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New Learning Community RFA Now Available

On September 27, 2018 AISP released a new request for applications (RFA) for its third Learning Community cohort. The Learning Community provides formal, on-going training and technical assistance for jurisdictions working to develop an integrated data system. Applications are due on November 18, 2018. Click to access the RFA.

Click here to access the RFA

AISP NETWORK SITES

IN THE NEWS

AISP partners with Metrolab, NNIP to create technical guidance for linking administrative data

A new report out this week from MetroLab offers technical guidance for jurisdictions interested in linking administrative data across agencies and departments to address complex social issues. The report, informed by a working group of data scientists, policy advocates, and public leaders, was authored by Natalie Evans Harris and generously supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. It explores various options for data storage, linkage, and access and the challenges and benefits associated with each. AISP was happy to serve as a partner on this project, along with the MetroLab Network and the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership. To view the full report, click here.

NACo article *Data sharing and integration: Why it's worth it* shares advice and how-to's for jurisdictions interested in IDS

AISP and several Network Sites were featured in this month's County News from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The article recognizes common barriers to building and implementing IDS and shared lessons-learned from counties that have found success. It also highlights impacts achieved by Case Western's ChildHood Integrated Longitudinal Data System in Cuyahoga, Co. and Philadelphia's Data Management Office as a result of data integration and analysis. As our Executive Director, Della Jenkins, writes: "While every county is unique, no one is well-served reinventing the wheel. We recommend that counties beg, borrow and steal from their NACo colleagues, as well as resources like AISP."

Access the full article here, and check-out NACo's recent webinar on IDS, featuring AISP and our partners in Broward County, Florida.

Results for America highlights successes of intra-agency data sharing

AISP recently teamed up with Results for America (RFA) to highlight examples of intra-agency administrative data use, including the Washington Department of Social and Health Services' Research and Data Analysis Division's Integrated Client Database, Indiana's Management Performance Hub, and a Massachusetts' cross-agency working group that resulted from the passage of Chapter 55. By sharing data and using evidence to inform policy and service provision, these states have been able to achieve significant results for their communities. Read our joint blog post here, and check out RFA's State Standard of Excellence for more examples.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

IN THE NEWS

The Hill op-ed shows support for evidence-based policy and administrative data

A recent article by University of Maryland Professor Katharine Abraham and Brookings Institute Senior Fellow Ron Haskins highlights the benefits of using administrative data for increased government transparency and evaluation. Stressing the need for more reliable information about the effectiveness of tax dollar-funded programs, the authors explain that linking administrative data offers a timely and low-cost approach to evaluation. They provide examples of studies completed at Stanford University and the University of Chicago to illustrate how social problems, as well as their corresponding interventions, can be better understood using available government data.

The article also brings attention to the Foundations of Evidence Based Policymaking Act, which is currently awaiting a vote in the Senate. The bill builds on recommendations made by the Evidence Based Policymaking Commission that Abraham and Haskins co-chaired. As the Data Quality Campaign stated in support for the bill: "Policymakers should not have to act on hunches. Decades of investments in technology and data systems offer the potential to understand what works and how, better than ever before."

> Without this legislation, our data infrastructure and evidence culture will remain a relic of the 20th century.
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> KATHARINE ABRAHAM AND RON HASKINS

Center for American Progress recommends IDS for community school strategy evaluation

The Center for American Progress (CAP) recently released a report designed to help districts adopt a community schools strategy to improve access to high-quality educational opportunities for students in low-income communities. Key among CAP's recommendations is investing in integrated data systems at the local and county level to improve strategy development, guide program evaluation, and drive continuous improvement for individual, school, and community success.

The report cites case studies from three schools in areas of concentrated poverty that adopted this approach: Union Public Schools in Oklahoma, Oakland Unified School District in California, and Hartford Public Schools in Connecticut. The author notes that all three schools reported improved short-term outcomes in their districts, and argues that it is both feasible and reasonable for more districts to adopt such a strategy—especially if the jurisdiction has an IDS in place to ensure outcomes are evaluated across multiple domains.

FYI (UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS)

NNIP Releases New Resource on Data Governance & Security

NNIP's Resource Guide on Data Governance and Security provides a curated set of resources to help organizations develop robust data governance programs to protect privacy and human subjects, increase data security, and improve data management. Click here to access the guide.

LJAF Announces Funding Opportunity

The Laura and John Arnold Foundation (LJAF) recently announced that they're seeking proposals for projects that evaluate--

1) emergency response programs for individuals in moments of crisis,
(2) post-crisis stabilization facilities, and
(3) treatment and services funded by governments or other entities.

Letters of Interest are due by 11/5/18. For more details, please see the full RFP.

Registration Now Open for Nov 13-14 ADRF Conference in D.C.

The ADRF Network and Georgetown University's Massive Data Institute are hosting the second annual ADRF Network Research Conference on November 13 & 14, 2018 in Washington, DC. Click here to learn more.

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