WELCOME & OVERVIEW

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AGENDA

OVERVIEW OF IRP &

OVERVIEW OF DISSERTATION AWARD GOALS & ACTIVITIES

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND EVALUATION (ASPE), OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES POLICY (HSP)
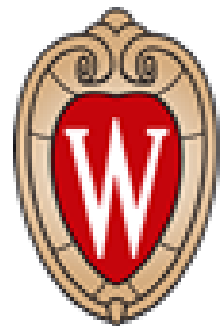
SPECIAL FOCUS OF THIS YEAR'S GRANT

LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Q&A

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/

NATIONAL DISSERATION AWARD

- Use child welfare and Medicaid linked data from the Child and Caregiver Outcomes Using Linked Data (CCOULD)

- Produce actionable research that is policy-relevant

- Multi-disciplinary

- Encourage applications from dissertators who belong to groups underrepresented in academia

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LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS
Funding

- 1 award of $25,000

- Funding can cover:

  Tuition   Subject payments
  Stipend   Travel
  Data acquisition   Supplies
  Research assistance

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

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN USING CCOULD

- University students are not eligible to obtain the NDACAN data directly
- To gain access as authorized Research Staff, you must have a faculty member at your institution serves as the Investigator
- The faculty member must submit all required documentation.

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN USING CCOULD

- Among other steps, the faculty member who is serving as the Investigator must obtain a notification from your university's Institutional Review Board (IRB) that the proposed research project using the Restricted Data was submitted to the IRB and that the IRB
  (a) found it exempt, or
  (b) approved it by expeditated or full review.
- Learn more at this website:
https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/datasets/request-restricted-data.cfm

LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS
Budget

- Provide a draft budget outlining when and how applicant plans to use the $25,000 award

- University indirect costs may also be billed but IRP encourages home institutions to waive this cost.

- Funding can be used during
  - summer 2024,
  - fall semester 2024,
  - spring semester 2025,
  - summer 2025
  - or any combination of the preceding times.

LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS
Eligibility

- Doctoral students at U.S. universities, other than UW–Madison

- Dissertation uses the CCOULD linked dataset

- Expected to complete required coursework by September 2024 and expected to complete Ph.D. by the 2025–2026 academic year

- Have the support of dissertation chair who indicates in their letter the name of the faculty member who will serve as the Investigator on the CCOULD application

LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS
Eligibility

While applicants do not need to have already completed the steps necessary to access the CCOULD data (including obtaining notification from their IRB board) prior to applying, their dissertation timeline must show that they can complete these tasks prior to the beginning of their award if they are selected. IRP will not release funds until the NDACAN data is approved (this will require an IRB determination).

LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS
Application

- Complete **online Application Form**

- Upload as 1 pdf:
  - Cover page
  - Description of proposed work (up to 10 pages)
  - CV

- Request letter of sponsorship from dissertation chair submitted using online Sponsor Submission Form

LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS
Timeline

- March 27, 2024: Application Deadline

- Early June 2024: Notification of award

- Summer/ Fall 2024: Contract begins (flexible)

- Summer/Fall 2025: Contract ends (flexible, no later than 9/29/25)

NATIONAL DISSERTATION AWARD ACTIVITIES

- Meet with IRP to discuss public-facing project
- Submit brief progress reports every quarter
- Participate in CCOULD Consortium
- Submit a draft of the public-facing project
- Meet with IRP to discuss draft
- Submit a revised final draft of public-facing project by end of award period

Q&A

Questions?

Thank You!