



## Evidence Building Newsletter - June 2019

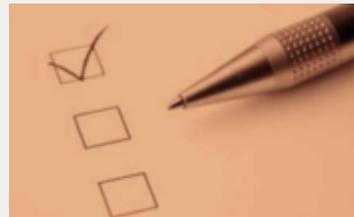


### New HUD Projects

In 2017, Census began a partnership with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop projects using the Moving to Opportunity and Family Options Study data. Three projects began last year, and two new projects are now underway for 2019:

**Family Options Study: New Evidence from Linked Administrative Data**, Laura Wherry (UCLA) and Sarah Miller (University of Michigan). The study will provide new evidence from the Family Options Study in relation to health, children's long-term well being, housing, and economic self-sufficiency. The analysis will cover a wide range of outcomes and offers a longer follow up period than past studies.

**Effects of Housing Services Interventions on Neighborhood Context and Mediators of Change in Child Behaviors in the Family Options Study**, Natalie Slopen (University of Maryland) et al. The study will explore how housing subsidies affect child behaviors. The researchers will examine the effects of the Family Options



The administrative data inventory is updated monthly. Follow the link to see our data.

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### Featured Paper

**The Use and Misuse of Income Data and Extreme Poverty in the United States**, Bruce Meyer, Victoria Mooers, Derek Wu (University of Chicago), Carla Medalia (Census Bureau)

New paper links SIPP and CPS data to administrative tax and program data to re-examine rates of extreme poverty. [Read the paper on NBER.](#)

intervention on children's neighborhood context three years after randomization.

More information on the projects and documentation for the Moving to Opportunity and Family Options Study data can be found on our website.

[See more](#)

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## Evidence Building Staff Presentations



The Evidence Building staff will host a panel at the [Association of Public Data Users](#) annual meeting, July 9, at 10:30 AM. Join us for a roundtable discussion with the principal investigators from several of the Census Bureau's evidence building pilot projects.

Earlier this year Evidence-Building staff was at the Southern Regional Science Association meeting and the American Library Association conference. The Evidence Building staff is available to present to agencies and organizations. Contact us for details!

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## Featured Project: Criminal Justice Administrative Records System

**Keith Finlay (Census Bureau) and Mike Mueller-Smith (University of Michigan)**

The Criminal Justice Administrative Records System (CJARS) is an internal Census Bureau project with the ambition of creating a national, integrated, harmonized collection of criminal justice microdata at the Census Bureau. The project is a joint effort with the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan. CJARS started in 2016 with funding from the Laura and John Arnold

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## Evidence Building Community News

- The [Foundations of Evidence Based Policy Act](#) was passed earlier this year. The Act strengthens capacity for evidence building and evaluation.
- Check out the new [Proof Points](#) from the Federal Data Strategy for more examples of evidence building work across government.



Foundation. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation now funds the project.

The project has three fundamental goals: (1) improve Census Bureau operations; (2) provide valuable aggregate statistical information to criminal justice agencies; and (3) increase the quality and quantity of criminal justice research by making the data available through the Federal Statistical Research Data Centers.

CJARS is using three types of data collection mechanisms: data-use agreements, downloads of public data online, and public information requests. So far, CJARS has collected data on 57 million criminal justice events from agencies in 14 states dating back to the 1970s.

The CJARS team is working hard to harmonize and document the data collected. Producing high-quality documentation is an important milestone before researchers get broad access to the data in the Federal Statistical Research Data Centers (anticipated toward the end of 2020).

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