



ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE
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Spotlight



The AISP Book will be Published the First Week of November

Actionable Intelligence: Using Integrated Data Systems to Achieve a More Effective, Efficient, and Ethical Government will be available for purchase starting the first week of November. You may purchase the book from the [AISP website](#) or directly from [Palgrave Macmillian's website](#).

Additional Information

First Round of Performance Partnership Pilots Named

Today, the White House announced the [first cohort of nine Performance Partnership Pilot sites](#) (P3). These nine local, tribal and state pilot sites will be testing innovative, locally-created outcome-focused

AISP Network Sites in the News

[AIPS's Network Site, ProvPlan, Releases New Initiative: DataSpark](#)



DataSpark maintains one of the largest data warehouses in Rhode Island, and operates a range of data tools that help people understand and use this vast collection of information. Click [here](#) to access DataSpark.



[Allegheny County Implements the Crossover Youth Prevention Model](#)

“The [Crossover Youth Prevention Model](#), a practice model developed by the Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy’s Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, is being implemented in the Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF) and the county’s Juvenile Probation Office (JPO).”

“The work of a multisystem team to implement a nationally recognized prevention project to benefit youth involved in both child welfare and the county’s juvenile courts is taking major steps forward.”

“The [Crossover Youth Prevention Model](#)’s roots are in established research showing that children who are abused or neglected are more likely to be subject to scrutiny by any number of systems, from legal to

strategies to achieve significant improvements in educational, employment, and other key outcomes for disconnected youth. Please click [here](#) to access the announcement.

[Call for Proposals for 5th Annual Ready by 21 National Meeting: Deadline, Nov. 6](#)

The Forum for Youth Investment is accepting proposals for workshops at the 5th Ready by 21 National Meeting, in Baltimore on March 29-31. [Find out more](#) about what they are looking for, and apply. The deadline is Nov. 6th.

[Camden Coalition Webinar on: Characteristics of Super-Utilizers: November 4](#)

Join the Camden Coalition and our partners from [Denver Health](#) for an interactive webinar discussing recently published

human service or behavioral health, as examples. Crossover youth are those who are active in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems but who have not necessarily been adjudicated.” Click [here](#) to access the full article.

findings on patients with repeated hospitalizations. Click [here](#) to learn more about the webinar.

Administrative Data in the News

[NBER Releases Working Paper Using Linked Survey and Administrative Data to Better Measure Income](#)



The study linked survey data and administrative data (SNAP, TANF, GA, & housing assistance) from NY State at the individual level in order to better measure income. The authors found that "the survey data sharply understate the income of poor households. Underreporting in the survey data also greatly understates the effects of anti-poverty programs and changes our understanding of program targeting. Using the combined data rather than survey data alone, the poverty reducing effect of all programs together is nearly doubled while the effect of housing assistance is tripled." Furthermore, they found that "using the administrative measures of program receipt rather than the survey ones often reduces the share of single mothers falling through the safety net by one-half or more."

The authors conclude by arguing that using linked administrative data instead of survey data in order to evaluate programs provides a more accurate portrayal of a program's effectiveness, and note that this study's findings have major implications for social policy research and the ways



surveys that are written. Please click [here](#) for the full report.



Education Week's Special Report on Student Privacy

“Intelligent and creative use of data in K-12 education is a driving force behind efforts to use digital curricula and assessments to personalize learning. Data use can be the difference maker in understanding individual students’ strengths and weaknesses. But the expanded, more sophisticated use of data has opened the doors wider for potential problems, especially regarding the privacy of student information. That rising tension between advocates for greater use of data to improve schools and people who are worried about protecting student privacy is one of the most contentious issues in education. This special report aims to give district leaders, policymakers, researchers, and education company executives a better sense of what it takes to find areas of agreement.” Please click [here](#) to access the special report.

Beeck Center Launches New Publication: Smarter Government for Social Impact: A New Mindset for Better Outcomes



“Americans, regardless of political party, are willing to support social programs if those programs are tied to clear outcomes, responsible spending, and better results. When policymakers and public sector leaders agree on the most effective method of providing public services,

government makes smarter investments that are good not only for the country's most vulnerable citizens, but also for the entire nation. Outcomes-focused funding is just one piece of what is needed to build a smarter government, but it is a crucial stepping-stone that carries broad implications for how policymakers, government, and the public sector as a whole assess and imagine policy for the future. In an age of big data and vast technological advances, this approach is a critical step toward unlocking the potential of government to think smarter and more holistically about social issues. Government must improve its current policy mindset not only because it makes economic sense to do so, but more importantly, because doing so will improve the lives of millions of Americans and propel our nation forward.” Please click [here](#) to access the full report.

[New Research Utilizing Integrated Data from Florida Finds Boys are More Sensitive than Girls to Disadvantage](#)

“New research from social scientists offers one explanation: Boys are more sensitive than girls to disadvantage. Any disadvantage, like growing up in poverty, in a bad neighborhood or without a father, takes more of a toll on boys than on their sisters. That realization could be a starting point for educators, parents and policy makers who are trying to figure out how to help boys — particularly those from black, Latino and immigrant families.”

The researchers “examined various reasons boys could be falling behind. By analyzing brothers and sisters in about 150,000 households using databases from the health and education departments in Florida,

they could control for differences in families.” Please click [here](#) to access the full article.

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