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U.S. Department of Education Issues New Guidance on FERPA Compliant Participation in Integrated Data Systems

"Educational authorities and policymakers are increasingly focused on protecting student privacy while using data to inform program and policy decisions. Data from more than one government agency is often analyzed to more holistically inform these decisions. This has led to the development of integrated data systems (IDSs) that allow linkage of administrative data from multiple government agencies. IDSs can be used for multiple purposes; this document discusses how educational authorities can use an IDS for program evaluation and research, consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and privacy best practices. In some cases, an educational authority hosts the IDS (e.g., statewide longitudinal data system). The primary focus of this guidance, however, is on those cases in which an educational authority does not host the IDS." Access the **complete article**.

Additional Information

ADRN Research Conference (June 2017) Call for Abstracts
Due Feb. 1, 2017

AISP Position: Administrative Data Research Facilities (ADRF) Network Administrator

PARC Day 1 Videos

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AISP Network Sites in the News

The Allegheny County DHS and Health Department Collaborate to Share Data and Analyze Opiate Overdoses in the County

"Research confirms that the recent epidemic of heroin use throughout the U.S. has been influenced by several factors, including the increase in opioid prescriptions for pain, marketing and formulation changes for long-acting opioid analgesics, and the cheap price of heroin which, in Allegheny County, increasingly contains synthetic opioids (such as fentanyl) that have entered our regional heroin supply through their use as cutting agents."

"To better understand opiate-related overdose and identify opportunities for intervention, the Allegheny County Department of Human Services and Allegheny County Health Department recently collaborated on a report entitled **"Opiate-Related Overdose Deaths in Allegheny County: Risks and Opportunities for Intervention."** Using the **DHS Data Warehouse** and other data sources, this report analyzed opiate overdoses in Allegheny County from 2008 through 2014. Access the complete **article**.

WA State Utilizes Merged Administrative Data to Evaluate Educational Outcomes of Youth in Assisted Housing

"Assisted housing programs serve many families with school-aged children, but relatively little is

known about the impact housing assistance has on education and other measures of youth well-being. This report describes the educational outcomes of youth in assisted housing in Washington State and examines other important factors such as residential and school stability, neighborhood quality, social service utilization, child welfare involvement, and health; and among older youth, employment, college enrollment, births, substance use treatment need, and criminal justice involvement. The study examines two groups of students, in the third and seventh grades, and compares those who recently entered assisted housing to a statistically matched comparison group of peers. The analysis follows these students for five years. All analyses utilize RDA's INVEST database which contains merged administrative data from multiple agencies including the Department of Social and Health Services, the Washington State Education Research and Data Center (ERDC) in the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)." Access the **complete report**.

Administrative Data in the News

Urban Institute – Notice of Support Availability (NoSA)

The Urban Institute has released a **notice of support availability (NoSA)** to offer training and technical assistance to potential and existing pay for success projects nationwide. The specific focus of the Pay for Success Administrative Data (PFS-AD) assistance is to help improve access to and use of detailed administrative data for PFS project development. AISP is partnering with Urban on the PFS-AD project.

Urban is seeking applicants from eligible organizations located in the U.S. that are actively involved with planning or implementing a PFS project addressing

youth development, economic opportunity, or healthy futures. Eligibility criteria, issue areas, and the training and technical assistance services are described in detail in the NoSA. There will be a webinar at **2pm on Tuesday, January 31** to review the NoSA and respond to questions. You can register for the webinar by **clicking here**.

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