

## **Jane Rath**

Jane Rath brings a unique perspective to disability employment. Ms. Rath has been involved in two successful business-start-ups and has served as a consultant for multiple federal disability programs. Through her experience she has developed a deep understanding of the needs, concerns and perspectives not only of the government and individuals with disabilities, but also of businesses.

Ms. Rath currently serves as the Project Director for two projects: 1) the Office of Disability and Employment Policy's (ODEP) Employer Assistance and Recruiting Network (EARN) program; and 2) the Interagency Committee on Disability Research (ICDR) established under the Department of Education's National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR).

In support of EARN, Ms. Rath provides project guidance as well as direct support in the areas of employer marketing and outreach, developing and executing outreach strategies and building partnerships with national associations and community organizations. For ICDR, Ms. Rath provides management oversight and support to the project team conducting myriad relevant research, supporting committee meetings and public events, gathering stakeholder input, and preparing studies and reports in support of the Federal disability research agenda.

Previously, Ms. Rath was the Project Director for the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Ticket-to-Work program. During the start-up of this national contract, Ms. Rath managed and supported employment network recruitment and beneficiary marketing and outreach.

Ms. Rath has also provided concept development and outreach support for the development of a number of federal agency assistive technology centers, including the Department of Defense's (DoD) Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program (CAP) and the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) TARGET Center.

Prior to arriving on the disability employment scene, Ms. Rath provided program management and consulting services to a range of clients, including Fortune 500 companies and federal agencies such as DoD, the National Security Agency (NSA) and USDA.

Ms. Rath graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a major in Economics.