, and examining long-term employment and SSA benefit outcomes for youth with disabilities. His work has been published in the *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, the *American Journal of Evaluation*, the *IZA Journal of Labor Policy, Demography*, the *Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin*, and the *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*. Dr. Honeycutt holds a Ph.D. in health systems and policy from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey



Ellen Fabian, University of Maryland

Ellen Fabian is a professor in the Department of Counseling, Higher Education & Special Education at the University of Maryland–College Park. Since the early 1990s, Dr. Fabian's research has focused on improving vocational rehabilitation services for people with disabilities and specifically on transitioning youth and adults with mental health disorders. She has published extensively on these issues and has been awarded several grants to examine them. Dr. Fabian leads the University of Maryland research team on the NIDILRR-funded Rehabilitation Research & Training Center on Vocational Rehabilitation Youth. In partnership with the Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services and Mathematica, she directs the RSA-funded project to design and implement a model transition intervention for youth with disabilities in Maryland (the Maryland Work-based Learning Collaborative). Dr. Fabian holds a Ph.D. in rehabilitation from the University of Maryland.



Meg Grigal, Institute for Community Inclusion

Meg Grigal is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University Massachusetts Boston and the co-director of Think College, a national organization focused on research, policy, and practice in both inclusive higher education and people with intellectual disability. At Think College, she serves as a principal investigator on a variety of research grants, including the following: the Think College Transition Model project, funded by Investing in Innovation (I3); the National Coordinating Center for the Transition Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities Model Demonstration programs, funded by the Office of Postsecondary Education; and the Future Quest Island Stepping Up to Technology project, funded by the Office of Special Education. Dr. Grigal co-authored the groundbreaking book, *Think College*, with Debra Hart and has written many other book chapters, journal articles, and research-to-practice briefs. She recently co-produced *Rethinking College*, a short documentary on inclusive higher education. Dr. Grigal's work has led to an expansion of higher education options for students with intellectual disabilities throughout the U.S. and around the world. She holds a Ph.D. in special education from the University of Maryland.

DISCUSSANT



Andrea Guest, Delaware Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Andrea Guest has served as the Director of the Delaware Division of Vocational Rehabilitation at the Delaware Department of Labor for more than 20 years. Under her direction, the Delaware Vocational Rehabilitation agency has developed and implemented several innovative programs to meet the needs of people with disabilities, including programs for transitioning students, individuals with autism, and those with serious mental illness. Ms. Guest has chaired the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation's Transition Committee since 2010. In this capacity, she has been a consultant to the National Technical Assistance Center on Transition and has provided training and facilitation at several capacity-building conferences. She also chairs the Employment Committee for the State Youth with Disabilities Transition Task Force. Before being appointed as state VR Director, Dr. Guest worked for the Easter Seals Society of Del-Mar, Inc., as Director of Development and Manager of Employment Services. She holds a B.S. in psychology/communications from Syracuse University.

