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DURHAM, N.H. – The Institute on Disability (IOD) at the University of New Hampshire and partners will release the 2011 Annual Disability Statistics Compendium at a workshop at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011. The Compendium, published as a printed report and web-based tool, pools yearly disability statistics from various federal agencies, making finding and using disability statistics easier. It is designed to serve as a reference guide for disability advocates, policymakers, researchers and those working on legislative and other matters relating to people with disabilities.

The Compendium will be available to download at www.iod.unh.edu at 9 a.m. (EDT) Nov. 2, 2011.

The release of the Compendium will be accompanied by two public events, a briefing and the first annual Research-to-Policy Roundtable, at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, D.C. In addition, the briefing will be webcast live on the Institute on Disability website (www.iod.unh.edu).

The Compendium release briefing, from 9 – 11:30 a.m., will include a presentation and a one-hour workshop on the sources and uses of disability statistics. The Research-to-Policy Roundtable, from 1 – 3 p.m., will provide an opportunity to discuss ways that research can assist policymakers in developing better coordination between safety net programs and employment services for persons with disabilities.

The Compendium is produced by the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics (StatsRRTC), a joint effort of the IOD and Hunter College in collaboration with the American Association of People with Disabilities, the Center for Essential Management Services, the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation, Cornell University, and the Center for Studying Disability Policy at Mathematica Policy Research. StatsRRTC is funded by a cooperative agreement from the National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research.

The Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire was established in 1987 to provide a coherent university-based focus for the improvement of knowledge, policies, and practices related to the lives of persons with disabilities and their families. Its mission is to strengthen communities to ensure full access, equal opportunities, and participation for all persons. The IOD is affiliated with UNH's College of Health and Human Services.

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