Data in the News

Media Scan
Child Welfare Council
Data Linkages Committee
3/3/2020

[Will My Data Be Online Forever?](#)
Gizmodo, 3/2/2020
Several experts respond to question on how likely it is that data will remain "online" indeterminately.

[What's the Best Approach to Data Analytics?](#)
Harvard Business Review, 3/2/2020
Commentary on approaches to data analytics and their effectivenes.

[Lack of quality data compounds risks facing millions of refugee and migrant children](#)
UNICEF.org, 3/2/2020
The widespread lack of quality data on millions of displaced and migrant children is compounding the serious risks they face, a coalition of international organizations announced today in New York during the launch of the International Data Alliance on Children on the Move.

[Who We Measure Matters: Connectin the Dots Among Comprehensive Data Collection, Civil Rights Enforcement and Equality](#)
Center for American Progress, 3/2/2020
Achieving equality will not happen by chance, nor will it occur solely through the impassioned rhetoric designed to garner votes during an election cycle. Rather, true equality requires intentional action that is informed by accurate data, research, and analysis.

[Can Digital Algorithms Help Orotect Children Like Gabriel Fernandez from Abuse?](#)
Oxygen, 3/2/2020
"There is a broad body of literature that we've seen to suggest that humans are not particularly good crystal balls," expert Emily Putnam-Hornstein said of using predictive risk modeling to identify abused children.

[New York City is Building a Data Geek's Dream](#)
The Wall Street Journal, 3/1/2020
Baby names, street trees and dog bites are among the 2,000 data sets available to the public. More are coming.

[Largest gift in Berkeley's history will create a 'hub' for advancing data science](#)
Berkeley News, 2/29/2020
The donation, which represents the single largest gift in Berkeley's history, will provide core funding for a sustainable, visually striking facility that will serve as a hub for the diverse array of students and faculty engaged in computing and data science research and teaching, and will provide a new anchor for Berkeley's fastest-growing new areas of study.

[The Opioid Epidemic Might Be Much Worse Than We Thought](#)
The Atlantic, 2/27/2020
A new paper suggests that death certificates dramatically undercounted the number of people dying from opioid overdoses.

[Proposed Information Collection Activity; Adoption Call to Action Data Collection](#)
Federal Register, 2/24/2020
The purpose of the ACTA is to engage child welfare agencies to improve the timeliness and likelihood of permanency for children who are waiting for adoption. This new information collection will provide the Children's Bureau with an understanding of agency target populations, specific strategies (interventions), and outcomes measurement, in order to inform technical assistance strategies and provide a national picture of the overall success of the initiative.

[The Problem with Research and Racial Bias and Police Shootings](#)
CityLab, 2/6/2020
Despite new research on police brutality, we still have no idea whether violence toward African Americans is fueled by racial prejudice. That has consequences. Is police violence towards African Americans mostly explained by cops' racial prejudice? The short answer is that it's difficult to arrive at a scientific conclusion, because the data is lacking.

[Child-Welfare Activists Attack Facebook Over Encryption Plans](#)
The New York Times, 2/5/2020
The social network is facing criticism for how encryption can allow child exploitation to flourish undetected on its services.

[Audit: Oregon's Child Welfare Computer System Could Place Children at Risk](#)
OPB, 2/5/2020
At a time when the state of Oregon has struggled to find proper placements for children in foster care — instead, sending them to out-of-state placements or converted jails — the computer program Child Welfare relies on for basic information does not always reliably reflect the actual beds available.

[How Juvenile Justice Systems Must Balance Risk Assessment with Racial Equity](#)
Juvenile Justice Information Exchange, 2/5/2020
As the juvenile justice system has evolved, the use of statistics and data to inform decision-making have become commonplace. Risk assessment in the juvenile justice system is widely used across the United States to predict whether a youth is likely to recidivate.

[Diversitydatakids.org Data Resource](#)
DiversityDataKids.org, 1/31/2020
Established in 2014 with support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, diversitydatakids.org set out to fill an urgent need for a rigorous, equity-focused research program with a clear

[A New Suite of Data on Protective Factors and Supportive Services](#)
KidsData, 1/27/2020
Safeguards for Youth is a compilation of the latest data on promoting California children's health and well-being. The data describe protective factors and supportive services, both of which are critical to building a solid foundation for life and addressing the effects of childhood adversity.

[Sherrod Brown workin on federal child abuse data system following deaths](#)
WDTN.com, 1/16/2020
Sen. Sherrod Brown said the proposed Child Abuse Death Disclosure Act, a bipartisan Senate bill he's sponsored with Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), would be the first step in helping lower abuse deaths.

[New York Just Set a "Dangerous Precedent" on Algorithms, Experts Warn](#)
CityLab, 12/12/2019
A shadow report published last week in response to the initiative has issued a stark warning cry about "the limitations of existing bureaucratic procedures" to tackle automated decisions.

[Google's Totally Creepy, Totally Legal Health-Data Harvesting](#)
The Atlantic, 11/14/2019
Google is an emerging health-care juggernaut, and privacy laws weren't written to keep up.