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[Partners for Our Children]

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**SUBJECT**: Partners for Our Children Data Request

Mathematica Policy Research is conducting an evaluation of how Community-based Family Support Networks can effectively prevent and mitigate adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Under contract with the ACEs Public Private Initiative (APPI), we are evaluating five APPI community-based family support networks in Washington State.

To support this evaluation, we would like to obtain data from Partners for Our Children Data Portal. Specifically we are interested in data regarding investigations and assessments and in-home and out-of-home services cases in order to examine county-level trends since January 1, 2000 in the five focal communities and to compare those to trends in similar communities in Washington state and to the state overall. The measures and filters of interest are listed in Appendix A.

We would like to receive county-level quarterly data for the entire State of Washington. We would prefer to receive a data file in SAS, STATA, or Excel formats, using Census-type structure (see Figure 1). As shown in the example, the data file should include a county ID variable, Year and Quarter variables, Filter Category, and the measures of interest (V1-V5). Each record would then correspond to a county at a given point in time for either the total (Filter Category=”All”) or a specified sub-population (e.g., Filter Category=”CountFirst”.)

Figure 1. Example Data Format.

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| CountyID | Year | Quarter | Filter Category | V1 | V2 | V3 | V4 | … |
| Adams | 2000 | 1 | All | 10 | … |  |  |  |
| Adams | 2000 | 1 | CountFirst | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| Adams | 2000 | 1 | CountUnique | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Adams | 2000 | 1 | AgeLT6 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Adams | 2000 | 1 | AgeGE6 | 7 |  |  |  |  |
| … | … |  | … | … |  |  |  |  |

## APPENDIX A. LIST OF MEASURES AND FILTERS.

We are interested in the following receiving data on the following measures:

* 1. Investigations and assessments (screened-in intake)

1. Count of the number of screened-in intake cases opened during a quarter [A2]
2. Count of the number of screened-in intake cases closed during a quarter [A3]
3. For year-long cohorts of screened-in intakes, percentage of cases re-referred to the system within 12 months of initial referral [A4]
   1. In-home services (placement prevention services)
4. Count of the number of in-home services cases opened during a quarter [B2]
5. Counts of the number of in-home cases closed during a quarter [B3]
6. For year-long cohorts on in-home service cases, the percentage of cases that have at least one child places in out-of-home care within 12 months since opening the in-home service case [B4]
   1. Out-of-home care services
      1. Counts of the number of entries into out-of-home care during a quarter [C2]
      2. Counts of the number of exits from out-of-home care during a quarter [C3]
      3. For year-long cohorts of exits from out-of-home care, the percentage of children re-entering out-of-home care within 12 months after initial exit [C5]

For each of the measures above we are interested in the following filters:

1. Count type (all, first, unique) [a1]
2. Age of children (all, under 6, 6-17) [a3]
3. Race/ethnicity (all, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, black/African American, white/Caucasian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, other races, unknown, and multiracial) [a4]
4. County [a5]
5. Allegation [a6]
6. Allegation Finding [a7]

NOTE: The numbers in brackets refer to the numbers from the Partners for Our Children data list of measures and filters.