

National Statistics for Public Policy: Linkages among Federal, State and Local Data

States, cities and counties regularly collect and utilize administrative and statistical information in support of local policy uses, but these efforts have largely been undertaken with relatively little attention being given to coordinating those efforts with the actions of federal statistical agencies or across states. While the central tendency for federal statistical efforts is to focus on concerns that exist across all states, asking the same questions and using the same methods in all states and regions, the central tendency for states and localities that collect statistical information is to solve problems specific to their jurisdictions, which may complement or supplement available federal data. However, states, cities, and counties often face common issues leading to similar needs for statistical information to help make local area and regional decisions.

The seminar showcases the efforts and barriers to building an infrastructure and integrating data from different state and local government administrative sources and the potential implications for regional and national statistics. Presenters will discuss their work using and integrating state and local data from different states and areas, as well as efforts to coordinate across different areas to conduct multisite research and evaluation. The presenters will describe the policy issues they are addressing, the available data they have used, and the challenges they have faced in integrating data. The panel members will discuss issues of data governance, access, capacity, successful models that can be applied elsewhere, and implications for national statistics.

- 1:30 Welcome, Introductions
 Robert Groves, Chair, CNSTAT; Georgetown University
- 1:35 Current Initiatives of the Statistical and Science Policy Office
 Nancy Potok, Chief Statistician, OMB
- 1:50 Introduction to Seminar, Sarah Nusser, CNSTAT member; Iowa State University
- 1:55 *Benefits and Challenges of Using Administrative Data for Statistical Purposes*
 Robert Goerge, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago
- 2:15 *Iowa's Integrated Data System: A State-University Partnership in Early Childhood Policy Analysis*, Heather Rouse and Cassandra Dorius, Iowa State University
- 2:35 *Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy: Building State and Local Capacity for Data Sharing*, Dennis Culhane, University of Pennsylvania
- 2:55 *Supporting Data Access within and across Agencies*,
 Amy O'Hara, Georgetown University
- 3:15 Moderated Panel Discussion
- 3:45 Q&A
- 4:00 Refreshments
- 4:30 *Adjourn*