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David Wittenburg is a Senior Fellow at Mathematica. He specializes in identifying strategies to improve the employment and independent living outcomes of people with disabilities. He focuses particularly on transition age youth receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI). With over 20 years of experience, he has conducted rigorous evaluations for federal agencies and reviewed youth outcomes using Social Security administrative data. David has a keen interest in issues around transition into adulthood. He has led designs and evaluations of interventions involving transition age youth. These include developing a meta-review of strategies for an initiative to support lessons learned from Social Security demonstration projects.

David's recent work has focused on examining youth outcomes following a continuing disability review, with a specific focus on the age-18 redetermination. A focal point of his work is understanding local variations in factors that influence both SSI participation and subsequent outcomes. Another focus is developing interventions to overcome potential barriers and improve service delivery for transition age youth. As a recognized expert in disability policy, David has presented his findings in congressional testimonies and has authored numerous journal articles and book chapters on disability-related issues. He is committed to improving the lives of people with disabilities. This is demonstrated through his work on

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