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**AISP Newsletter: September 2016**

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## AISP in the News

### [WA State's Evaluation of the Permanent Options for Recovery-Centered Housing \(PORCH\) Program](#)

“This report examines outcomes for participants of the Permanent Options for Recovery-Centered Housing (PORCH) program. PORCH provides evidence-based Permanent Supportive Housing services to adults with a history of mental illness and housing instability or homelessness at programs in Pierce County and Chelan and Douglas counties. Several key outcomes improved in a positive direction during the 12 month follow-up period. Pierce County PORCH clients experienced fewer new homeless episodes and had fewer days in State Hospitals, relative to their non-enrolled peers. Community psychiatric hospital stays and felony arrests decreased for Chelan-Douglas PORCH participants,



## Additional Information

[Innovation in the Next Administration Discussions: Led by Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy and the Beeck Center for Social Impact + Innovation](#)

**Thursday, October 6, 2016,**  
from 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. at  
Georgetown University, in the  
Hariri Building's Fisher  
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relative to their peers. Most participants who remained in the program for at least 12 months were housed at some point after enrollment (94 percent) and reported improvement in quality of life indicators, like daily functioning and psychological distress. Due to the small number of participants, some of the outcomes failed to reach statistical significance.” Access the [complete article](#).

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### [Advanced Analytics for Child Welfare Administration - November 2016](#)

In partnership with Casey Family Programs, Chapin Hall and the Center for State Child Welfare Data are pleased to offer Advanced Analytics for Child Welfare Administration on November 14-17, 2016 in Chicago, Illinois.

The purpose of the course is to enable public and private child welfare managers seeking to improve the lives of society's most vulnerable children, youth, and families to become critical consumers and users of child welfare administrative data as a means of making positive change through continuous quality improvement.

Participants will learn how to identify and conduct statistical analyses required to fuel the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) process and how to recognize typical pitfalls that lead to the incorrect use of administrative data.

Applications are due on or before **Friday, September 30, 2016** at 5 PM Eastern. More information and the application can be accessed [here](#).

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### [Administrative Data in the News](#)

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#### [Performance Partnership Pilots](#)

[\(P3\) Round Three](#) - Application submission deadline is **October 31, 2016**

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[Arnold Foundation announces funding for evaluating programs and strategies for treating people with opioid use disorders](#). Proposals are due 12/15/2016.



## [Attorney General Kamala D. Harris Issues New Guidelines to Encourage Secure Sharing of Information Between Schools and Child Welfare Agencies to Better Serve Foster Youth](#)

“Attorney General Kamala D. Harris today announced that the California Department of Justice’s Bureau of Children’s Justice (BCJ), the California Department of Education (CDE), and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) have jointly developed statewide guidelines for school districts, county offices of education, and child welfare agencies to better assist them in the secure sharing of data and information that is critical to the success of students in foster care.”

“Under the law, foster youth are entitled to a range of services, including enhanced academic counseling regarding graduation eligibility requirements and mental health counseling. But many eligible youth are not receiving the services they need because schools don’t know which students should be receiving additional support. This guidance makes clear that schools and child welfare agencies can share information to keep children on track.”

“[The Attorney General's] office also is collaborating with the Children’s Data Network at the University of Southern California to link the administrative records of youth involved in the justice system in order to better understand their early experiences, trajectories through systems, and factors that may increase the of risk involvement, all with an eye toward preventing involvement altogether.” Access the [complete article](#).

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### [Evidence-Based Policymaking Collaborative Officially Launches](#)

Researchers from four organizations – the Urban Institute, Brookings Institution, American Enterprise



Institute, and Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative, launched the [Evidence-Based Policymaking Collaborative](#) to forge a consensus path forward for evidence-based policy. Their mutually established framework of [four principles of evidence-based policymaking](#) represents an educational tool to help public leaders embrace evidence-based action.

In addition, as public leaders look beyond their own jurisdictions for the most effective ideas that can be scaled up and tested in new contexts, the Collaborative is developing tools that will highlight best practices and actionable strategies to inform policy decisions. The [Collaborative's tools](#) will help public leaders build evidence about what works and show how to use existing evidence to generate better results. [Learn more about the Collaborative.](#)

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### [Michele Jolin, Cofounder and CEO of Results for America, Proposes a New Architecture for Policy](#)



“A What Works Accelerator, housed in the Office of Management and Budget (and thus part of the Executive Office of the President), would build on the achievements of the past eight years. Yet it would move beyond the use of experiments and pilot projects. In effect, it would create a new architecture for policymaking—one that transforms how policymakers direct public resources. Its mandate would be to minimize the chance that officials will base decisions on politics and to maximize the chance that they will base decisions on evidence of what works.”

“The accelerator would help lead a government-wide effort to use public data to analyze the impact of various government investments. It would use technology to reduce the costs of program evaluation. And it would give policymakers at all levels of government the tools that they need to pursue evidence-based

change.” Access the [complete article](#).

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