TUESDAY TALKS

*Tuesday Talks* with Disability:IN Pennsylvania allow companies from across the state and country to quickly learn about a valuable resource or success story related to the employment of people with disabilities. These monthly phone calls/webinars are currently offered at no charge to companies and are scheduled on the second Tuesday of every month from 12-1 p.m. EST.

Participants are also able use these Tuesday Talks to engage with their peers about topics that address: ideas for accommodations; ways to improve recruitment and/or retention; ideas for becoming a company of choice for employees and customers; strategies for compliance; financial incentives available to businesses; and more!

Interested parties should currently contact Stacy Kyle, Disability:IN Pennsylvania Project Director, to obtain connection details. Stacy can be reached at 866-902-4333 ext. 90115 or stacy.kyle@ahedd.org.

More information about future topics and past recordings is available at [https://www.ahedd.org/tuesday-talks](https://www.ahedd.org/tuesday-talks).

*Disability:IN Pennsylvania is an employer driven program designed for business leaders to promote hiring practices that enable qualified people with disabilities to enter and succeed in the workplace. The emphasis of this network is to create opportunities where employers can communicate, peer-to-peer, to provide candid and frank assessments of hiring successes and challenges.*

*This initiative not only provides employers with access to a network of their peers, it also provides opportunities for training, positive public relations, an increased number of applicants with a disability, and a centralized source of information.*

*AHEDD has been coordinating Disability:IN Pennsylvania since its inception in 2000.*
SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY TALKS

2019 Topics Scheduled to Date

• **February 12, 2019- Simple Steps to Help Managers Feel More Comfortable Hiring and Managing Employees With Disabilities** - Our speaker will be Deb Russell, President of Deb Russell, Inc.. Deb has experience working for Corporate America, supporting a Workforce Board, collaborating with the national Disability:IN organization (previously USBLN), and consulting with businesses as a private consultant.

• **March 12, 2019- Lessons Learned About the Recruitment of Veterans and Military Personnel** - Our speaker will be Slater Waltz. Slater joined SRS Distribution Inc. as the Veteran Recruiting Program Manager in January 2019 and spent the last three years building the corporate military program at Schneider Electric. Mr. Waltz’s outreach program earned Schneider Electric “Veteran Friendly” and “Military Friendly Employer” recognition awards. Prior to moving to TX in 2016, he spent 10 years in various Human Resources positions in Pennsylvania ranging from Recruiter to Human Resources Business Consultant. An eight-year veteran of the US Marine Corps himself, Slater also participates in veteran groups around the Dallas/Fort Worth area, is an active Mentor for Allies in Service, and has been invited to speak at several national military conferences.

• **April 9, 2019- The Disability Equality Index (DEI) and Key Updates** - DEI is a joint initiative of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) and Disability:IN. Developed by the DEI Advisory Committee, a diverse group of business leaders, policy experts, and disability advocates, the DEI is a national, transparent, annual benchmarking tool that offers businesses an opportunity to receive an objective score, on a scale of zero (0) to 100, on their disability inclusion policies and practices. This tool is an aspirational, educational, recognition tool that is intended to help companies identify opportunities for continued improvement and help build a company’s reputation as an employer of choice.

Our speaker will be Becky Curran, Director of the Disability Equality Index (DEI). In addition to several years in the Entertainment Industry and as a Public Speaker, Becky spent three and a half years working in the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) & Diversity department at Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA), the world’s largest entertainment union.

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