CONNECTICUT DATA COLLABORATIVE

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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR,
Michelle Riordan-Nold

2017 was a milestone year for the Collaborative! We pushed our limits and got creative, developing new technical tools, publishing innovative data stories, and increasing our in-person data engagement work.

This year marked the launch of the CTData Academy as we focused our efforts on building and empowering a data ecosystem in Connecticut. We brought data literacy training to 160 users in 40 towns, convened 3 statewide conferences and facilitated 11 open data calls. We also convened data meetups in Hartford and contributed to open data circles across the state.

Overwhelmingly, we hear that people view the Data Academy content as "foundational" and they plan to "go back to the drawing board" to re-examine their data practices. They say the content helps them evaluate data "with a critical eye" and ensures "data do not go to waste." One of our most memorable moments was in a workshop where one user realized the important role she plays in "making the data" for her organization. It has been a thrilling year of learning and we are excited to see what 2018 brings.

Our work is gaining attention outside of Connecticut! We took our CT Data Collaborative work on the road, presenting at two national conferences: the Association for Public Data Users in Arlington, VA and the National Center on Public Performance in Boston. We also offered the keynote address at the LeanCT conference attended by 250 state agency and municipal staffers.

We have an ambitious agenda planned for 2018, including new Data Academy hands-on workshops, the launch of topic specific data portals, website enhancements, and a statewide conference in September.

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2017 IN REVIEW

MAKING DATA ACCESSIBLE

Datasets

- Total datasets = 190
- We added 36 new datasets.
- We updated 101 datasets.
- Notable updates: EdSight data, Town Profiles, 2012-2016 ACS 5-year estimates

Data Stories

- Migration & Population Trends
- Racial Profiling Prohibition Project
- Connecticut Benefit Corporations

In 2017, we doubled our ctdata.org dataset users from 3,000 to 6,000!

LIBERATING DATA

EdSight Data Scraper: We scraped the State Department of Education's EdSight data portal to provide data at the district level on ctdata.org.

Business data linking: We created a master business list by linking business formation data from the Secretary of State's Office and secondary data sources.

Early Development Instrument: We visualized neighborhood level data about kindergarten readiness for broad use in two communities.

INCREASING DATA LITERACY

11 Monthly Open Data Calls

2 Data in Depth Series

3 Statewide Conferences

10 Data Basics Workshops

35 hours Data Help Line

In 2017, we reached **160** People in **40** Towns