WELCOME & OVERVIEW

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AGENDA

OVERVIEW OF IRP

OVERVIEW OF OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND EVALUATION (ASPE), OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES POLICY (HSP)

2024-26 FOCUAL AREA

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WRAP UP & CLOSING

INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON POVERTY
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

- National Research Center on Poverty and Economic Mobility
- 300+ on and off-campus affiliates
- https://www.irp.wisc.edu/

GRANT OVERVIEW

- Ph.D. holding scholars at all levels associated with a university (either domestic of foreign) other than UW-Madison

- Fund research using child welfare and Medicaid linked data from the Child and Caregiver Outcomes Using Linked Data (CCOULD) project

OVERVIEW of ASPE

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND EVALUATION

- ASPE is the principal advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on policy development.

- Responsible for major activities in policy coordination, strategic planning, policy research, evaluation, and economic analysis.

- Within ASPE, HSP conducts policy research, analysis, evaluation, and coordination on various issues across the Department.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND EVALUATION
Office of Human Services Policy

- Focused on human services programs and their ability to promote economic and social well-being.

- HSP's work centers on three overlapping goals:
  - Enhancing equity, inclusion, diversity & access
  - Amplifying evidence around prevention of social welfare challenges and crisis
  - Identifying aligned well-being metrics for program adoption

OVERVIEW OF *CHILD AND CAREGIVER OUTCOMES USING LINKED DATA* (CCOULD) PROJECT

- A large proportion of children who receive child welfare services are also eligible for Medicaid.

- Linking Medicaid data to child welfare system data can identify opportunities to improve coordination between these two programs and improve the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of their services, among other objectives.

- The CCOULD project provided technical assistance to two states – Kentucky and Florida – in linking their Medicaid administrative claims of children and their caregivers with case-level data from the child welfare system.

STRUCTURE OF THE CCOULD DATASET

CCOULD dataset contains information pertaining to child welfare engagement and Medicaid utilization on children engaged in child welfare systems in KY and FL from 2016-2021:

- Child welfare system engagement and child welfare services data on over 1,000,000 children
- Medicaid enrollment, diagnoses, inpatient and outpatient claims, and prescription data on over 850,000 children with any child welfare involvement and over 85,000 caregivers with children engaged with child welfare services
- All Medicaid files have a corresponding randomly selected comparison sample of non-child welfare engaged caregivers and children
- Demographic data (race, ethnicity, and sex) are available for linked children and caregivers, as well as comparison samples

USING THE CCOULD DATASET

Linked data on services from child welfare and Medicaid are valuable for understanding a range of questions and topics that address critical challenges faced by families at risk of child welfare system involvement:

- Identify physical, mental, and behavioral health indicators of risk for child abuse and neglect to better target prevention efforts
- Improve the implementation and effectiveness of interventions designed to treat substance use disorders and other behavioral health challenges
- Promote child and family well-being

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN USING CCOULD

- Must meet requirements from National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) for obtaining and using restricted data
- Medicaid data files are large and require sufficient hardware and software capabilities to use effectively

LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS
Funding

- Up to 4 projects awarded funding of up to $50,000 each

- Funding includes indirect costs

- The grant contract period is flexible, depending on scope of the project (no longer than 24 months)

GRANT ACTIVITIES

- Meet with IRP within first 6 weeks of the grant period
- Submit quarterly progress reports
- Participate in consortium activities
- Submit draft paper 3 months before the end of the grant period
- Meet with IRP within 2 weeks of submitting draft
- Submit revised final draft of paper by end of grant period
- Present the paper if asked
- Submit a final paper for academic publication within 9 months

LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS
Two-Stage Application Process

- Stage 1: submit **online letter of interest** by January 10, 2024

  - IRP will provide feedback to applicants by mid-February

- Stage 2: Invited applicants to submit **online full proposal** by March 2027, 2024

Q&A

Questions?

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Thank You!