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RECENT DATA RELEASES

The following new datasets were made available this quarter:

- [Voluntary Cooperative Information System (VCIS), 1982-1995](#) by APHSA, Roehrkasse, A.F., Fontaine, C., McDowall, L., Sernaker, S. & Covington, C. C. (Dataset #247-- for more information, see the Historical Data Acquisition section below)
- [State Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Policies Database](#) by Weigensberg, E., Islam, N., Knab, J., Grider, M., Page, J., & Bardin, S. (Dataset #245-- for more information, see the State Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Policies Database section below)

2021 SUMMER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

NDACAN hosted its 29th [Summer Research Institute](#) (SRI) which was held May 20th, May 21st, May 24th, and May 25th. Thirteen child maltreatment researchers were accepted from a pool of 43 applicants. The SRI offered an intensive secondary data analysis experience, providing support to participants working on their own research projects using Archive data. Participants received dataset specific technical assistance and statistical analysis support from NDACAN team members: Michael Dineen, Holly Larrabee, Erin McCauley, Frank Edwards, and Alex Roehrkasse, as well as, one-on-one research consultations with the NDACAN Director, Chris Wildeman.

This year's participants included:

- **Ann Carrellas, PhD**
  University of Toledo
- **Catherine LaBrenz, PhD, MSW**
  The University of Texas at Arlington
- **Tenesha Littleton, PhD**
  The Pennsylvania State University
- **Stacey Shipe, PhD**
  Pennsylvania State University
- **Cameron Taylor, BA***
  Stanford University

- **Lauren Stargel, PhD**
  University of Colorado
- **Caitlyn Keo, BS***
  University of Minnesota
- **Melissa Bright, PhD**
  University of Florida
- **Jenna Shelton, MPP***
  Cornell University
- **Xutong Zhang, MS***
  Pennsylvania State University
- **Samantha Awada, MA***
  Northern Illinois University
- **Rong Bai, MSSA, MNO***
  Case Western Reserve University
- **Austen McGuire, MA***
  University of Kansas

*Graduate student

HISTORICAL DATA ACQUISITIONS

NDACAN recently released data from the Voluntary Cooperative Information System (VCIS). The VCIS provides annual, state-level aggregate data on children entering, currently in, and exiting foster care from 1982 to 1995. The data include information on children's age, sex, and race/ethnicity, as well as on various aspects of children's care. Users can link VCIS data to aggregated AFCARS data to create cross-section time series spanning nearly four decades. The July 28th session of the upcoming 2021 Summer Training Webinar Series will be dedicated to introducing users to the VCIS, including it's possible uses and important limitations.

STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (SCAN) POLICIES DATABASE

NDACAN is pleased to announce the availability of the State Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Policies Database. The SCAN Policies Database project is led by Mathematica and supported by the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The SCAN Policies Database contains data on state definitions and policies related to the surveillance of child maltreatment incidence and associated risk and protective factors. The SCAN Policies Database is a resource for researchers, analysts, and others who are interested in examining differences in definitions and policies on child maltreatment across states. A primary use of these data is to allow researchers to link the analytic files to other data sources to address important questions about how variations in states' definitions and policies are associated with the incidence of child maltreatment, the child welfare system response, and ultimately child safety and well-being. Other data sources that can be linked with the SCAN Policies Database include data from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), state administrative data, and survey data. To learn more about the SCAN Policies Database project, explore data online, or download a comma delimited data file (.csv), please visit https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com. The data are also available from NDACAN in a wider variety of file formats including SAS, SPSS, Stata, and a tab-delimited file format. To

order the data from NDACAN visit the SCAN Policies Database webpage on our site at https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/datasets/dataset-details.cfm?ID=245.

MONTHLY OFFICE HOURS

NDACAN will be hosting monthly office hours from 11am to 12pm EST on the 4th Friday of each month. The event will be an opportunity to chat with our team and other data users in an informal setting and ask questions about our datasets. The events will be split between 30 minutes of open time and 30 minutes of dedicated time to a special visitor or theme. June 25th is our last scheduled office hours event with more dates forthcoming. Please visit the Events page of our website (https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/events/events.cfm) for forthcoming office h ours dates and topics. To join us for our next office hour event visit this link https://cornell.zoom.us/webinar/register/4916080462023/WN_9UdYW4j9QD6YIhiZkEhcjA and select a date. If you are not able to attend an office hour event, no worries as researchers are always welcome to submit dataset questions to NDACANsupport@cornell.edu.

