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AISP Updates

Reminder: Applications for AISP's Spring Learning Community Cohort Due Nov 15th



Through funding from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Learning Community will provide 18-months of intensive training and technical assistance (TTA) and travel funding to help each participating jurisdiction develop an integrated data system (IDS). Successful applicants will receive in-depth guidance on the core components of IDS infrastructure: governance, legal agreements, data integration/linking procedures, and identifying and carrying out research priorities.

- Access [application](#)
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AISP Network Sites in the News

Additional Information

[New Resource from Results for America and the American Enterprise Institute: Unleashing the Power of Administrative Data - A Guide for Federal, State, and Local Policymakers](#)

This new white paper by Robert Doar and Linda Gibbs offers recommendations for policy-makers working to unlock the full potential of administrative data, holds up exemplars at the state and local level, and provides a road map for federal agencies and the US Census to take a lead role in driving systemic change in how we share and use data.

[Claudia Coulton Reflects on the Value and Benefit of Integrated Data Systems](#)



Read about Claudia's experience leading Case Western's Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development and how they utilize the ChildHood Integrated Longitudinal Data (CHILD) System to better combat poverty in Cuyahoga County. Access the [complete article](#).

Administrative Data in the News

[From Politico: Is Washington bungling the Census?](#)



In recent years, shrinking investments and declining response rates have threatened to undermine the validity of important federal surveys. As policymakers, statisticians, and researchers consider new ways to assess key indicators of American economic health and social well-being, the administrative data already collected by government agencies offers immense promise. Of course, linking that data to unlock its true potential requires human and technological infrastructure, and must be done securely to protect individual privacy. Politico explores this challenge, as well as the risks and benefits of integrating private sector data, in this article from their series *The Agenda*. Read more [here](#).

[Health Affairs: To Improve Health And Reduce Costs For Low-Income Seniors. Invest Upstream](#)



In this article, researchers from Johns Hopkins University, the University of Maryland Baltimore County, and Northwestern University outline the results of their investigation into the the impact of SNAP benefits on the health outcomes of seniors enrolled in Medicaid. In partnership with the Maryland Department of Human Services and the Maryland Department of Health, researchers linked administrative data from Medicaid and SNAP, and found that Medicaid-enrolled seniors who were also enrolled in SNAP were 14 percent less likely to be hospitalized and 23 percent less likely to enter a nursing home in the following year. As they explain, the research indicates that "health

[The Hill: States are Laboratories for Evidence-based Policymaking](#)

Ingrid Schroeder of the Pew Charitable Trusts shares examples of states that have lead the way in tying policy decisions to data on what works.



care providers have a compelling rationale to invest upstream by leveraging administrative data, available state policy options, and cross-sector partnerships to close the SNAP participation gap.” Access the [complete article](#).

[Government Executive: Is Your Agency Ready for New Evidence-Based Policy Tools?](#)



Andrew Feldman and Robert Shea offer suggestions for senior federal agency leaders considering the implications of the recent Commission on Evidence Based Policymaking report.

Recommendations include:

1. See the commission’s recommendations as an opportunity to strengthen your organization’s focus on results
2. Get to know the leading examples of chief evaluation offices within government
3. Consider the level of resources available to fund a chief evaluation office and adapt accordingly
4. Ensure leadership commitment from the top

Access the [complete article](#).

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