



ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE FOR SOCIAL POLICY

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Special Interest Section

The Institute for Social Capital in Charlotte (Mecklenburg County), North Carolina is AISP's Newest Network Member



The Institute for Social Capital, Inc. (ISC) is located within the University of North Carolina at Charlotte's Urban Institute. It houses the ISC Community Database, an integrated data system created to foster university research and to increase the community's capacity for data-informed decision-making. Through collaboration with nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies, and other organizations in the Charlotte region, ISC serves as a resource to benefit the university and the greater community. By linking data across agencies, the ISC Community Database allows researchers and community agencies to better describe, understand, and serve vulnerable populations.

HIPAA & FERPA in the News

Updated HIPAA Privacy and Security Guidance

"The federal government has issued updated HIPAA privacy and security guidance to reflect an accelerated move to interoperable exchange of protected health information." Please click [here](#) to access the updated HIPAA guide.

US Representatives Draft a Bill to Overhaul FERPA

"US Representatives John Kline and Bobby Scott offered

ISC currently has 45 data sharing agreements in place and several more in the pipeline. Please click [here](#) to view their list of data deposits as of April 2015.

AISP in the News



[Allegheny County, PA: Big Data Wave Breaks on Child Protective Services](#)

The Allegheny County, PA Department of Human Services (DHS) is working on a predictive analytics model that will integrate data across several agencies in order to assist child welfare workers in deciding which children face the greatest risk of harm. They expect to be able to implement this within the next year. DHS views this risk-modeling tool as an additional mechanism for child welfare workers to use in order to best serve their clients, and specifically notes that it will not replace a social worker's decision-making process. Furthermore, Allegheny County DHS is devoting a considerable amount of time to ensuring that the use of predictive analytics in this area is both ethical and fair to the children and families they serve. In order to accomplish this, DHS is working with a team of child welfare predictive analytics experts to accurately assess disproportionality so they can make the necessary adjustments to the tool before it is implemented.

Please click [here](#) to access the press release.

[How Do We Know What Works in Health Care? Freakonomics Explores](#)



... and Lobby Cook shared up a draft of a bill that would overhaul FERPA. By releasing the draft, the bipartisan leaders of the Education & the Workforce Committee hope to gather feedback from stakeholders before proposing it to the House." Please click [here](#) to access the draft FERPA bill.

Webinar Opportunities from WDQC's newsletter:

April 22: [Unpacking Proposed WIOA Regulations](#)

April 30: [Tools for Skills-Focused SNAP E&T Programs](#)

Additional Information

[AISP Website](#)

We are redesigning and redeveloping the AISP website, and would love to get your feedback on what

Camden Coalition's Randomized Controlled Trial



“The Camden Coalition is part of the AISP Network and is considered a developing site. Freakonomics Radio spoke with Camden Coalition founder Dr. Jeffrey Brenner and their research partner Dr. Amy Finkelstein, an economist at MIT and the Jameel Poverty Action Lab, to learn about the Camden Coalition's randomized controlled trial (RCT). This is a two-part series on a growing body of work that systematically tests healthcare delivery. Please click [here](#) for the full podcast.

Administrative Data in the News



Andy Feldman's Interview with Raj Chetty on “The Importance of Administrative Data for Learning What Works in Public Policy”

“Why is administrative data, also known as big data, important for learning what works in public policy? And what steps can help the U.S. strengthen its data infrastructure for policy-relevant research?” Andy Feldman speaks with Raj Chetty to gain his insights. Professor Chetty’s “research combines empirical evidence (often using administrative data) and economic theory to help design more effective government policies.” Please click [here](#) for the full audio interview.

WIOA Rules Address Performance Reporting



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Laura Kitson.



Act (WIOA) regulations posted on the Federal Register website last week establish the foundation to more effectively use wage records for performance reporting.”

“The regulations clarify that individual Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage records may be shared with “public officials” at a variety of education entities for performance reporting required by WIOA or other laws. These include state education agencies, postsecondary commissions, Boards of Regents, and technical or community colleges.” Click [here](#) to access the full article.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Initiative - Data for Health: Learning What Works

“Data for Health explores how data can be collected, shared, protected, and translated in ways that are useful to individuals, organizations and communities. With the opportunity of exponentially increasing amounts of data about almost every aspect of our lives, we face the challenge of how to effectively harness it, share it, and use it to guide public policy, as well as help efforts aimed at improving health.”

“Recognizing the vast opportunities to use data to improve health, RWJF charged an Advisory Committee, comprised of leading public health practitioners, physicians, health care researchers, health technology and informatics experts, consumers, and representatives of local government and health care systems, to investigate how individuals and communities are already using data to improve health, their aspirations for using health information, what new data they want to access, and how to collaborate to share and secure data.” Please click [here](#) to access the full report.

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