



# NATIONAL DATA ARCHIVE ON NDACAN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

## THE NDACAN UPDATA

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*The NDACAN Updata* is your source for important Archive announcements.

### SUMMER RESEARCH INSTITUTE 2025 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

NDACAN is holding its annual [Summer Research Institute \(SRI\)](#) on May 22, May 23, *[May 26 no activity: Memorial Day]*, May 27, and May 28. The SRI is a free virtual workshop in which participants analyze NDACAN datasets over multiple days with close support and expertise provided by NDACAN staff as-needed. The SRI also provides participating child abuse and neglect researchers an opportunity for networking and collaborating with each other. **The Application deadline is March 1, 2025.** Please visit our [Summer Research Institute 2025 Announcement page](#) for information and application instructions.

### NDACAN OFFICE HOURS

#### LeaRn With NDACAN Special Office Hours Series 2024-2025

The 2024-2025 Office Hours series features live 30-minute courses on teaching data users to code in the R programming software, followed by 30-minutes of open support time and breakout groups. Each 30-minute R course features instruction and live coding, includes a handout covering the core concepts and codes of the lesson, and is accompanied by an assignment for participants to complete between sessions to practice the skills taught in the course. The sample dataset used in the course and for the assignments is available at the course files link below. The workshops are being recorded and turned into a webinar series on the NDACAN website. The workshops build on each other, and videos of the course are made available within one week of the workshop so that participants who miss a session can watch before the next live session. The course is free and requires advanced registration. We hope that you'll join us for this special Office Hours series and LeaRn to code R with NDACAN!

#### Special Office Hours Series Schedule (Eastern Time)

"LeaRN with NDACAN" Course from 11AM – 11:30AM

Open Support from 11:30AM – 12PM

- September 20: Introduction to R
  - [Video](#) | [Slides \(PDF\)](#) | [Transcript \(txt\)](#)
- October 18: "Tidyverse" Functions
  - [Video](#) | [Slides \(PDF\)](#) | [Transcript \(txt\)](#)
- November 15: Basic Data Management
  - [Video](#) | [Slides \(PDF\)](#) | [Transcript \(txt\)](#)
- January 17: Linking Multiple Years
- February 21: Descriptive Statistics
- March 21: Data Visualization

- April 18: Introduction to Regression
- May 16: Introduction to Advanced Modeling

**Registration link for the LeaRn With NDACAN Special Office Hours Series:**

<https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtce-rrjguE9Xx7Xk-ggIfD6Rxe-Jf7hwc>

**Link to 'LeaRn with NDACAN' R course files:**

<https://cornell.box.com/v/LeaRn-with-R-NDACAN-2024-2025>

**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 \(canDL\) directly](#) or from our [canDL Bibliography information](#) page. Please visit the canDL to check if your publications that use Archive data are listed, and contact us if you have references to add ([NDACANSupport@cornell.edu](mailto:NDACANSupport@cornell.edu)). When submitting citations, please be sure to include the DOI link.

**Featured Publications:**

- **National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) Child File**  
Kim, Y., LaBrenz, C., Baiden, P., Ullahansari, S., & Ontiveros, J. (2024). Importance of community context in understanding substance use among adolescents with allegations of maltreatment. *Families in Society*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/10443894241278768>
- **Adoption and Foster Care Reporting System (AFCARS)**  
Thakral, A., Mosuka, E. M., Fried, P., Viswanathan, K., & Kupferman, F. (2024). COVID-19 pandemic related racial/ethnic disparities in the foster care system in the United States. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, Volume 153, 106841, ISSN 0145-2134. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2024.106841>
- **Adoption and Foster Care Reporting System (AFCARS)**  
Graaf, G., Zhang, L., & Simmel, C. (2024). States' use of Medicaid waivers for children with behavioral health needs is associated with lower rates of voluntary child welfare placements. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal* (Dec. 4). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-024-00998-5>

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Researchers who publish articles based upon NDACAN data are encouraged to tag us [@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.).

**FORTHCOMING DATASETS**

- Dataset #295 SCAN Policies Database 2023
- Dataset #291 National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being III (NSCAW III) Restricted Release - Waves 1 & 2
- Dataset #288 National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being III (NSCAW III) Child Welfare Workforce Study
- Dataset #286 NCANDS Agency File FY2023 v1
- Dataset #285 NCANDS Child File FY2023 v1
- Dataset #219 LONGSCAN Young Adult/NIDA Data Welfare Workforce Study

- Dataset #TBD Integrated Foster Care Time Series
- Dataset #TBD Children's Bureau Statistical Series (CBSS)
- Dataset #TBD National Center for Social Statistics (NCSS)

## RECENTLY RELEASED DATASETS

- Updates to [Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System \(AFCARS\), 2000-2021](#)
  - Additional identified counties, reflecting a change in the criterion for identification, from  $\geq 1000$  records to  $\geq 700$ .

## STAY CONNECTED TO #NDACAN

For the latest updates on NDACAN activities, make sure to follow us on X (Twitter) [@NDACAN\\_CU](#). NDACAN curates its X (Twitter) content to highlight the availability and research potential of NDACAN data holdings, trainings, and user support services for child welfare researchers. You are encouraged to follow our feed and tweet your publications or presentations at [@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](mailto: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.

## NDACAN *Udata* Newsletter Subscription Preferences

NDACAN sends *The NDACAN Udata* e-newsletter to the CMRL membership, to our general mailings list, and to all active users of Archive datasets. If you would like to stop receiving general mailings, but still want updates about datasets that you're using, please [email us using this link](#). If you would like to stop receiving general mailings and no longer use any datasets, please [email us using this link](#).

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