



Administrative Data: Issues and Resources

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 - Purpose: to support the use of administrative data to address child care and early childhood policy-relevant research questions

Issues in Using Administrative Data

- Limitations in data systems
- Duplicated counts
- Not having the data you wish you had
- Concerns about the quality of the data
- Concerns about maintaining privacy of the data
- Uncertainty about what data to use and how to analyze data to address question of interest

Resources



- <http://www.researchconnections.org/content/childcare/understand/administrative-data.html>
- Organizes resources by topic:
 - Managing administrative data
 - Analyzing administrative data
 - Linking administrative data
 - Data confidentiality/security

Resource Example 1

- **ACF Confidentiality Toolkit**

- Discusses a range of issues related to sharing data across early childhood and family services
- Includes some state examples of data sharing agreements

<http://www.researchconnections.org/childcare/resources/28196>

Resource Example 2

- **INQUIRE Data Toolkit**

- Includes questions of interest, required data elements to address questions, and guidance on data analysis

<http://www.researchconnections.org/child-care/resources/26915>

What else would be helpful?

Where do you turn when you have a question about using administrative data?



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