Welcome to the NDACAN Summer Training Series!

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NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILD WELFARE DATA
July 1, 2020 - Introduction to NDACAN
July 8, 2020 - Historical Data
July 15, 2020 - Research Example using Historical Data
July 22, 2020 - Administrative Data (NCANDS, AFCARS, NYTD)
July 29, 2020 - Linking Administrative Data in SPSS
August 5, 2020 - Research Example using Linked Administrative Data
INTRODUCTION

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SESSION AGENDA

• NDACAN
  • Who are we and what do we do?
• Available Datasets
  • What do we archive and do can you access it?
• Archiving Data
  • Why is it important and how do we do it?
NDACAN
The National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) promotes secondary analysis of child abuse and neglect data by providing researchers with high quality datasets, documentation, and technical support, and encourages collaboration within the scientific community.
Located at Cornell University: located within the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research

Founded in 1988

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We acquire administrative and survey-based data to publicly archive.

We serve recipients of Children's Bureau grants who are required to archive their data.

If you are interested in archiving data with us visit our website:

PROTECT

• We go through data and protect participant confidentiality.
• This can look like eliminating data from very small counties or slightly changing dates.
• For example in AFCARS
  • The IDs (FIPS Codes) of counties with fewer than 1000 cases are recoded
  • Child’s DOB is recoded to the 15th
  • All other dates are adjusted to preserve the time spans between dates
• Data users sign data use agreements and must obtain IRB approval.
TRANSFORM

• Create user-guides and codebooks
• Add variables for ease of use
  • For example in AFCARS we add two-character postal codes for state (e.g. ‘NY’), child’s age at certain dates (AgeAtStart), rural/urban continuum code RU13, and length of stay in foster care (LifeLOS).
• Other resources aimed to help researchers use the data:
  • Analysis software specific support for importing data
  • Guidebooks for merging data
DISSEMINATE

• License data to eligible researchers
• Distribute data in multiple data formats (CSV, .dta, etc)
• Conduct adhoc special analyses for non-researchers
SUPPORT

- Electronic mailing list (CMRL) ([child-maltreatment-research-l@cornell.edu](mailto:child-maltreatment-research-l@cornell.edu))
- *Update* e-newsletter
- Child abuse and neglect Digital Library (canDL)
- Summer Research Institute
- Summer Training Webinar Series
• Foster interdisciplinary research teams
• Draw in researchers from new disciplines
  • Conference workshops
  • Summer Training Webinar Series
AVAILABLE DATASETS
FEDERAL DATA COLLECTION EFFORTS

Administrative Data
National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)
Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)
National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD)

National and Cross-Site Surveys
National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW)
Longitudinal Studies of Child Abuse and Neglect (LONGSCAN)
National Incidence Studies of Child Abuse and Neglect (NIS)
NSCAW

• National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being
• A longitudinal study which examines child wellbeing; captures information about their families, provides information about child welfare interventions and other services, and describes key characteristics of child development.
• Sponsored by the Administration for Children and Families, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
• Research Example:
LONGSCAN

• Longitudinal Studies of Child Abuse and Neglect

• The data have been given to the NDACAN for public distribution by Desmond K. Runyan, Howard Dubowitz, Diana J. English, Jonathan Kotch, Alan Litrownik, Richard Thompson and Terri Lewis, and The LONGSCAN Investigator Group.

• The goal is to follow the 1300+ children and their families until the children themselves become young adults. Maltreatment data are collected from multiple sources, including review of Child Protective Service records every two years. Yearly telephone interviews allow the sites to track families and assess yearly service utilization and important life events.

• Research Example:
• National Incidents Studies of Child Abuse and Neglect
• Conducted approximately once each decade, beginning in 1974, in response to requires of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.
• Designed to broadly estimate the incidence of child maltreatment in the U.S.
• Includes a common definitional framework for classifying children by maltreatment type and severity of maltreatment
• Research Example:
ARCHIVING DATA
WHY IS ARCHIVING IMPORTANT?

• Maximize the utility of data
• Allow data to be analyzed from multiple perspectives
• Preserve the history of child welfare
• Increase research volume on issues of child welfare
WHY WE ARCHIVE

• Archiving the data with NDACAN benefits the contributor by preserving the original data and increasing the potential number of author citations.

• Using data archived with NDACAN benefits the research community by bringing greater understanding to the study of child well-being through replication and extension of previous research.
Welcome to the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) website

A resource since 1988, the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) promotes scholarly exchange among researchers in the child maltreatment field. NDACAN acquires microdata from leading researchers and national data collection efforts and makes these datasets available to the research community for secondary analysis. NDACAN supports information-sharing through its Child Maltreatment Research List Serve and its Update e-newsletter and provides data analysis opportunities to researchers through conference workshops and its annual Summer Research Institute. Join our mailing list to receive the free Update e-newsletter and other NDACAN announcements.

• Download data (Datasets → Data (e.g. NYTD) → Order Data)
• Access supports:
  • Listserv, canDL, SRI info, prior summer series videos, pdfs and video guides for linking data, informational video and checklist for archiving data, contact info.
QUESTIONS?

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**Historical Data**

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