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AISP Announcements

New AISP Network Site Case Study Now Available

AISP is excited to announce that we have a new case study on the Institute for Social Capital (ISC) now available online. ISC, a university-based integrated data system (IDS) serving Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, is a unique AISP Network Site in that it includes nonprofit administrative data as well as governmental administrative data. The case study, which details the development and evolution of ISC, is based on an extensive document review, as well as interviews with former and current ISC staff.

[Read the full case study here](#)



ADRF Network Conference Features AISP Network Sites



The Administrative Data Research Facility (ADRF) Network, an initiative of AISP, partnered with Georgetown's Massive Data Institute to hold their second annual conference on November 13th & 14th in Washington, D.C. The convening, titled Innovations in Administrative Data for Social Science, included representatives from several AISP Network Sites and including breakout sessions on IDS use cases.

In addition, a panel moderated by AISP's Executive Director Della Jenkins, Recipes for Successful Collaborations Across Organizations, included presentations from public-academic partnerships in Iowa, Washington, and New Brunswick, as well as the EU's International Data Access Network. Heather Rouse of Iowa State University (pictured on the left) summed up a major conference theme in describing Iowa's participation in the AISP Learning Community and their newly-developed governance model for cross-agency collaboration to promote child development and well-being. Rouse noted that the success of data sharing collaborations depends on three things: relationships, relationships, and relationships. We couldn't have said it better.

[Access the ADRF conference abstracts here](#)

Administrative Data in the News

Linked administrative data show mothers with disabilities are 32% more likely to lose custody of newborns

Mother-child separation has well-documented negative impacts on families. Researchers at Canada's University of Toronto Scarborough linked administrative data across six different

datasets to better understand the relationship between women with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) and rates of child protective services (CPS) involvement immediately following childbirth. These findings are the first to quantify the differences between CPS involvement postdelivery among women with IDDs compared to women without IDDs, and subsequently allowed researchers to identify risk factors specific to the intellectually and developmentally disabled population.

Results showed that 5.7% of newborns born to women with IDDs were discharged to CPS following birth hospitalization compared with 0.2% of newborns of women without IDDs. Researchers then linked Ontario Disability Support Program data with outpatient physician visits, emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and publicly funded drug benefit databases to identify risk factors that contribute to increased rates of family separation immediately following birth for this population. They found that three factors—maternal comorbid psychotic disorders, social assistance receipt, and indicators of inadequate prenatal care—put women with IDDs at higher risk of CPS involvement post-birth.

Based on their findings, the authors recommend providing tailored, behavior-based interventions both before and after pregnancy to lessen and prevent CPS involvement. Continued use of administrative data will allow researchers to evaluate population-specific needs in order to inform and enhance programs that target families at increased risk of separation.

[Read the full article here](#)

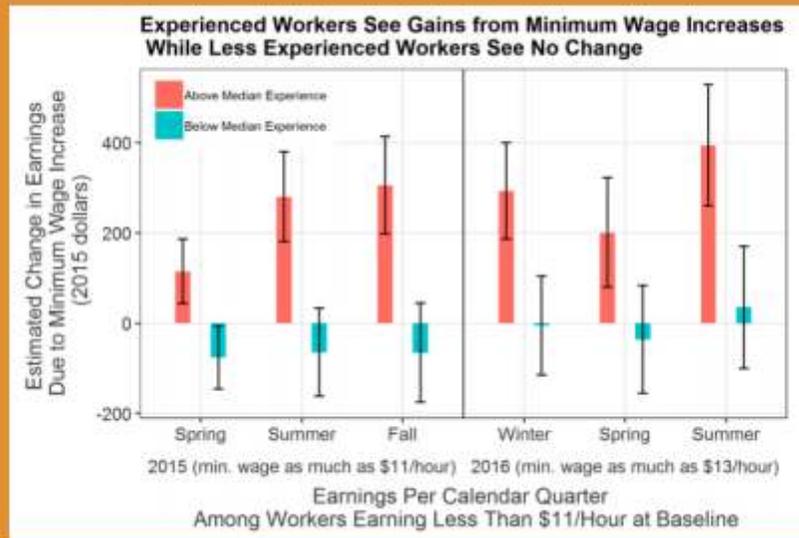
Blog Post: People are Key to Developing and Sustaining IDS

Jason Lally, Data Services Manager for the City and County of San Francisco, recently published a blog post reflecting on the lessons he learned as a contributor to the report, *Technology for Civic Data Integration*. The report, an **Annie E. Casey Foundation** funded collaboration between **MetroLab**, **NNIP**, and **AISP**, describes key considerations in building and sustaining IDS and the various technology approaches that may be helpful in overcoming challenges in data integration. In his blog post, Jason notes that, “While not explicitly stated in the report, my takeaway is that data systems are actually people systems.” He also shares some practical tips for anyone seeking to successfully develop an integrated data system that puts people at the center.

[Read the full report here](#)

[Read Jason's blog post here](#)

Network Sites in the News



Researchers in Washington use linked administrative data to study impacts of minimum wage increases

A recent article in Bloomberg arguing for an increase to the federal minimum wage draws on research from Seattle that utilizes a linked, longitudinal administrative data set to evaluate the impact of increasing the minimum wage to \$15/hour. That data set, created by a team of researchers from the University of Washington, matches administrative data from Washington's Department of Social and Health Services Research and Analysis Division (RDA), an AISP Network site, and other key agencies to provide a population-wide look at the impact of minimum wage increases on employment, income, poverty, inequality, and family well-being.

Co-Principal Investigator Jennifer Romich presented on this effort at the ADRF Network Conference earlier this month, noting that cross-agency collaboration and the existing capacity of the RDA, the state's long-running IDS, had been essential to the project's success.

To learn more about the University of Washington's Minimum Wage Study, their research methods, and recent publications, [click here](#). For more on the RDA, check out [their website](#) or AISP's 2014 case study on their IDS development.

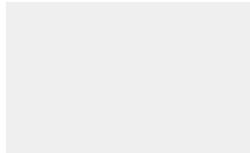
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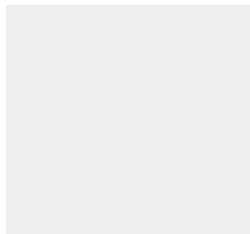
seeking a Data Scientist

The Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab is hiring a Senior Data Management and Integration Scientist for the state's developing IDS, the Linked Information Network of Colorado (LINC). [Please submit your application here](#). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



Registration is now open for the Data for Black Lives Conference in January

Join [Data for Black Lives](#), a group of activists, organizers, and mathematicians committed to the mission of using data science to create concrete and measurable change in the lives of Black people, for their [second annual conference](#) from **January 11-13 in Cambridge, Massachusetts**. [Register now](#).



New episode of NPR's Hidden Brain podcast features implications of Raj Chetty's research on economic mobility

Listen to a new episode of NPR's Hidden Brain podcast, [Zipcode Destiny: The Persistent Power Of Place And Education](#).

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