

AISP DATA + EQUITY SUMMIT

June 6, 2024

**The Study Hotel, University City
20 S 33rd St
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**



Agenda

9-10am

Breakfast & check-in

10-10:30am

AISP welcome

We'll begin the day by grounding ourselves in a shared understanding of ethical data use and AISP's commitments to equity and action.

10:30-11:15am

Keynote speaker: [Tawana Petty](#)

Tawana Petty is a mother, social justice organizer, poet, author, and facilitator. Her work focuses on racial justice, equity, privacy, and consent. She is a 2023-2025 Just Tech Fellow with the Social Science Research Council, a 2024 National LIO Yearlong Fellow with the Rockwood Leadership Institute, and she serves on the CSforDetroit Steering Committee. Petty has helped shape AISP's work on data and equity as an original member of the [Toolkit for Centering Racial Equity](#) workgroup and is currently supporting updates to the Toolkit. Her words will set the stage for a day of community-building.

11:15-11:30am

Break

11:30am-1pm

PLENARY

Building bridges to equity: A deep dive on the implementation of AISP's *Toolkit on Centering Racial Equity*

This session, led by [Blu Lewis](#), will provide an overview of the [AISP Toolkit for Centering Racial Equity](#), updates on what we're learning through engagement with the [Equity in Practice Learning Community \(EiPLC\)](#), and a space for us to dig deeper together into questions of power and implementation.

1-1:45pm

Lunch

Food and beverages will be served.

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1:45–2:45pm

PANEL

Equity in Practice Learning Community: Work in action

FEATURING

Jarvis Brunson & **Carl Dasse**, Broward County, FL

James Sadler, Baltimore, MD

Sydney Idzikowski, Charlotte-Mecklenburg County, NC

Representatives from three EiPLC Cohort 1 sites will share reflections on their participation in the learning community and discuss the evolving role of community members in governing data sharing and use. **Amy Hawn Nelson** will serve as moderator.

2:45–3pm

Break

3–4:30pm

Afternoon workshops (each participant chooses 1)

We will break into smaller groups for interactive workshops. If you don't remember which workshop you pre-selected, look for the colored sticker on your name tag.

□ **Setting the stage for success: Participatory activities to build trust and level power in your community**, facilitated by:

- **Bob Gradeck**, University of Pittsburgh
- **Enid Rey**, BRAVE Consulting Solutions
- **James Sadler**, Baltimore's Promise

People attending this workshop will learn how to incorporate participatory techniques for intentionally balancing power with communities at the outset of projects, initiatives, and other data journeys. A series of take-home checklists, activities and templates will enable conversations about power and highlight trustworthy practices that can result in the development of social license for data sharing and data use.

□ **Envisioning change: Using process maps to shift towards more participatory data governance**, facilitated by:

- **Devin Corrigan**, San Francisco Unified School District
- **Della Jenkins**, AISP
- **Lori Thomas**, Charlotte Regional Data Trust

This workshop will help participants envision new possibilities for more participatory data governance using process maps. Co-facilitators from two AISP Network sites will share examples and describe how they are working to change long-standing structures to bring more community voices into their data use and decision-making. We will then work on our own current and aspirational process maps to fuel conversations with colleagues and partners.

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□ **Weaving narratives: Community participation in qualitative research**, facilitated by:

- **Sue Gallagher**, Children's Services Council of Broward
- **Briellen Griffin**, Wilder Research
- **Blu Lewis**, Blu & Co. Consulting

The interactive workshop will explore challenges and opportunities in the data life cycle for community participation, including qualitative research and narrative development. Participants will reflect on current principles and practices, imagine desired community participation for their site, and commit to action step(s) to evolve the work.

□ **Analytics and the empty chair: Strategies for inclusive data collection and analysis**, facilitated by:

- **Bridget Blount**, Baltimore's Promise
- **Kim Paull**, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island

Participants and facilitators will engage with interactive case studies to explore tensions inherent in the data collection and analysis stages of the data life cycle. We will begin by covering guiding principles, as well as options for living these principles while balancing funding, communication, and timing needs. We will then split into small groups to work through tradeoffs and strategies in a series of complex case studies.

4:30pm

Closing group reflection

We will come back together as a group to reflect on the day and plan for our next steps.

FACILITATORS

Bridget Blount

Bridget Blount is the Chief Impact Officer with Baltimore's Promise where she directs data analysis, evaluation, and the Baltimore Youth Data Hub. The Hub brings communities, providers, policymakers, and researchers into partnership to make informed decisions as they work to eliminate disparities and achieve equitable outcomes for Baltimore's youth and families. Before joining Baltimore's Promise in 2018, Bridget served as the Director of Data and Evaluation for the Family League of Baltimore City, where she led the development of two citywide management information systems to collect data from diverse summer program providers and prenatal home visiting programs. Bridget is passionate about helping nonprofits harness the power of data to strengthen their organizations, improve their services, and communicate their impact.

