Welcome Round VII
WDQI Grantees!

“Meet & Greet” Web Convening
WDQI Rounds VI & VII
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BrightHive helps organizations, networks, & communities securely and responsibly link their data to enhance their impact, empower individual and collective decision making, and increase equity of opportunity.
BrightHive brings years of experience helping state partners work out the legal, technical, and data governance aspects of putting workforce data to work for the American worker.

We look forward to supporting best practice sharing across the network and draw from our experience helping states solve shared data problems.
NASWA and NAWB report we contributed is an example of cross-state knowledge sharing

Highlighted recommendations:
- Build staff capacity around data sharing
- Implement data governance practices
- Cross-agency collaboration and developing use cases
- Focus on outcomes
- Templatize data sharing agreements
- Use integrated data systems to contextualize reporting data
Engagement with WDQI:

- Provide data collaboration tools, resources and expertise on data maturity, data governance, data sharing infrastructure, and other key topics that help build capacity
- Share best practices and exemplars from our work with states
- Participate as subject matter expert in calls and webinars
- Share opportunities for WDQI grantees to connect to national efforts such as the *T3 Innovation Network* and *Data for the American Dream*
A Word from our National Office Liaison

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Brief Snapshot of Technical Assistance

• State teams get organized
• TA Activities Begin
  • Monthly webinars/calls
  • Annual WDQI/SLDS Convening
  • Mini-Convenings
  • Newsletter
  • Podcast
  • Individualized TA
Apart from the SLDS/WDQI Annual Convening, what conferences/gatherings are you considering attending in 2020? (Please respond using chat)

Examples:
• National Skills Coalition Annual Summit
• Data on Purpose
• NAWB
• NASWA
• STATS DC
• Data for Good Exchange
• ADRF/Coleridge Event
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State Introductions

5 Minutes for each team:

• Introduce your team members
• What’s the most important thing we should know about your WDQI project?
Round VI

- Alabama
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kentucky
- Massachusetts
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Rhode Island
INDIANA – Building an Occupation Data Ecosystem

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**Develop Occucoder / Knowledge Transfer**

**SOC Codes in Employer Self Service system**

**Supply SOC Codes for all employees**

**RESEARCH**

enhanced ability to match and analyze education and workforce data
Iowa WDQI
Grant VI

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- New community college student reporting system that drastically improves data quality and expansion of collected data elements
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• State Identifier (logo, etc.) – Below

• The most important thing for colleagues to know about your project – This grant has allowed us to provide data in an interactive dashboard for local workforce areas to inform practices in their areas. We have also been able to build a tool to allow Kentuckians to explore careers based on several inputs including, their individual knowledge, skills, and abilities, a particular major, a specific salary or occupation. 
Mississippi

- Lead: Laura Ring
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- Team Members: MDES, Technical Support from Mississippi State University (NSPARC), and partner WIOA Agencies (Adult Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Human Services)
- Most Important thing to Know: Our project focuses on putting WIOA performance and reporting into the context of a mature SLDS system.

State Flower: Magnolia
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Leadership representatives of Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation – General, Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, Adult Education and Literacy, and Office of Performance and Strategy, Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development
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TAKE AWAY........

- BUILDING ON PRIOR SUCCESS IN MOSCORES
- DATA WAREHOUSE SOFTWARE A KEY INNOVATION
- PREPARATION FOR A CURRENTLY UNKNOWN RESEARCH AGENDA IS NOT EASY
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With WDQI Round 6, Rhode Island has shifted its focus from infrastructure support of the SLDS to developing tools that make the data more accessible and actionable.
Round VII

- California
- Colorado
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Maine

- Michigan
- New Jersey
- North Carolina
- Texas
- Wisconsin
The Cross-System Analytics and Assessment for Learning and Skills Attainment (CAAL-Skills) is an interagency and multi-departmental program that utilizes detailed information from thirteen federal and state funded workforce development, training and related education programs to measure participation and outcomes.

