

TRANSITIONS TO WORK

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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed 25 years ago. There is still a great deal of work to be done. The Ruderman Inclusion Summit brought more than 500 leading disability activists from around the world together in Boston for two days to discuss how to start making a more inclusive world. Viewing the inclusion of people with disabilities a civil rights issue, conversation focused on promoting the full inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life as well as advocating to move the inclusion agenda forward. Participant engagement was fueled by insightful speakers and by a myriad of panels addressing issues in employment, education, housing, religion, and social engagement. Keynote speakers included Senator Tom Harkin; Richard Bernstein - Justice of Michigan Supreme Court; Loretta Claiborne - Special Olympics Athlete; John Hockenberry - Emmy and Peabody award winning journalist; and Ron Suskind - Pulitzer Prize winning journalist. Transitions to Work was thrilled to have both employer partners and graduates participate on a panel and speak to the issue of inclusion and employment. We thank the panel for sharing their perspectives and stories: *Tad Asbury*, Vice President & Executive Director, Marriott Foundation for People with Disabilities; *Rick Laferriere*, Lead Manager, Workforce Initiatives, CVS Health; *Christine McCarty*, Executive Director of Human Resources, Legal Sea Foods, LLC; *Robbie Mikels*, Graduate, Transitions to Work/Employee-Legal Sea Foods; *Eric Niemi*, Graduate, Transitions to Work/Employee-Combined Jewish Philanthropies; *Elaine Katz*, Senior Vice President of Grants and Communications, Kessler Foundation, Moderator.

We hope you will click the link and read the article below featuring the Ruderman Inclusion Summit and highlighting the significance of the issue of inclusion and employment.

<http://www.jns.org/latest-articles/2015/11/4/ruderman-inclusion-summit-touts-employment-as-next-frontier-on-disabilities-1#.Vjp34WSrQcY>

Transitions to Work continues to connect with new employers to educate on inclusive hiring and build employer partnerships. Please let us know if you or someone you know might be interested in exploring *Transitions to Work* as a fit for your or their company. We appreciate the leadership of our employer partners in hiring individuals of all abilities for employment opportunities. Please support these companies and spread the word by joining *Transitions to Work* on Facebook at www.facebook.com/transitionstoworkboston. To learn more about *Transitions to Work* or view inclusive hiring tools, please visit: www.cjp.org/transitionstowork.