Jarvis Brunson

Jarvis Brunson is a 36-year-old community activist from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Raised in the area, Jarvis has dedicated over two decades to advocating for underserved communities. He founded a nonprofit focused on youth development and education, aiming to elevate opportunities for children through promoting academic success and personal growth. Jarvis serves on the Children's Services Board, the Advisory Board of the Broward County Board of County Commission, and the House of Love Ministries Board of Directors in Lauderhill, FL. His efforts also focus on helping individuals and families understand and navigate various support systems, emphasizing the importance of having a voice in decision-making processes that impact their lives.

Devin Corrigan

Devin Corrigan is the Supervisor of Analytics at the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD). He joined SFUSD in 2016 to support shared research and analysis needs among SFUSD, the San Francisco Human Services Agency, and the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, with a particular focus on integrated data systems and data governance. Devin has overseen dozens of large-scale quantitative and qualitative data collection efforts among San Francisco students, families, and educators. He manages the external research processes at SFUSD related to data sharing agreements and the fulfillment of data requests. Internally at SFUSD, he also designs/leads trainings related to FERPA and the ethics of data sharing. Devin holds degrees from Stanford University (MA) and Georgetown University (BA).

Carl Dasse

Dr. Carl Dasse has worked for the Children's Services Council of Broward County (CSC) for fourteen years, where he serves as the Director of Community Research and Partnering. He coordinates backbone support for the Broward Children's Strategic Plan's 35+ committees consisting of community organizations implementing a Result Based Accountability framework to improve the overall conditions of children and families in Broward County. He also provides the leadership and direction for CSC's Community Participatory Action Research (CPAR) and Asset Based Community Development initiatives. Dr. Dasse's passion for advancing positive narratives about people with lived experience has been at the center of his co-creation of the Broward Data Collaborative IDS and its intentional focus on equity for people whose data populates the system.

FACILITATORS

Sue Gallagher

Sue Gallagher, EdD, is the Chief Innovation Officer at the Children's Services Council of Broward County, FL. She brings over 30 years of local government and non-profit experience to her role as an AISP Equity Fellow. With local partners and colleagues, Sue co-created the Broward Data Collaborative in 2017. The Collaborative's innovative approach to data sharing has included a focus on community participatory action research, youth priorities, and asset-based development. Sue is excited about the opportunity to help expand deep, structural, equitable community participation in data infrastructure and use.

Bob Gradeck

Robert Gradeck has 25 years of professional experience helping people find and use civic information. He manages and co-founded the Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center (WPRDC) at the University of Pittsburgh. The WPRDC is an inclusive open data partnership between the University, Allegheny County, and the City of Pittsburgh. The WPRDC helps to inform many community initiatives in the areas of health, housing, environmental protection, transportation, and social justice. He is a member of the Civic Switchboard project, which helps libraries and library workers become participants in civic data initiatives, and participates in the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership. Robert is also currently a co-leader of the Black Equity Coalition's Data Justice Working Group. He received his B.A. in Urban Studies from the University of Pittsburgh, and Masters in City Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Briellen Griffin

Briellen Griffin works on a variety of research and evaluation studies that focus on education and community well-being. Her primary research interests are centered around race equity in education policy and practice, across the lifespan. She is also interested in projects that assess social service networks, systemic inequality, and processes of social change. Before coming to Wilder, Briellen worked as an instructor and researcher in higher education, with a focus on education and social policy. She holds a PhD in cultural and educational policy studies from Loyola University Chicago School of Education. Briellen was also a school social worker in North Minneapolis and holds an MSW from the University of Minnesota, as well as a BA in English.

Sydney Idzikowski

Sydney Idzikowski is the Associate Director at the Charlotte Regional Data Trust where she works with people and data to create a shared data infrastructure that can be used to answer complex questions and find collaborative solutions. Sydney has her Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Warren Wilson College and her Master's in Social Work from UNC Chapel Hill. She finds joy in our natural and wild spaces (bird watching of particular interest!), working on the small and big ways to address the climate crisis in front of us, and all things homemade.

Blu Lewis

Blu Lewis—originally from Harlem, NY—is passionate about honoring Black Radical Traditions and building infrastructure that can shift the conditions for Black people and movements. They have over ten years of experience as a community organizer, researcher, program director, and creator of popular education curriculum. In their current work, Blu focuses on coordinating, aligning, and developing Black & POC membership-led movements centered on meeting the needs and shifting the conditions of Black communities and dismantling data capitalism. Blu resides in Charlotte, NC and is a Community Participatory Researcher for the Our Data Bodies research collective, Organizing Director of NC BLOC, and Minister of Organizing for the Movement for Black Lives.

