

## Reframing the Disability Lens to Increase the Economic Stability Of Youth and Families

### Webinar 1: Navigating the System Presenters Bio's

#### Jade Ann Gingerich Bio

Jade Ann Gingerich has over two decades of state policy making, starting as Executive Director of the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities and most recently as Director of Employment Policy for the Maryland Department of Disabilities, the nation's only Cabinet level cross disability Department. An expert in state level interagency coordination and collaboration, working with a broad array of state agency partners and key stakeholders, she has presented widely on the topic of employment of persons with disabilities, testified before the state legislature and served as an expert on national advisory boards related to employment policy.

Accomplishments include co leading Maryland's earliest Employment First efforts, creation of the Employed Individuals with Disabilities program, Maryland's Medicaid Buy In, leading the Maryland Medicaid Infrastructure grant and co-founding the Maryland's Youth Leadership Forum. In addition to her policy work, Mrs. Gingerich serves as Project Director for Maryland PROMISE grant, a 5-year research grant awarded to Maryland in October 2013 by the US Department of Education. PROMISE, a cross agency partnership, is intended to increase education and employment outcomes for youth between the ages of 14 and 16 on SSI and their families. She has a Master's of Science in Special Education with a specialization in Transition Services from The Johns Hopkins University.





## Kelly Nye-Lengerman Bio

Kelly Nye-Lengerman, PhD, MSW, is currently a Research Associate and Director of Community Living and Employment at the University of Minnesota's Institute on Community Integration.

Dr. Nye-Lengerman is the incoming Director at the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire starting in June.