

Education Data Literacy

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Education Data

Education data landscape

- Volume of data
- Privacy laws: FERPA, Human subjects

Agenda

- Administrative education data – Assets
 - Administrative education data – Challenges
 - Primary education data
 - Resources
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Administrative Data – Assets

- Local, State, Federal public data
 - Early Childhood: Not enough
 - pK-12: Too much
 - Higher education: Just right?
 - Reliability. Not perfect, but good.
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Administrative data – Challenges

- Rural state = Small Ns.
 - E.g. assessment data suppression
 - Finding the right report or source data
 - Finding the right data broker
 - Non-profits
 - Researchers
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Primary Data

Surveys, interviews, focus groups, observations...

- Provide context
 - Elevate voices in small N situations
 - Require human subjects protections
 - Time-intensive
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Recommended Resources

- Maine-based
 - MEPRI.maine.edu
 - mmsa.org
 - Educatemaine.org
 - National
 - ECS.org
 - NCES.ed.gov
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