FACILITATORS

Kim Paull

Kim Paull believes that we are not slices of data; we are whole human beings, raised in families, rooted in communities, bearing our history. And our data systems, culture, and context must honor that complexity. Kim has worked for over a decade in public service as a government analytics leader. Most recently, Kim led the creation of an integrated data system and holistic data culture for Rhode Island's health and human services agencies. She is now the Director of the Health Equity Clinical Program for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island. She lives in Rhode Island with her wife and twin girls.

Tawana Petty

Tawana Petty is a mother, social justice organizer, poet, author, and facilitator. Her work focuses on racial justice, equity, privacy, and consent. She is a 2023-2025 Just Tech Fellow with the Social Science Research Council, a 2024 National LIO Yearlong Fellow with the Rockwood Leadership Institute, and she serves on the CSforDetroit Steering Committee. Petty has helped shape AISP's work on data and equity as an original member of the Toolkit for Centering Racial Equity workgroup and as part of the revision workgroup currently underway.

Enid Rey

Enid M. Rey, Esq. has twenty years of innovative, visionary leadership and achievement in the philanthropic, legal, government and non-profit sectors. She is a nationally recognized advocate and speaker in the fields of family support, positive youth development, and school integration efforts. As a skilled advocate for children, youth and families, Enid's success is in bridging policy, protocols, process, and quality practice to affect change in the outcomes for youth and families. Fluent in Spanish and English, with extensive public speaking and media-relations experience, her work in education was featured in the 2015 This American Life episode on school integration, "The Problem We All Live With." Throughout her career she has developed a unique vantage point that enables her to connect

systems change work and grass roots community capacity building efforts. Her work is centered on the values and belief that youth and families are resident experts in their conditions and have the knowledge and capacity needed to build transformative action for their own communities.

James Sadler

James Sadler is the Director of Research and Analytics at Baltimore's Promise, where he oversees the day-to-day data management and analysis tasks across the many initiatives of the organization. Through his role, James also oversees the research agenda of Baltimore's Promise, which includes collaborating with institutions across the state of Maryland including the Maryland Longitudinal Data System (MLDS) and the Baltimore City Youth Data Hub (BCYDH). James holds a PhD in Education Policy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a Master of Science in Education from the University of Pennsylvania that he earned while teaching in a Philadelphia high school. Now living and working in Baltimore, James is committed to using his skills to help empower local communities in the city to improve outcomes for youth from cradle to career.

Lori Thomas

Dr. M. Lori Thomas is the Executive Director of the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute and the Charlotte Regional Data Trust, a nonprofit integrated community data system located in the Urban Institute. She is an Associate Professor of Social Work and her scholarship includes programmatic and systemic responses to homelessness and housing instability across the lifespan, particularly among older adults and those with health and mental health disorders. Her research and community engagement are informed by over 15 years of practice experience in affordable housing, community development, and homelessness. She recently led the evaluation of Housing First Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Charlotte's effort to end chronic homelessness and is extensively engaged in community efforts to address homelessness in Charlotte.

AISP TEAM

Dennis Culhane

Dennis Culhane, PhD, is the Dana and Andrew Stone Professor of Social Policy at the School of Social Policy and Practice at the University of Pennsylvania and Co-founder and Faculty Director of AISP. He also served as the Director of Research for the National Center on Homelessness among Veterans at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs from 2009 – 2018. Culhane is a nationally recognized social science researcher with primary expertise in the field of homelessness. His homelessness work positioned him as an early innovator in the use of administrative data for research and policy analysis, particularly for populations and program impacts which are difficult to assess and track. Culhane's work has resulted in federal legislation requiring all cities and states to develop administrative data systems for tracking homeless services in order to receive HUD funding. His recent research includes studies of vulnerable youth and young adults, including those transitioning from foster care, juvenile justice, and residential treatment services.

Della Jenkins

Della Jenkins, MS, is the Executive Director of AISP. In this role, she oversees the initiative's daily operations and strategic partnerships and works to promote the development and use of integrated data systems across the country. Under her leadership, the team has doubled in size and grown to support over 40 state and local data sharing efforts nationally. Prior to joining AISP in 2017, Della's professional experience included child advocacy, policy analysis, and mixed-methods research and program evaluation spanning the birth to post-secondary education spectrum. She earned her BA in Political Science from Georgetown University and her MS in Social Policy from the University of Pennsylvania. She lives in Southern Vermont with her talented husband, energetic toddler, and two sweet cats.