- June 25th: Linking NDACAN Data with External Data Products

2021 NDACAN SUMMER TRAINING WEBINAR SERIES

NDACAN's summer training webinar series is focused on secondary data analysis support for research using NDACAN data products. **This year the event will be held every Wednesday 12-1pm EST from July 7th to August 11th, 2021**. This training series will center on practical and applied training on data management and analysis strategies and will be hosted by staff at the NDACAN. This series will provide a robust overview of our survey-based data offerings, knowledge of our research support services, and applied analysis skills to begin or push forward a research study using our data. For more information, visit: https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/events/2021-summer-webinars/2021-summer-webinars-listing.cfm

- July 7th - Introduction to NDACAN
- July 14th - Survey-Based Data Holdings
- July 21st - Administrative Data (NCANDS, AFCARS) Linking
- July 28th - VCIS Data and Special Populations
- August 4th - Multilevel Modeling Workshop
- August 11th - Latent Class Analysis Workshop

CALL FOR DATA USERS TO SEND CITATIONS

NDACAN maintains a reference list of scholarly work produced using Archive data. You can access the Child Abuse and Neglect Digital Library (canDL) from our Publications page. Please visit the canDL to see if your publications using Archive data are included and contact us if you have references to add (NDACANsupport@cornell.edu). When submitting citations, please be sure to include the doi link.

Featured Publications:

Follow us on Twitter @NDACAN_CU to see recent publications posted by us and members of the child maltreatment research community who are using NDACAN data. Researchers, who publish articles based upon NDACAN data, are encouraged to tag us @NDACAN_CU, include a clickable link to the article by including "https://doi.org/" in front of the doi number, and hashtag the dataset abbreviation and/or number (#NCANDS, #NYTD, #DS223, etc.).

- **National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)& Adoption and Foster Care Reporting System (AFCARS)**
  Yelderman, L. A., Wood, S., & Summers, A. (2021). Media reports of child deaths and the relationship to foster care entries and exits.*Child & Youth Care Forum*. doi: https://doi.org/10.1007/s10566-021-09616-2
- **Regional Partnership Grants National Cross-site Evluation: Round Three Sites (RPG-3)**
  Cole, R., Burnett, A., & Strong, D. (2021). The impact of the Regional Partnership Grant program on adult recovery and well-being, and child safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes. *Child Abuse & Neglect, 117*. doi: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2021.105069
- **National Survey on Child and Adolescent Well-being (NSCAW)**
  Thompson, H. M., Colvin, M. L., Cooley, M. E., & Womack, B. (2021). Factors predicting service referrals for youth in the child welfare system. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*. doi: https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-021-00760-1

FORTHCOMING DATASETS

- *LONGSCAN Young Adult Data by the LONGSCAN Consortium (Dataset #219)*
- *National Child Welfare Workforce Initiative (NCWWI) Comprehensive Organizational Health Assessment by Leake, R., Rienks, S.L., de Guzman, A., He, A.S., & Stahlschmidt, M.J. (Dataset #246)*
- *Permanency Innovation Initiative (PII): The Kansas Intensive Permanency Project (Restricted & General Releases) by Westat (Datasets #224 & 231)*
- *Permanency Innovation Initiative (PII): The Washoe SAFE-FC Project (Restricted & General Releases) by Westat (Datasets #249 & 250)*
- *Permanency Innovation Initiative (PII): The Illinois Target Project (Restricted & General Releases) by Westat (Datasets #251 & 252)*

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For the latest updates on NDACAN activities, make sure to follow us on Twitter @NDACAN_CU. In addition to recent data release announcements, you can see reminders about our various user support services.

The well-being of children is especially crucial in our current times. This is why we curate our NDACAN Twitter content to reflect the status quo and potential uses of NDACAN data holdings for both child welfare researchers and practitioners. Whether it is a recent publication or presentation, make sure to tweet @NDACAN_CU to share the various ways that NDACAN is advancing the field of child welfare research.

CALL FOR DATASETS

Research has demonstrated an increased citation rate for publications whose investigators share data. Depositing your data with NDACAN can facilitate long-term preservation and provide researchers access to your data for secondary analysis. The Archive is seeking quantitative datasets to add to our collection. Please contact us (NDACANsupport@cornell.edu) if you have data or know of data that would benefit researchers or check out the Contribute Data page of our website.

Are you a member of our Child Maltreatment Research List Serve (CMRL)?

The Archive moderates an e-mail list for discussions of research issues relevant to child abuse and neglect. To subscribe or to alter your subscription, visit our CMRL page.

This notice is sent to all users of Archive data and to active members of our mailing list. If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please contact aa17@cornell.edu.

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