

Selected Articles: Data in the News

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Nash Bridges: Renowned Judge Building L.A.'s Plan to Reach Crossover Youth

The Chronicle of Social Change - June 11, 2018

Judge Michael Nash is looking to craft a unifying strategy for the county's child welfare and juvenile justice systems, and the crossover youth involved in both systems. Nash and his Office of Child Protection are basing their approach on research, and new data collecting efforts, including a 2011 [landmark study](#) from University of Pennsylvania researcher Dennis Culhane on the characteristics of crossover youth in the county.

<https://chronicleofsocialchange.org/child-welfare-2/nash-bridges-renowned-judge-building-l-a-s-plan-to-reach-crossover-youth/31198>

Los Angeles County, Local School Districts Use Technology to Help Foster Youth

Public CEO - June 11, 2018

A new project of Los Angeles County DCFS is the Student Information Tracking System, which shares real-time information about foster youth between the county's child-welfare system and area school districts. Los Angeles Unified School District was the first to partner with DCFS, now approximately 50 school districts within the County are utilizing the system.

<http://www.publicceo.com/2018/06/los-angeles-county-local-school-districts-use-technology-to-help-foster-youth/>

How Data Scientists are Using AI for Suicide Prevention

Vox - June 9, 2018

The Crisis Text Line uses machine learning to figure out who's at risk and when to intervene.

<https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2018/6/8/17441452/suicide-prevention-anthony-bourdain-crisis-text-line-data-science>

Hacking Foster Care & Changing Lives

Symantec Corporate Responsibility - June 7, 2018

Sixto Cancel founded ThinkOf-us.org in 2015 to help foster youth, like himself, transition into adulthood and leverage the power and innovation of technology. In addition to foster care hackathons, Think of Us and Symantec are focusing on an initiative called the [Fostering a Secure Tomorrow \(FAST\)](#) program that aims to increase digital literacy and cybersecurity practices amount foster youth.

<https://www.symantec.com/blogs/corporate-responsibility/hackingfostercare>

National Human Services Training Evaluation Symposium 2018 Policy Keynote

CalSWEC - June 6, 2018

Speakers included: Michael J Tanana, Ph.D., M.Stat., University of Utah; and Tonya Myrup, M.S.W., Utah DCFS Deputy Director.

http://nhstes.berkeley.edu/keynote_livestream.html

Who Becomes Homeless? Data Paints a Startling Picture

California Health Report - June 6, 2018

Economics are the primary driver of homelessness, according to a 2017 report by researchers at UC Irvine, with forty percent of those surveyed cited difficulty finding a job with sufficient wages, and 36 percent cited an inability to find affordable housing.

<http://www.calhealthreport.org/2018/06/06/becomes-homeless-data-paints-startling-picture/>

New York City's Child Welfare System Quietly Swims Upstream to Prevent Family Separation

The Chronicle of Social Change - June 6, 2018

New York City's latest initiative aims to prevent stop child abuse and neglect before it happens.

The program operates in three sites located in neighborhoods where families have a heightened risk of being referred to ACS for child abuse or neglect.

<https://chronicleofsocialchange.org/news-2/new-york-city-welfare-upstream-child-welfare-prevention-services/31094>

The Unequal Geography of the Gig Economy

The Atlantic - June 5, 2018

Solving rural poverty in Arkansas will take more than odd jobs from smartphone apps.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2018/06/gig-economy-inequality/560942/>

Advancing Two-Generation Approaches: Integrating Data to Support Families

The Annie E. Casey Foundation - June 1, 2018

This brief focuses on the benefits and challenges of building an integrated data system to support two-generation programming — and highlights the strategies several organizations have employed to better track and share information about the children and parents they serve.

<http://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-advancingtwogenerationapproachesdata-2018.pdf>

The Cycle of Child Protection Services Involvement: A Cohort Study of Adolescent Mothers

Pediatrics - June 1, 2018

Full data analysis and methodology of a study which identifying an intergenerational cycle of involvement with CPS.

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/141/6/e20173119>

Understanding the Intergenerational Cycle of Child Protective Service Involvement

Pediatrics - June 1, 2018

An analysis of the trends and the effects and outcomes of intergenerational cycles of CPS involvement.

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/141/6/e20180577>

Every State's Extended Foster Care Policies Now Available in New Database

Youth Today - May 31, 2018

The Juvenile Law Center released a new tool The National Extended Foster Care Review a comprehensive database that catalogues each state's laws and policies related to extended foster care designed to help policymakers and advocates.

<https://youthtoday.org/2018/05/every-states-extended-foster-care-policies-now-available-in-new-database/>

Nebraska Uses Tech to Link Churchgoers to Child Welfare

Chronicle of Social Change - May 23, 2018

In Nebraska, a new partnership is helping connect individuals in the faith community with families that may be struggling in their own community to offer assistance such as furniture and household items or help with rent and other expenses related to raising children.

