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How Former Beneficiaries Fare After Leaving Social Security Disability Insurance

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Michael Anderson, Mathematica

Michael Anderson, a senior researcher at Mathematica, specializes in designing and implementing quantitative program evaluations. His work spans a variety of topic areas, including Social Security Disability Insurance program participation, alternative payment models for health care services, new models of health care delivery, and claiming behavior for Social Security retirement and disability benefits. Anderson currently serves as the principal researcher in support of the annual development of the Disability Analysis File and as a task lead for data collection associated with the Retaining Employment and Talent After Injury/Illness Network program. In prior work at Mathematica, he has supported Mathematica's evaluation of the Medicare Independence at Home demonstration by leading a quantitative analysis of the impact of home-based primary care on Medicare expenditures and other outcomes. He was a task leader for the implementation of alternative Medicare payment models, including the Medicare Bundled Payments for Care Improvement initiative and the Value-Based Payment Modifier program. Anderson's graduate school research focused on the sufficiency of retirement savings and household decision making in relation to claiming Social Security retirement benefits. Anderson holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Stephanie Desrochers, Maine Medical Center Department of Vocational Services

Stephanie Desrochers is the program manager for Benefits Counseling Services at Maine Medical Center's Department of Vocational Services, which provides work incentives and benefits planning to Maine Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance beneficiaries. In addition, she is the lead trainer for the Benefits Counseling Services Work and Benefits Navigator Training, which builds work incentives knowledge and awareness among Maine service providers whose primary role is not employment. She joined the program as a community work incentives coordinator in 2007, served as a work incentives counselor in the Benefit Offset National Demonstration, and continues to hold a community work incentives coordinator certification. In these roles, Desrochers has developed a strong knowledge of federal- and state-specific benefits, work incentives, and the disability service system. Desrochers is a licensed social worker with a master's degree in public policy and management from the University of Southern Maine and bachelor's degree in social work from the University of New Hampshire.

Jody Schimmel Hyde, Mathematica

Jody Schimmel Hyde is a principal researcher and deputy director of Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy. Her primary research interest is in policies to promote independence and self-sufficiency among people with disabilities. Her work covers policies related to employment and health care, with a particular focus on services and supports to assist federal disability beneficiaries. Schimmel Hyde has extensive experience conducting quantitative analyses using administrative data and nationally representative data sources. She currently directs Mathematica's efforts to build the annual Disability Analysis File for SSA, which aggregates administrative data across about a dozen sources into a research-ready file. She also works on the Next Generation of Enhanced Employment Services project to design and test an intervention that provides employment-related services to special education students as they transition out of high school. She has directed numerous investigator-initiated research studies through SSA's Disability Research Consortium and Retirement and Disability Research Consortium as well through the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Employment Policy and Measurement funded by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research. Schimmel Hyde holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Jarnee Riley, Westat

Jarnee Riley, M.S., is a Westat associate director with more than 20 years of experience in designing, implementing, and managing program evaluations in the areas of employment and disability. She has directed and managed instrument development and study operations for numerous federal studies, including Social Security Administration (SSA) studies, serving in roles such as project director, director of survey operations, instrument development specialist, and task leader for data management and analysis. Riley currently serves as the project director for SSA's Supported Employment Demonstration and as the instrument development specialist for SSA's Beyond Benefits Study (previously known as the Exits from Disability Evidence Study). She led instrument design and data management for SSA's Mental Health Treatment Study, conducted from 2006 to 2011. In previous work for SSA, Riley led questionnaire design and development for the National Study of Health and Activity, the evaluation of the Ticket to Work program, and the evaluation of job retention under the Plan for Achieving Self-Support. Riley has coauthored a number of peer-reviewed journal articles, technical reports, and white papers related to SSA disability beneficiaries and applicants.

Marisa Shenk, Mathematica

Marisa Shenk, a Mathematica research analyst, focuses on policies and programs to support the employment and well-being of families with low incomes, people with disabilities, older adults, and people impacted by substance use disorders. Shenk conducts quantitative and qualitative research in several policy areas, including disability, employment and training, nutrition, and opioids. Currently, she is the deputy project director for a process evaluation of the Aging Network for the Administration for Community Living. On another project, she led a continuous quality improvement task to identify, track, and report on key employment outcomes for people with disabilities who are employed by nonprofit agencies in SourceAmerica's network. In addition, she has systematically reviewed projects such as the Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research and the Pathways to Work Evidence Clearinghouse. Before joining Mathematica in 2015, Shenk was a research associate at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, for which she analyzed trends in non-employment and transitions to the labor market. This experience sparked her interest in studying populations facing barriers to employment and helping bridge the gap between academic research and policy. She holds a master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University.

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