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SUMMER RESEARCH INSTITUTE 2026

NDACAN held its 34th annual Summer Research Institute (SRI) on May 21st, 22nd, 26th, and 27th. There were 13 participants who worked on analyzing datasets and received daily support from NDACAN staff familiar with the data. SRI 2027 will be announced later this year: please [join our general mailing list](#) to receive the announcement.

SUMMER TRAINING SERIES 2026

Join us for our upcoming Summer Training Series (STS)! Our theme this year is "Laying the Groundwork." This series is designed to strengthen the foundational skills necessary to conduct high-quality, impactful research with administrative data. Through hands-on sessions, participants will gain practical experience with key aspects of administrative data, such as understanding data structures, managing data quality, linking across data sources, and data presentation. For scholars who are new to this area or are seeking to reinforce essential competencies, this series offers a thorough starting point for building rigorous research on child welfare using administrative data.

Sessions will occur every Wednesday in July from 12 - 1pm (Eastern Time) via Zoom. This series is free but registration is required through the link below.

- **July 1st — Overview of NDACAN Administrative Datasets**
 - Presenters: Garrett Baker, Ph.D., Duke University, and Alyssa Lindsey, MPH, University of California, San Francisco
- **July 8th — Data Cleaning and Management**
 - Presenter: Alexander F. Roehrkasse, Ph.D., Butler University
- **July 15th — Linking NCANDS and AFCARS**
 - Presenter: Alexander F. Roehrkasse, Ph.D., Butler University
- **July 22nd — Handling Missing Data**
 - Presenter: Alexander F. Roehrkasse, Ph.D., Butler University
- **July 29th — Data Presentation and Visualization**
 - Presenter: Alexander F. Roehrkasse, Ph.D., Butler University

Summer Training Series 2026 registration link:

https://cornell.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ib8sUk1fQeKiusyq8RlqUw

REMINDER TO DATA USERS

NDACAN notifies licensed data users when new dataset versions are released, such as updates to the publically available AFCARS data files. Users are strongly encouraged to download and use the most recent version of the data to use for all analyses, as earlier versions may contain incomplete and outdated information.

CALL FOR DATA USERS TO SEND CITATIONS

NDACAN maintains a reference list of scholarly work produced from the datasets in its holdings. You can access the [Child Abuse and Neglect Digital Library \(canDL\) directly at the Zotero.org site](#). Our [canDL Bibliography information](#) page provides an overview. Please visit the canDL to check if your publications that used NDACAN archive datasets are listed, and contact us if you have references to add (NDACANSupport@cornell.edu). When submitting citations, please be sure to include the DOI link. Please tag us on 'X' (Twitter) with [@NDACAN_CU](#) and include a clickable DOI link to the article with the hashtag of the dataset abbreviation and/or number which was used for the study (e.g. #NCANDS, #NYTD, #DS223, etc.).

Featured Publications:

- **Longitudinal Studies on Child Abuse and Neglect (LONGSCAN)**
Moore, S., D'Errico, A., Keller, S., Vivian, J., Greene, A. (2026). Spanking Among Children with and without Neurodevelopmental Conditions at Age 6: Evidence from a Longitudinal Child Maltreatment Cohort (Brief Report) *International Journal on Child Maltreatment: Research, Policy and Practice* Published: 23 May 2026. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42448-026-00268-0>
- **Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)**
Greenlee, J., Blaustein, E. (2026). Disability Type and Racial Disparities in Foster Care Placement Stability: A Disaggregated Analysis. *Children and Youth Services Review*, Volume 183, 2026, 108800, ISSN 0190-7409. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2026.108800>
- **The National Survey on Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW)**
Li, G., and Luo, J. (2026). Thriving in School-Age Youth: A Latent Profile Analysis of Social-Emotional Adjustment, Prosocial Behavior, and Academic Competence. *Psychology in the Schools*, 0: e70176. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pits.70176>

FORTHCOMING DATASETS

- Dataset #296 State Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Policies Database 2019-2023 v2
- Dataset #295 State Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Policies Database 2023 v2
- Dataset #265 State Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Policies Database 2021 v3
- Dataset #289 National SEEK (Safe Environment for Every Kid) Study
- Dataset #219 LONGSCAN Young Adult/NIDA Data

RECENTLY RELEASED DATASETS

- [Dataset #314 National Youth in Transition Database \(NYTD\) - Outcomes File, Cohort Age 17 in FY2023, Wave 1](#)
- [Dataset #312 Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System \(AFCARS\), Foster Care AB File FY2025](#)

- [Dataset #313 AFCARS Foster Care File, 6-month periods \(FY2018A - 2025B\)](#)
- [Dataset #306 National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System \(NCANDS\) Child File FY2024 v2](#)

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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)?

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