Amy Hawn Nelson

Amy Hawn Nelson, PhD, is Research Faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and the Director of Training and Technical Assistance for AISP. Her primary role is to support IDS field building, which includes working with sites across the US to develop shared, purpose-driven data infrastructure that centers strong data governance. Prior to joining AISP in 2017, Amy was the Director of Social Research for the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute and Director of the Institute for Social Capital, an IDS serving the Charlotte region. Hawn Nelson served as a teacher and school leader for 11 years before entering the world of IDS' in 2012. Dr. Hawn Nelson has a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction from UNC Charlotte; a Masters in School Administration from UNC Charlotte; a Masters in Teaching from Johns Hopkins University; a BA in Women's & Gender Studies and Africana Studies and a BA in Sociology from NC State University, and a Certificate of Law from The University of Pennsylvania. She lives in Charlotte with her husband, two daughters, and a naughty but loveable doodle.

Deja Kemp

Deja Kemp, Esq., is Research Faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and the Director of Legal Policy for AISP. In this role, she supports agencies in designing and implementing legal frameworks to facilitate cross-sector data sharing, and crafts guidance for the field. Prior to joining AISP, Deja negotiated lots of data sharing agreements herself. Most recently she served as Senior Associate General Counsel for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, providing counsel on contracts, litigation, policy, partnerships, and administrative practice. She has also worked in private practice assisting local governments and nonprofits in complex regulatory compliance matters and civil litigation. She earned her B.A. in Women & Gender Studies from Dartmouth College and her J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law, and holds law licenses in North Carolina and South Carolina. Prior to practicing law, Deja was a middle school science teacher. She lives in Charlotte, N.C. with her husband, Anthony and her twin toddlers, Nia and Zuri.

AISP TEAM

TC Burnett

TC Burnett, MSW, is the Associate Director of AISP. In this role, she manages AISP's business and financial operations, contributes to the monthly newsletter, and works closely with Dr. Culhane to support his research. TC joined the AISP team in 2009 as an Administrative Coordinator after spending a year as an AmeriCorps VISTA at a Philadelphia social services agency. She earned her MSW from The University of Pennsylvania, and holds a B.A. in Political Science from Bryn Mawr College. She lives in north central Arkansas with her partner, Stan, their son, LJ, and a variety of animals.

Kristen Egoille

Kristen Egoille, MSW, is the Senior Coordinator at AISP, supporting communications and managing operations and event logistics across a number of grants and initiatives. She brings with her 5+ years of experience coordinating major research studies. Prior to joining AISP, Kristen worked at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education, where she supported collaboration with The Strategic Education Research Partnership (SERP) Institute. Kristen earned her MSW from The University of Pennsylvania and a BS in Human Development & Family Studies from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She lives in the suburbs of Philadelphia with her wife and four kids.

Emily Berkowitz

Emily Berkowitz, MS, MSW, is the Assistant Director of Communications & Network Engagement at AISP. She coordinates with sites across the AISP Network and manages communications for the initiative, including the monthly newsletter. In addition, she contributes to the development of tools and frameworks to advance the field of cross-sector data sharing for social policy. Previously, Emily assisted with communication strategy at AISP as both a project manager and MSW intern, and has worked as a community organizer and advocate for people experiencing domestic violence. Emily earned her MSW and MS in Social Policy from the University of Pennsylvania, and her BA in Human Rights from Bard College. She lives in West Philadelphia with her partner, Greg, and their darling cats - Ellie, Boots, and Fig.

Jessie Rios Benitez

Jessie Rios Benitez, MS, is an Administrative Coordinator at AISP. In this role, she handles logistics related to AISP's Equity in Practice Learning Community and provides administrative support to the Director of Training and Technical Assistance and the AISP team. Prior to joining AISP, Jessie worked as an intern with Comunidad Colectiva, a grassroots immigrant rights organization based in Charlotte, NC. Jessie earned her MS in Social Policy from the University of Pennsylvania, and her BS in Criminal Justice and Political Science from Appalachian State University. While completing her Masters, Jessie served as a Teaching Fellow for the National Education Equity Lab and was a research intern for Sojourner Consulting; a Philadelphia-based consultancy which provides equitable development planning and policy services. She currently lives in West Philadelphia.

Marie Marshall

Marie Marshall is the Executive Assistant to Dennis Culhane. In this role, she manages his schedule and logistics across his many roles, including teaching, research, and leadership at AISP. Marie also supports Amy Castro and SP2's Center for Guaranteed Income Research in a similar role. Prior to joining SP2, Marie worked as an Executive Assistant for leaders in both universities and the private sector. She earned an Associates in Business Management from Montgomery Community College and her Bachelor's from Cairn University. When not working or volunteering her time with at-risk youth, Marie enjoys supporting her son's college football team, traveling, and brunching in different cities.

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