<https://chronicleofsocialchange.org/stateline/nebraska-uses-tech-link-churchgoers-child-welfare/30930>

Building the bridge: Linking Medicaid and Child Welfare Data to Identify High Service Users in Child Welfare

Casey Family Programs - May 16, 2018

This study links child welfare and Medicaid data in Tennessee and an area in Florida to identify high service users in foster care in order to gain perspective on ways to improve service delivery and outcomes for youth and families in care.

<https://www.casey.org/building-the-bridge/>

We created poverty. Algorithms won't make that go away. (Opinion)

The Guardian - May 13, 2018

In the absence of political will to tackle America's growing economic crisis, hi-tech tools can only serve to automate and amplify existing inequalities

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/may/13/we-created-poverty-algorithms-wont-make-that-go-away>

Why Millions of Californians Eligible for Food Stamps Don't Get Them

NPR - May 1, 2018

About 4.1 million Californians, or 70 percent of those eligible, are enrolled in the food assistance program known as CalFresh. That leaves about 2 million people out, according to 2015 federal data cited in a January report. The national average is 83 percent enrolled.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2018/05/01/606422692/why-millions-of-californians-eligible-for-food-stamps-dont-get-them>

The Most Inclusive U.S. Cities Mapped

Citylab - April 25, 2018

A new report finds where post-1980 economic growth has been accompanied by inclusion of low-income residents and communities of color.

<https://www.citylab.com/equity/2018/04/the-most-inclusive-us-cities-mapped/558734/>

Discipline Disparities Grow for Students of Color, New Federal Data Show

Education Week - April 24, 2018

The latest civil rights data report finds students of color and those with disabilities are disciplined out of proportion to their numbers in school, and fall short on key educational opportunities.

<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2018/04/24/discipline-disparities-grow-for-students-of-color.html>

First-Ever Evictions Database Shows: "We're in the Middle of a Housing Crisis"

NPR - April 12, 2018

Sociologist Matthew Desmond estimates that 2.3 million evictions were filed in the U.S. in 2016 — a rate of four every minute.

<https://www.npr.org/2018/04/12/601783346/first-ever-evictions-database-shows-were-in-the-middle-of-a-housing-crisis>

Lawmakers aim to give schools access to more long-term data

K-12 Daily - April 12, 2018

Education leaders aiming to close the achievement gap in postsecondary outcomes would provide more information needed to better assess and adjust their K-12 college and career programs under a bill pending in the Legislature.

<https://k-12daily.org/politics-education/lawmakers-aim-to-give-schools-access-to-more-long-term-data>

Another Year With No Knowledge on Kids in Adult Court

Chronicle of Social Change - April 3, 2018

In Youth Services Insider's opinion, there are two glaring blind spots when it comes to data about how the child welfare and juvenile justice systems impact kids. One is the success rate of adoptions from foster care. The other is what happens to youth who are transferred to, and tried in, adult court instead of in the juvenile justice system.

<https://chronicleofsocialchange.org/youth-services-insider/another-year-no-knowledge-kids-adult-court>

Juvenile Justice Big Data in the Era of Big Policing

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange - April 3, 2018

Big data has already come to big city policing. The technology may be new, but some juvenile justice advocates worry that it may already be compromised by an age-old tech problem:

Garbage in, garbage out.

<https://jjie.org/2018/04/03/juvenile-justice-big-data-in-the-era-of-big-policing/>

Making School-Spending Data Transparent and Accessible Is No Easy Lift

EdWeek - April 3, 2018

Financial analysts predict a little-known requirement tucked into the Every Student Succeeds Act that states break out and publish annual school-by-school spending numbers has the potential to revolutionize how state and local lawmakers distribute their education dollars.

<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2018/04/04/making-school-spending-data-transparent-and-accessible.html>

Predictive analytics in Pittsburgh child welfare: Was the “ethics review” of Allegheny County’s “scarlet number” algorithm ethical?

NCCPR Child Welfare Blog - March 29, 2018

The author discusses concerns with Allegheny County’s use of predictive analytics.

<https://www.nccprblog.org/2018/03/predictive-analytics-in-pittsburgh.html>

New Mapping Tool to Advocate for Prevention of Abuse and Neglect

The Chronicle of Social Change - March 15, 2018

Casey Family Programs, a national grant maker in the child welfare field, has launched the Community Opportunity Map, a tool that allows users to see localized indicators connected to community health and maltreatment prevention.

<https://chronicleofsocialchange.org/child-welfare-2/new-mapping-tool-advocate-maltreatment-prevention/30229>