The WDQI Round VII grant will enable the CAAL-Skills team to establish:

- a user-friendly public interface (via a web portal), including an interactive dashboard and query tool, that will help individuals select the workforce development, training and related education programs that will best suit their needs; and,
- infrastructure to facilitate the exchange of workforce-related information with other systems.
WDQI Round VII

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- Brenda McGee

About this project:
Colorado is motivated to securely collect, store, analyze and produce actionable outcomes through data from disparate Colorado agencies and divisions. The wealth of potential to be unlocked with the creation of a longitudinal database is vast and we are determined to succeed in this first round of the WDQI.
Idaho’s WDQI project elevates and automates coordination and collaboration across all WIOA core partners in Idaho to ensure accuracy in joint performance and eligible training provider reporting, evaluation of program effectiveness and sets the framework for system-wide, accurate and reliable WIOA data within a federated, rather than a single, data system.
Illinois
Workforce Data Quality Initiative

Strategic objectives address significantly improving the quality and breadth of workforce training program data via the ProPath Illinois initiative and the Common Program Information (CPI) Classifications.

Utilizing Southern Illinois University, Illinois workNet technology in tandem with the National Credential Engine Registry innovation schematics and profiles to create a cloud based statewide platform which links program data with pathways, credentials, competencies, and outcomes data.

Extending research capacity and longitudinal performance evaluation for program effectiveness by joining the New York University - Administrative Data Research Facility (ADRF) to use the most innovative data sharing strategies available to foster evidence-based policy making and work toward regional vision of workforce data sharing.

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Round 7 Objective:
Bring MaineEARNS from a developed longitudinal database to a comprehensive longitudinal database through improvements to current operation and expansion of data and capacity.

Round 7 Goals:
- Improve data quality
- Increase breadth of available information
- Address unmet reporting needs to enhance data driven decision making

Key Operational Entity: Center for Workforce Research and Information (CWRI, Maine’s LMI shop)

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Secondary + Postsecondary (Public + Private + Proprietary) + Credentials + Wages =
Michigan’s Workforce Longitudinal Data System (WLDS)
North Carolina WDQI Project Team

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  - Betty McGrath, Employment Statistics Director
- **State Identifier/logo:**

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NC WDQI Project Objectives

- Expand information contained in the Common Follow-up System (CFS)
- Improve the quality of workforce and education data
- Expand the capacity of CFS to match workforce and education data
- Utilize CFS to carry out analysis of workforce and education programs
- Enhance user informational portals to assist decision-making
- Integrate longitudinal data with performance information
- Produce and disseminate workforce and education performance information and outcomes
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OUR INITIATIVE
We are capitalizing on a longstanding partnership between NJDOL and the Heldrich Center to add new data sources to the state’s longitudinal data system, conduct program evaluations, and develop user-facing business intelligence and analytical tools. A parallel effort is underway to enhance NJDOL’s evaluation capacity.
Texas Workforce Commission

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  - Mark Duksta – TXCREWS.org Business Lead
  - Dorothy Fallin – IT Lead for BIG Development
  - Dipanjan Chakravarty – Overall Project Manager

- Texas is developing 2 deliverables for this project:
  - Development of an Integrated Performance Accountability and Longitudinal Tracking System in our BIG data warehouse
  - Modernization & Expansion of TXCREWS.org consumer education site supporting students in understanding educational options & outcomes by institution & type of program; including Academic, Career School & ETP Options
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We are focusing time and significant investment on data governance and data leadership. Ensuring we build and create access to data for evidence building.

- design,
- implementation
- maintenance
- dedicated resources to use these systems

Topics include:
- shared cost structures
- strategic planning
- accountability structures
- data dictionaries
- documentation standards
- shared processes for requesting, completing and publishing findings
QUESTIONS FOR STATE TEAMS?

(Use the chat window)
NEXT WEBINAR JANUARY 2020

(Happy New Year!)

• Orientation to working with TA Team and Federal Project Officers
• Subject Matter Expert (topic TBD)
• Update on SLDS/WDQI Convening
THANK YOU!

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