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Improving Employment Outcomes for Youth with Disabilities

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Kelli Crane, TransCen

Kelli Crane, Ph.D., is a senior research associate at TransCen, where she is responsible for implementing numerous demonstration and research projects related to the transition and employment of individuals with disabilities. Her areas of expertise include research, outreach, and the alignment of systems to improve programs and services for youth with disabilities. Dr. Crane directs the technical assistance and training components of Maryland PROMISE. Previously, she coordinated the technical assistance component of the Youth Transition Demonstration. Both of these national Supplemental Security Income initiatives include rigorous random assignment evaluations studying the impacts of targeted interventions on work and earnings outcomes of transition-age youth who receive Social Security Insurance Income benefits. Dr. Crane also supports the research and dissemination of the studies being conducted by the Center on Transition to Employment and worked with the National Center on Secondary Education and Transition for Youth with Disabilities, where she was responsible for capacity building, outreach, and publication activities. Before joining TransCen, Dr. Crane worked for the National School-to-Work Office in the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor, where she collaborated with federal and state government entities to ensure the inclusion of youth with disabilities in various policy initiatives.



Arif Mamun, Mathematica Policy Research

Arif Mamun, an associate director of human services research at Mathematica, specializes in the design and implementation of experimental and non-experimental evaluations. His work covers a range of policy areas from disability and international development to education and family support. Dr. Mamun recently conducted several studies of employment among Social Security disability beneficiaries, including a rigorous evaluation of the original rollout of the Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work program. His work has been published in several peer-reviewed journals, including the *Social Security Bulletin*, the *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, and the *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*. Dr. Mamun holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Washington.



Lori Timmins, Mathematica Policy Research

Lori Timmins, a researcher at Mathematica, has substantial experience using large, complex data sets to conduct quantitative analysis of the ways in which financial incentives shape medical expenditures and the delivery of health care. Using rigorous statistical and econometric techniques, she has contributed to the CMS-funded evaluations of the Partnership for Patients program and the Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative. She is also part of the team that will be evaluating CMS's Health Care Innovation Awards 2. Using data from the Youth Transition Demonstration, Dr. Timmins has studied the employment outcomes of youth with disabilities. She holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of British Columbia.



DISCUSSANT

Jamie Kendall, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Jamie Kendall is the acting director of Independent Living at the Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She also serves as the director of the Office of Policy Analysis and Development at the Center for Policy and Evaluation, Administration for Community Living. Ms. Kendall began her federal career working at the Administration for Children and Families, and has also worked at the Social Security Administration, developing policies for low-income families and for people with disabilities. She served as the deputy commissioner at the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities from December 2010 to March 2013, where she provided leadership to the programs authorized under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Ms. Kendall holds an M.P.P. from Georgetown University.

