



## *AISP Newsletter: February 2017*

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### **AISP Network Sites in the News**

#### **[Case Western Researchers Link Juvenile Court and Child Welfare Data to Describe Pathways to Dual Involvement for Youth in Cuyahoga County](#)**

The Center on Urban Poverty and  
Community Development at



“With funding from the [Annie E. Casey Foundation](#), Poverty Center researchers used linked juvenile court and child welfare administrative records contained in the Center’s the [Childhood Integrated Longitudinal Data \(CHILD\)](#) system to identify a study population to examine the issue. They found 11,441 youth who, between 2010 and 2014, had their first contact for delinquency with juvenile court. Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) events like child maltreatment and out of home placements were then checked to determine if, when and how long youth were involved in the different systems.”

### **Additional Information**

**[Ready by 21 National Meeting:](#)**  
**[March 29 – 31, 2017](#)**

**[APPAM Fall Research Conference: Measurement Matters: Better Data for Better Decisions – Call for Proposals](#)**  
**[Due: April 5th, 2017](#)**

**[WDQC’s Publication - Considerations for Effectively Presenting Data](#)**

“Overall, 65% of the study population had connected with DCFS one or more times. It is also important to identify when they connected with each agency to get a better sense of how youth move between systems.”

“These findings can help agencies improve outcomes. The high prevalence of early child welfare involvement of youth who later become delinquent, for example, suggests there may be potential points for prevention before delinquency. Dually involved youth receiving services from both DCFS and the juvenile justice system may benefit from greater service coordination and communication between agencies.” Access the [complete report](#).

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## Administrative Data in the News

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### [Pew Charitable Trusts' Brief Highlights Delaware Initiatives That Utilize Data to Promote Postsecondary Education](#)



“Most states collect large amounts of data on public programs they manage, but these data are not necessarily analyzed to identify and solve problems. A [new brief](#) from The Pew Charitable Trusts highlights how Delaware's Department of Education took a deep dive into data that had been collected for years and used it to ensure that students equipped to succeed in college actually enrolled.”

“The brief describes how Delaware used findings from data analyses to launch and inform a statewide campaign to educate students about applying for college and financial aid.”

“It also provides key strategies and lessons learned for other states looking to

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[Mathematica - To P or Not to P?](#)  
[Understanding Statistical Significance and Its Role in Developing Evidence for Policymaking - Wednesday, March 1, 3:00–4:30 p.m. \(ET\)](#)

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[Linking Medicaid and Supportive Housing: Opportunities and On-the-Ground Examples](#)

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implement similar data-driven initiatives.” Access the [complete brief](#).

[Q&A with Martin Love, CEO of North Coast Health](#)



### [Improvement and Information Network \(NCHIIN\)](#)

#### **Background on North Coast Health Improvement and Information Network**

**(NCHIIN):** NCHIIN is a California non-profit providing health information exchange (HIE) in Humboldt, California and also a community health improvement organization. It was chartered by the Humboldt Independent Practice Association and it has a staff of dedicated and experienced Information Technology and management professionals drawn from the sponsoring organization.

While EHR adoption in the community is greater than 90% for local clinicians, significant barriers to connecting individual practices, hospitals, social and healthcare service providers exist. NCHIIN lowers those barriers by helping to build the capacity to provide multiple results interfaces with data from local hospitals, labs and ancillary providers. NCHIIN provides those connections between providers while safeguarding patients’ privacy and confidentiality.

#### **Q1. AISP - What data do you link?**

**ML Response** - Right now we only link limited data from health facilities and a few elements from HMIS which contains the individual homelessness data (social sector data). Like many pilots, we are starting small hoping to include more and more data – mission creep is a good thing.

#### **Q2. AISP - What was the motivation for you to start this project?**

**ML Response** - Humboldt County is on the coast of CA near the OR border, and is a fairly isolated area. There are only 135k individuals living in the county.

In 2007 we began working with [RWJF](#) on many care improvement projects for Humboldt. Our results were variable and towards the end of the initiative, we had a sense that we needed to work on larger scale, coordinating across the community. We decided that only by bringing together health and social care leaders would we be successful and so we started a group with those leaders. This has been very successful, and when this project came along, we were able to go to the county and say “this looks like a good idea,” and they readily agreed. Access the [complete Q&A](#).

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### [J-PAL North America Releases Updated Version of Their Catalog of Administrative Data Sets](#)



J-PAL North America recently announced the release of an updated version of their [Catalog of Administrative Data Sets](#). “This resource is intended to provide researchers with clear information on cost, contents, and how to access data for a number of U.S. data sets. The growing catalog, which currently features 16 entries, includes data sets related to consumption, criminal justice, education, employment, and health care.”

“Additionally, J-PAL NA has released a short [publication](#) that features a selection of landmark studies that were made possible with the use of administrative data.”

“All of J-PAL NA’s current resources related to administrative data can be found at [www.povertyactionlab.org/admindata](http://www.povertyactionlab.org/admindata).”

Please direct any comments, corrections, or questions to [admindata@povertyactionlab.org](mailto:admindata@povertyactionlab.org).

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### [Children’s Data Network Links](#)

## [Administrative Data to Identify Classes of Infants That Are More Likely to be Re-reported for Maltreatment](#)

## Children's Data Network

“The purpose of this study was to move from a focus on individual risk and protective factors to an examination of subgroups of infants with different risks of a follow-up maltreatment report during the first 5 years of life, a time of critical developmental importance. Birth records for all children born in California in 2006 were linked to statewide child protection records through 2012. The outcome of interest was a CPS report within 5 years of an initial report during infancy. Seven family and infant characteristics known to be associated with CPS involvement and four characteristics of the initial report were modeled. Latent class analysis (LCA) is an analytic approach that allows researchers to model data to define 'classes' or subgroups of individuals that share characteristics. In the present analysis, LCA was used to identify classes of infants with variable risk of a follow-up maltreatment report.”  
Access the [full report](#).

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