

# Encouraging Integrated Data Systems

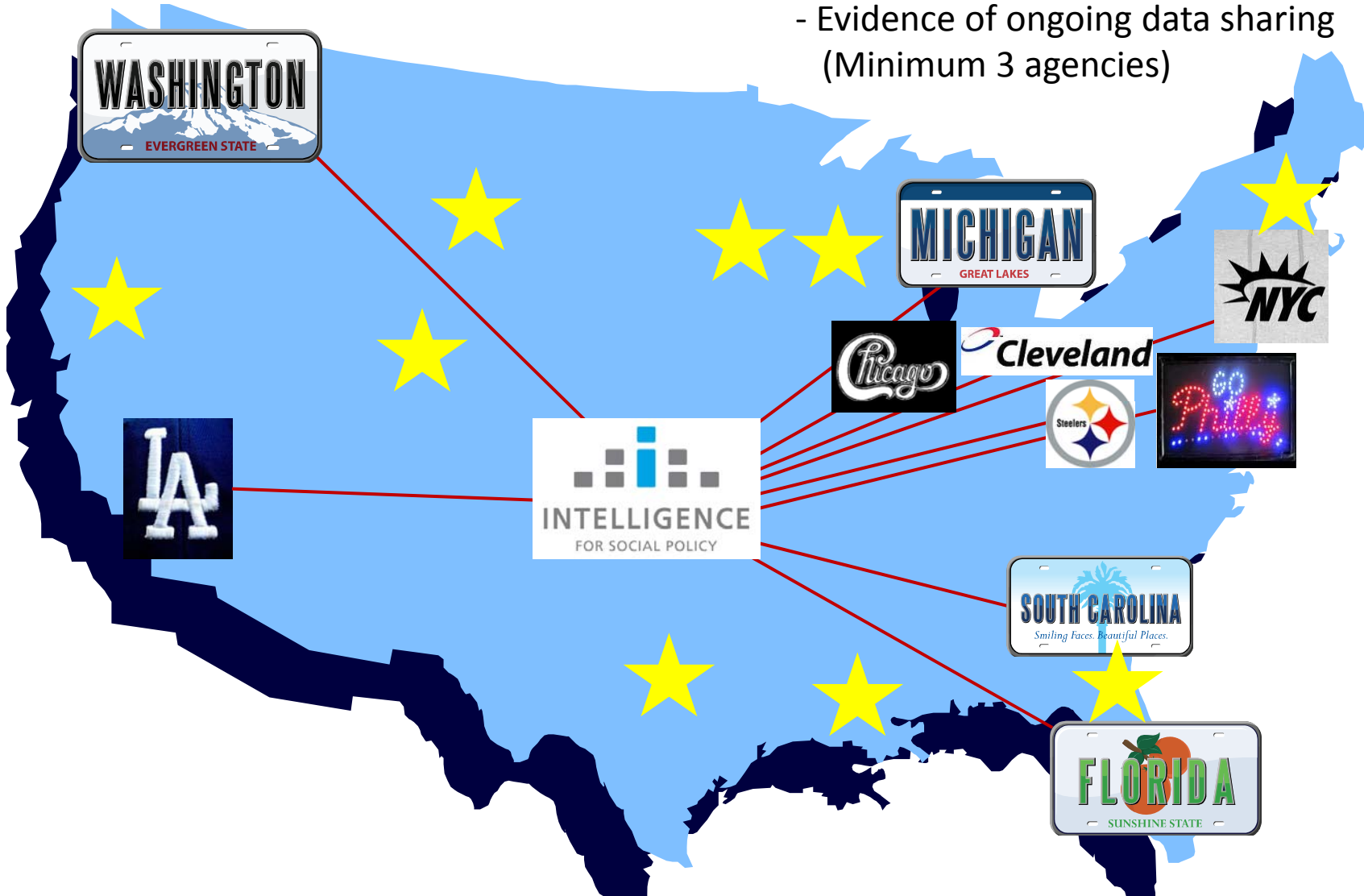
*Brief Remarks in Closing*



# Joining the ISP Network:

Requires:

- Lasting infrastructure
- Evidence of ongoing data sharing (Minimum 3 agencies)



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## ISP News & Information

### Fall 2011 ISP Conference

**Landmark Study Describing Outcomes for Youth Exiting Care in Los Angeles**

**Washington State Releases Series of Reports on Housing Assistance Using Integrated Data**

**October 11, 2011--ISP is excited to announce that network site Allegheny County, PA received funding this month from the Children's Bureau at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for their *Improving Educational Well Being Outcomes for Children in Care* initiative. This grant allows them to expand their local infrastructure to further support collaborative initiatives between child welfare and education systems.**

**ISP is pleased to announce that the State of Washington is part of our network of sites.**

**July/August 2011--Integrated Data Systems Link Schools and Communities, Harvard Education Letter**

**April 2011--U.S. Department of Education Releases Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**

**February 2011--John Fantuzzo on Capitol Hill**

## Purpose

Intelligence for Social Policy (ISP) is an initiative funded by the Catherine T. and John D. MacArthur Foundation in 2009 through a three-year grant to University of Pennsylvania Professors Dennis Culhane, School of Social Policy and Practice, and John Fantuzzo, Graduate School of Education. The principal aim of ISP is to improve the quality of education, health and human service agencies' policies and practices through the use of integrated data systems. Quality integrated data systems are designed to help executive leaders in municipal, county and state government evaluate and establish effective programs and services for the people they serve.

ISP will accomplish this through three main thrusts: promoting a professional network, establishing guidelines for practice, and demonstrating research and analytic capacities that integrated data systems enable. ISP's activities will build support for the efforts of state, county and municipal education, health and human service agencies to improve their use of data for policy analysis and program improvement.

Our professional network includes the following sites: City of Philadelphia; Allegheny County, PA; City of New York; City of Chicago (Chapin Hall, University of Chicago); State of South Carolina; State of Michigan; Los Angeles County, CA; State of Washington; State of Florida (University of Southern Florida); and Cuyahoga County, OH (Center on Urban Poverty & Community Development, Case Western Reserve University).



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### **Connecting the Dots: The Promise of Integrated Data Systems for Policy Analysis and Systems Reform**

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#### **Abstract**

*This article explores the use of integrated administrative data systems in support of policy reform through inter-agency collaboration and research. The legal, ethical, scientific and economic challenges of interagency data sharing are examined. A survey of eight integrated data systems, including states, local governments and university-based efforts, explores how the developers have addressed these challenges. Some exemplary uses of the systems are provided to illustrate the range, usefulness and import of these systems for policy and program reform. Recommendations are offered for the broader adoption of these systems and for their expanded use by various stakeholders.*

# Going Forth!

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