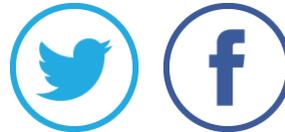




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Maryanne Schretzman, Executive



Director of NYC's CIDI, Discusses how CIDI Drives Innovation through Data Intelligence

"Maryanne Schretzman is the Executive Director of the [New York City Center for Innovation through Data Intelligence \(CIDI\)](#). A unit of the mayor's office, CIDI is the analytics research arm of the city's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The center's goals are to improve coordination and

Additional Information

Pete Bailey Discusses South Carolina's Integrated Data System - Former

Section Chief Walter P. "Pete" Bailey discusses the philosophy and benefits underlying integrated data systems, based on his long experience in South

quality of HHS services, inform citywide policy, analyze cross-agency policy issues and conduct independent research. CIDI partners with other agencies and organizations to tackle questions that can only be answered through data and analytics.”

“**Trent Smith:** One of your research projects with a [supportive housing provider](#) showed how analytics leads to insights that can change, even save, lives. What’s the coolest or most impactful thing you’ve done or seen done, using analytics?”

“**Maryanne Schetzman:** CIDI recently completed a large-scale study of adolescents exiting the foster care and justice systems and tracked their outcomes over the six years after they left. The scale of the study (the sample was around 28,000 adolescents) and the duration of the study (six years of follow-up) would not have been feasible without harnessing the power of administrative data analytics. Now, agencies are able to see the trajectories of their clients in a much more comprehensive way than ever before and use the findings of these data to enhance their programming to target individuals most at risk for poor adult outcomes. The report is [available here](#).”

Please click [here](#) for the full interview.

[WA State Integrates State Administrative Data to Measure Unfavorable Experiences and Behavioral Outcomes for Youth](#)



WA State’s Study, [Childhood adversity and behavioral health outcomes for youth: An investigation using state administrative data](#), “aimed to measure the relative contribution of adverse experiences to adolescent behavioral health

Carolina. Please click [here](#) to watch the video.

[2015 National Student Privacy Symposium](#) -

The 2015 symposium will present leading education and privacy experts and in-depth panel discussions on how student data should be collected and used, the overarching value of technology and data use by educational institutions as demonstrated by current research, the potential impact of proposed legislation, the risks of student data collection, and much more. Please click [here](#) to register for the free event by **September 16, 2015**.



problems using administrative data. Specifically, we sought to understand the predictive value of adverse experiences on the presence of mental health and substance abuse problems for youth receiving publicly funded social and health services. Medicaid Claims and other service records were analyzed for 125,123 youth age 12–17 and their biological parents. Measures from administrative records reflected presence of parental domestic violence, mental illness, substance abuse, criminal justice involvement, child abuse and/or neglect, homelessness, and death of a biological parent. Mental Health and substance abuse status of adolescents were analyzed as functions of adverse experiences and other youth characteristics using logistic regression.” Please click [here](#) for the full report.

Administrative Data in the News

[Camden ARISE Studies “Dual-System High-Utilizers](#)



“In a recent visit to Camden, President Barack Obama praised the Camden County Police Department for its success in community policing and highlighted the opportunity to use data to explore patterns, improve services, and tackle tough-to-solve problems. Through [Camden ARISE](#) (Administrative Records Integrated for Service Excellence), the Coalition is partnering with the city’s police to research the complex factors driving high-utilization in both health care and the criminal justice system.” Please click [here](#) to access the full article.

[Researchers](#)

Evaluate

Administrative

Data to Study New York City's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), to Determine if the Program Can Help Save Lives

"The Effects of Youth Employment: Evidence from New York City Summer Youth Employment Program Lotteries paper studies randomized lotteries for access to New York City's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), the largest summer youth employment program in the U.S., by merging SYEP administrative data on 294,580 lottery participants to IRS data on the universe of U.S. tax records. In assessing the three rationales, we find that: (1) SYEP participation causes average earnings and the probability of employment to increase in the year of program participation, with modest crowding out of other earnings and employment; (2) SYEP participation causes a moderate decrease in average earnings for three years following the program and has no impact on college enrollment; and (3) SYEP participation decreases the probability of incarceration and decreases the probability of mortality, which has important and potentially pivotal implications for analyzing the net benefits of the program."

The researchers can compare "basically identical people, one of whom happened to get access to a summer job and one of whom did not, and follow them from the year that they participated or don't participate up through 2014. They match the data from the summer youth employment program with tax data, IRS administrative data and data from the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. They are able to see the outcomes for earnings, college enrollment, incarceration and mortality for the youth who participate and who do not." To access the full report, please click [here](#).

[Health and Homelessness Data Linkage Project by the Scottish Government](#)

The [Fife Council](#) in Scotland, the third largest authority who employs approximately 18,000 employees who provide 900 different services to over 365,000 people, is working on a project to “link homelessness data with a number of health datasets to quantify the health needs of the homelessness population compared with the general population. The health needs to be considered in this project are:

- Accident and Emergency Attendance
- Alcohol Related Admissions
- Drug Misuse Related Admissions
- Emergency Admissions related to Injury and Poisoning
- Psychiatric Admissions
- Non-attendance at Outpatient Appointments.

The project will provide an important first step in quantifying the use of a range of health services by homeless households. Analysis will also consider how much usage is additional to the general population, taking into account age and gender.” Please click [here](#) for access to the article.

[Chattanooga is Among the First Eight Cities Selected for a Nationwide Initiative to Improve Government Performance and Transparency Through Civic Data](#)

“Bloomberg Philanthropies' [What Works Cities](#) is providing support and training for midsize cities. Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's

foundation is spending \$42 million over three years to connect cities with experts in data analysis, administration and transparency.”

“Selected cities represent a range of local leaders committed to using data to improve people's everyday lives, Bloomberg said in a statement. Making better use of data is one of the best opportunities cities have to solve problems and deliver better results for their citizens, he said.”

“Under the initiative, Chattanooga plans to hone its decision-making and improve access to the data it generates. Mayor Andy Berke said the support builds on steps already taken locally.”

“City Hall has already released an open data policy, maintains a performance website and has worked with The Public Library to create a [Web portal](#) where it publishes datasets on crime, finance and tax incentives.” Please click [here](#) to access the full article.

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