



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES

UNEMPLOYMENT REDUCES ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE WHICH CAN DIMINISH HEALTH AND CONTRIBUTE TO DISABILITY

A forum was held at the Urban Institute on “The New Unemployment and What to do About It”

Presenters at the forum were economists from the Urban Institute, a representative from a corporation, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, and National League of Cities

Summary

A report indicated that the U.S. is destined for several years of high employment and limited job creation and there is a need to generate faster job growth and shrink the ranks of the unemployed. The forum considered several approaches to job creation. Some of them were tax credits for business to expand the demand for goods and services, direct funded job strategies to help people who are at risk of unemployment, expansion of jobs based on apprenticeships for specific sectors such as housing, and improving incentives for small and medium companies and development of government subsidies for job creation.

Disability Prevention Issues

A public health issue that is associated with prevention of diminished health that can lead to disability is access to health care which is linked to employment. Because health care is linked with employment in the U.S., there is need to examine job creation quality as measured by access to health care through work. Thus, discussions of creation of jobs should be linked with access to needed healthcare as a function of employment.

Activity

There is ongoing study of the effects of unemployment on access to health care in the U.S.

Principle

All people in the U.S. should have access to affordable health care all of the time