

Advancing the Science of Children's Services through Large Data

DAY 1: THURSDAY 2.27.14

- **8:45-9:15am: Registration** (*coffee and continental breakfast*)
- **9:15am: Welcome, Overview, & Convening Goals**
 - Marilyn Flynn, Dean, USC School of Social Work
 - Armando Jimenez, Director of Research & Evaluation, First 5 LA
 - Jacquelyn McCroskey & Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Co-Directors, Children's Data Network
- **10:00-11:30am: Session 1, Collaborative Models for Research and Evaluation using Integrated Data**
 - Emily Putnam-Hornstein (*session introduction & moderator*)
 - Dennis Culhane, Dana and Andrew Stone Professor of Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania (*record linkage for research and evaluation – what we mean and what it can produce*)
 - Rebecca Glauert, Program Manager, Developmental Pathways Project, Telethon Institute for Child Health & Research, Western Australia (*the nuts and bolts of a government / community/university data linkage partnership*)
 - Discussion and Q & A
- **11:30-12:00pm: Break and Lunch Pick-up** (*box lunches to seats*)
- **12:00-1:00pm: Lunch Lecture**
 - John Landsverk, Research Scientist, Oregon Social Learning Center (*introduction*)
 - Fred Wulczyn, Senior Research Fellow, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago (*reflections on the intersection of data, government, and policy in children's services*)
 - Discussion and Q & A
- **1:00-1:30pm: Break and Lunch Clean-up**
- **1:30-3:30pm: Session 2, Exemplars of Research based on Linked Data**
 - Joe Mienko, Research Scientist, Partners for Our Children (*session introduction & moderator*)

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- Melissa Jonson-Reid, Professor & Director Brown Center for Violence and Injury Prevention, Washington University (*linking records to better understand children's cross-system involvement*)
 - Peter Fallesen, Researcher, Rockwool Foundation Research Unit, Denmark (*using linked data from Statistics Denmark to study child population health*)
 - Mark Courtney, Professor, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago (*linking administrative records with survey and other ad hoc data sources*)
 - Discussion and Q & A
- **3:30-4:00pm: Break and Walk to the Lab**
 - **4:00-5:30pm: Networking Event, Hosted Drinks and Appetizers at the Lab Gastropub** (*3500 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90089*)

DAY 2: Friday 2.28.14

- **8:45-9:15am: Registration** (*coffee & continental breakfast*)
- **9:15am: Welcome and Day 2 Agenda Overview**
- **9:30-11:30am: Session 3, Predictive Risk Modeling in Children's Services**
 - Emily Putnam-Hornstein (*session introduction & moderator*)
 - Moirra Wilson, Principal Analyst, New Zealand Ministry of Social Development (*overview of project*)
 - Rhema Vaithianathan, Professor, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand (*background use in healthcare settings, a NZ model for targeting children at high risk of adverse outcomes*)
 - Irene De Haan, Professor, University of Auckland (*ethics of risk modeling from a frontline perspective*)
 - David Schwartz, Director of Research & Evaluation, William Penn Foundation (*using prediction and data mining to match clients to services and evaluate programs*)
 - John Fluke, Associate Director for Systems Research and Evaluation, Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse & Neglect (*a critical reflection on decision-making contexts and the potential role of predictive models*)
 - Discussion and Q&A

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- **12:00–12:45pm: Lunch Lecture**
 - Jacquelyn McCroskey (*introduction*)
 - Denise Herz, Professor, California State University, Los Angeles School of Criminal Justice (*understanding context by linking administrative records with case narratives*)
 - Discussion and Q&A
- **12:45–1:00pm: Break and Lunch Clean-up**
- **1:00–2:30pm: Panel 4, Candid Reflections and Discussion on the Data & Research Landscape**
 - Barbara Needell, Principal Investigator, UC Berkeley Child Welfare Indicators Project (*session introduction & moderator*)
 - John Kim, Co-Director, Advancement Project (*ensuring data/research are relevant to community stakeholders*)
 - Michael Wald, Stanford Professor of Law, Emeritus (*reflections on the policy context and how integrated data can move focus from inputs to outcomes*)
 - Shell Culp, Chief Deputy Director, Office of Systems Integration, California Health and Human Services Agency (*state plans for system interoperability and potential partnerships with researchers*)
 - Arturo Delgado, Superintendent, Los Angeles County Office of Education (*an agency perspective on the value of cross-system data*)
 - Greg Rose, Deputy Director, Children & Families Division, California Department of Social Services (*why we need integrated information in California...and how agency/university partnerships may help*)
 - Discussion and Q&A
- **2:30–2:45pm: Next Steps and Closing Thoughts**
 - Jacquelyn McCroskey & Emily Putnam-Hornstein

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