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MONTHLY OFFICE HOURS 2026-2027

For the Fall 2026 through Spring 2027 academic year, the Monthly Office Hours series will feature a workshop or presentation for the first half and open support time in breakout rooms with NDACAN staff and consultants for the second half. A planned schedule of workshops and presenters is included below. Sessions will occur on the following Fridays from 11AM-12PM (Eastern Time) via Zoom. For the latest updates on the Office Hours schedule, please visit the NDACAN website.

Free registration is required using the following link:

<https://ucsf.zoom.us/meeting/register/IBf7BTQLTBeYnomxhXSpUg>

Fall 2026 Schedule:

First Friday of each month from 11AM – 12PM (Eastern Time)

- October 2nd: Generating Research Ideas for Administrative Data
- November 6th: Introduction to NYTD Data
- December 4th: Recently Published Research

Spring 2027 Schedule:

First Friday of each month from 11AM – 12PM (Eastern Time)

- January 8th: Summer Research Institute (SRI) Informational
- February 5th: Changes to AFCARS
- March 5th: Linking to NCANDS and AFCARS Using R
- April 2nd: Research in Progress
- May 7th: NYTD Research Example in Stata

The Office Hours sessions are not recorded or available as webinars: please plan to attend those sessions which most interest you. NDACAN welcomes feedback or suggestions about the timing of Office Hours if scheduling or time zone differences are making it difficult for people to attend, please write to NDACAN@cornell.edu.

SUMMER TRAINING SERIES 2026

The 2026 National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) Summer Training Series with the theme "Laying the Groundwork" has concluded, and [the videos, slides, and transcripts are available on our website](#). This series was designed to strengthen the foundational skills necessary to conduct high-

quality, impactful research with administrative data. Through demonstrations of data analyses which include walk-throughs of annotated code, participants can gain 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 can offer a thorough starting point for building rigorous research on child welfare using administrative data.

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:

- **National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)**
Hong, Y. S., Berger, L. M., Pac, J., Rhodes, A. P. (2026). Responding holistically: Does total U.S. state safety net support generosity prevent child maltreatment? *Child Abuse & Neglect*, Volume 179, 108218, ISSN 0145-2134. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2026.108218>
- **Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)**
Beardall, T. R., Edwards, F. (2026). Promises unfulfilled? National patterns in ICWA-preferred kinship placements, 2018–2023. *Children and Youth Services Review*, Volume 190, 2026, 109187, ISSN 0190-7409. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2026.109187>
- **Longitudinal Studies on Child Abuse and Neglect (LONGSCAN)**
Hong, K., Nguyen, T.N.H., Tabibian, D.R. *et al.* (2026) Factor Structure and Measurement Invariance of the Revised Conflict Tactics Scales among Maternal Caregivers from Families at Risk of Child Maltreatment. *Journal of Family Violence*, ISSN 0885-7482, 1573-2851 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-025-01030-9>

FORTHCOMING DATASETS

- Dataset #289 National SEEK (Safe Environment for Every Kid) Study
- Dataset #219 LONGSCAN Young Adult/NIDA Data

RECENTLY RELEASED 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 #254 NCANDS Agency File FY2020 v6](#)
- [Dataset #264 NCANDS Agency File FY2021 v5](#)
- [Dataset #280 NCANDS Agency File FY2022 v4](#)
- [Dataset #286 NCANDS Agency File FY2023 v3](#)
- [Dataset #308 NCANDS Agency File FY2024 v2](#)
- [Dataset #263 NCANDS Child File 2021 v4](#)
- [Dataset #279 NCANDS Child File 2022 v3](#)
- [Dataset #285 NCANDS Child File 2023 v3](#)
- [Dataset #306 NCANDS Child File 2024 v3](#)

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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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