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**AISP Newsletter: December 2016**

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## AISP in the News

### [Public-Academic Research Colloquium \(PARC\) Follow-up](#)

In an effort to bring together national and international scholars who are actively involved in integrating administrative data for social policy research, Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy (AISP) co-convened the [Public-Academic Research Colloquium \(PARC\)](#) with the Administrative Data Research Network (ADRN) in the UK, J-PAL North America at MIT, and the Social Decision and Analytics Lab (SDAL) at Virginia Tech on November 29-30 in Washington, D.C.

In addition to attendees from around the United States, 19 international guests and speakers traveled from Canada, England, Wales, Scotland, Netherlands,



## Additional Information

### [Administrative Data Research Facilities Network position -](#)

The primary purpose of this position is to serve as the Administrative Data Research Facilities (ADRF) Network Administrator at the School of Social Policy & Practice. [Access the job posting.](#)

### [Sorenson Impact Center RFP -](#)

The Sorenson Impact Center has a number of technical assistance

Denmark, Germany, Mexico and Australia to participate in the conference.

The two-day event was open to the public on November 29th, and consisted of five panels that showcased multiple exemplary uses of administrative data in the following topic areas: Child Welfare, Domestic and International Health, Education, and Innovations in Measurement. Please click [here](#) to read more.

### [Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Backs Multi-agency Project to Share Opioid Data](#)

"The Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment (AHW) announces its support of a project that seeks to unite Wisconsin agencies in their efforts to share opioid use and overdose data that could help in the development of early intervention strategies."

"A coalition of three agencies was awarded \$298,754 to fund a 24-month project to bring data into one shared database. The Unscrambling Data for Urban and Rural Opioid Resiliency project brings the [Wisconsin Department of Justice \(DOJ\)](#), the [Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office \(MEO\)](#) and the Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) together, in partnership with Mallory O'Brien at the Institute for Health and Society at the [Medical College of Wisconsin](#), to combine data with existing data in DataShare. Other partners in the initiative include: Milwaukee County District Attorney's office, [Wisconsin Medical Society](#), Milwaukee Medical Society, Milwaukee [Health Department](#), [Milwaukee Police Department](#), US Drug Enforcement Administration, [Milwaukee Public Schools](#), Wisconsin [Criminal Justice Coordinating Council](#), Milwaukee Community Justice Council and Sauk and Wood Counties."



a number of technical assistance and funding opportunities for Governments and Service Providers interested in Pay for Success and other data-driven initiatives. The application period will close January 17, 2017.

*[\\*In January, Urban and AISP will also be releasing an announcement for our own T&TA opportunity for administrative data support for PFS projects.\\*](#)*

**[The Massachusetts Opioid Epidemic: A data visualization of findings from the Chapter 55 report](#)**

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## How data can inform prevention of opioid overdoses

"Currently, data systems used by the agencies are siloed and cannot be easily linked or analyzed. Comingling data from DOJ, MEO and OEM will allow analysts to create an illustration of an individual's journey through public services. The path will be linked with waypoints that may show the various steps within a journey taken by someone using opioids, from an Emergency Department visit through multiple support systems and possibly the criminal justice system. By analyzing the journey taken, agencies can develop strategies to redirect the path of patients on a similar trajectory. For example, the data may indicate that more than 50% of overdose patients overdosed within 45 days of release from a prison stay of more than six months. A review of current drug treatment practice and protocol within the prison system could lead to new treatment, aftercare and medication protocols being put in place." Access the [complete article](#).

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## Administrative Data in the News

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### [The Children's Data Network \(CDN\) Shows Major Progress in Building a California-wide IDS](#)

CDN is pleased to have a number of active data agreements in place, and they look forward to engaging additional partners in the coming months. CDN's state and county data sharing agreements are listed below.

#### **State Data Sharing Agreements**

- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- California Department of Developmental Services

- California Department of Education (pending final approval)
- California Department of Health Care Services
- California Department of Justice
- California Department of Public Health, Health Information and Research Section
- California Department of Social Services

### **County Data Sharing Agreements**

#### *Los Angeles County*

- Chief Executive Office's Service Integration Branch (pending final approval)
- Child Care Resource Center
- Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) (pending final approval)
- Probation Department (in partnership with Cal State LA)

#### *San Francisco County*

- Human Services Agency (HSA)

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### **[Center for Data Innovation Releases Comments to the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking on How to Increase the Availability and Use of Government Data](#)**



"On behalf of the Center for Data Innovation ([datainnovation.org](http://datainnovation.org)), we are pleased to submit these comments in response to a request for comments from the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, a bipartisan commission created by Congress to examine how to increase the availability

and use of government data to build evidence and inform program design while protecting the confidentiality of this data."

"The Center for Data Innovation is the leading think tank studying the intersection of data, technology, and public policy. With staff in Washington, DC, and Brussels, the Center formulates and promotes pragmatic public policies designed to maximize the benefits of data-driven innovation in the public and private sectors. It educates policymakers and the public about the opportunities and challenges associated with data, as well as technology trends such as predictive analytics, open data, cloud computing, and the Internet of Things. The Center is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research institute affiliated with the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation." Access the [complete comments](#).

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### [J-PAL North America, State and Local Innovation Initiative](#)



"State and local governments invited to apply for funding, support on pressing policy challenges and selected governments will partner with MIT's J-PAL North America to test which programs work, which work best, and why."

"[J-PAL North America](#), a research center at MIT, has announced that it is now accepting letters of interest from U.S. state and local governments through the J-PAL State and Local Innovation Initiative. This initiative supports state and local governments in using randomized evaluations to answer their priority policy questions."

"State and local governments are increasingly looking for rigorous evidence about which social programs are most effective and cost effective. The

governments selected to participate in this initiative will receive flexible pilot funding of up to \$100,000, pro bono technical support from J-PAL North America staff, and connections with experienced researchers from J-PAL's network. State and local governments that have partnered with a researcher to design a high-quality randomized evaluation can later apply for additional funding, typically in the range of \$250,000 to 500,000, to carry out the evaluations."

[Access more information.](#)

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