54TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP

2014
PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER:
Using Research and Analysis to Improve Program Effectiveness and Reduce Poverty

August 17-20, 2014
Providence Biltmore Hotel
Providence, Rhode Island
Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of NAWRS Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 54th Annual Workshop, “PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER: Using Research and Analysis to Improve Program Effectiveness and Reduce Poverty.” Our outstanding program is due in large part to the leadership and commitment of Program Committee Co-Chairs Heather Hahn (The Urban Institute) and George Falco (New York). I’m grateful for Heather’s and George’s commitments to increasing the breadth of the program and recruiting distinguished speakers for the plenary sessions. Of course we would not have a workshop without your participation. Thanks for stepping up and sharing your work with us.

During our first Program Committee conference call earlier this year George asked me what topics I want the committee to focus on. I told him I simply wanted a plenary on the War on Poverty given this year marks the 50th anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson’s "unconditional war." Remember when President Ronald Reagan said, in 1988, “We fought a War on Poverty, and poverty won?” Recent research employing the supplemental poverty measure, which was a focus in the NAWRS 2009 program, shows that social programs initiated by President Johnson did a good job preventing the growth of poverty. Stick around for the Monday afternoon plenary on the War on Poverty.

If this is your first time attending a NAWRS workshop, let me or another Board member know. We’re eager to get to know you.

Our tradition of hospitality provides a counterpoint to a rigorous conference and contributes to a convivial experience for everyone. Stop in the hospitality room, sit down, have a drink and introduce yourself to someone you don’t know or sit next to a friend that you haven’t seen since the last NAWRS workshop.

Best Wishes,

Michael Bono
NAWRS President
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MDRC was created in 1974 to learn what works to improve the lives of poor people. The driving force behind MDRC is a conviction that reliable evidence, well communicated, can make an important difference in social policy and improve the well-being of low-income Americans.

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- Improving public education
- Raising academic achievement and persistence in college
- Supporting low-wage workers and communities
- Enhancing job prospects for people with barriers to employment

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Stop by and talk with our exhibitors about their research and how they support social safety net programs.
Sessions will be held on the 2nd, 17th & 18th levels.
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Wednesday, August 20

Human Services & the Affordable Care Act: Improving Program Integration, Efficiency, & Integrity (the Experience of Work Support Strategies States)
Julia Isaacs, Urban Institute
Richard Evans, Public Consulting Group
Erin Henderlight, Public Consulting Group
Deborah Buffi, Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Michael Katz, Urban Institute

9:00 am - 10:30 am
Location: Grand Ballroom 17th Level

NAWRS Research Academy Session #3
Surveys
Kinsey Dinan, NYC Human Resources Administration; Karen Bogen, Mathematica Policy Research

10:45 am - noon
Location: Garden Room 2nd Level

The Future of Public Assistance
Michael Bono, NAWRS President, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services;
Robert Doar, American Enterprise Institute
Elizabeth Lower-Basch, Center for Law & Social Policy
Mark Greenberg, Acting Assistant Secretary for Children & Families, Administration for Children & Families

12:15 pm - 1:45 pm
Location: Grand Ballroom 17th Level
2014 NAWRS WORKSHOP PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16
2:00-6:00  NAWRS Board Meeting (closed session)
           Location: Salon 6

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17
11:00-4:00  NAWRS Board Meeting (closed session)
           Location: Salon 6

4:30-6:30  Workshop Registration: The registration desk will be open each day during the Workshop
           Location: L' Apogee 17

5:30-6:30  Scarcity: Why Having Too Little Means So Much by Sendhil Mullainathan & Eldar Shafir
           Book Discussion  Location: Salon 2
           Facilitator: Brendan C. Kelly, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

6:30-9:00  President’s Reception
           Location: Third Floor Terrace (In case of inclement weather: L' Apogee 18)

MONDAY, AUGUST 18
8:00-9:00  Breakfast
           Location: L' Apogee 17

9:00-9:15  Welcome & Introductions
           Location: Grand Ballroom

9:15-10:00  Improving Efficiency in Human Services
            Keynote Address  Location: Grand Ballroom
            Director Sandra Powell, Rhode Island Department of Human Services

10:00-10:15  Morning Refreshment Break
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Chris Jones, Mathematica Policy Research  
Sarah Croake, Mathematica Policy Research |
| Finding a Job, Keeping a Job, & Getting Financial Assistance When There Is No Job | George Falco, New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance | Health, Wellness, & Exercise as an Intervention for the Long-term Unemployed  
Anthony Ong, Public Consulting Group |
| Improving Child Support Outcomes | Allison George, Riverside County Department of Public Social Services | Welfare Recidivism in Maryland: The Importance of Child Support  
Lauren A. Hall, University of Maryland |
| Low Income Elderly's Health Care & Working Status | TBA | Medicaid's Impact on Older Patients' Long-term Care Institutionalization Upon Hospital Discharge  
Yu Kang, University of Baltimore |
| | | Impact of Dementia on Inpatient Stays: Do Low-income Elderly Cost More to Treat?  
Samuel L. Brown, University of Baltimore |
| | | Building Assets for Fathers & Families: Washington State  
Asaph Glosser, MEF Associates |
Ting Zhang, University of Baltimore |
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<td>Zana Devitto, Riverside County Department of Public Social Services</td>
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<td>Income &amp; Beyond: Taking the Measure of Child Deprivation in the United States Aparna Mathur, American Enterprise Institute Abby McCloskey, American Enterprise Institute Poverty In The US and the UK: Relative Measurement and Relative Achievement Michael Wiseman, The George Washington University</td>
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Breakout session #2 (con't)

Panel Topic: Improving Economic Stability & Food Security  
Moderator: TBA  
Presentations:  
- Benefits Policies & the Cliff Effect in Ohio  
  Julie Maurer, The Ohio State University  
- The Effect of Safety Net Programs on Food Insecurity  
  Lucie Schmidt, Williams College

Location: State Suite A

NAWRS Research Academy Session #1

Low-Cost Randomized Control Trials  
Location: Garden Room

Facilitator: Mike Fishman, MEF Associates  
Irma Perez-Johnson, Mathematica Policy Research  
Erika Martin, Minnesota Department of Human Services  
Asaph Glosser, MEF Associates

This session will include brief presentation on three randomized control trials (RCTs) planned or conducted using administrative data. The session will focus on planning the RCT, key research questions, data sources, & results (as available). Ample time will be provided for discussion. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of options for designing & conducting RCTs that rely on administrative data as the key data source for measuring impacts.

2:15-2:30  
Break

2:30-3:45

Breakout session #3

Panel Topic: Using Randomized Control Trials to Improve Financial Literacy & Employment Outcomes  
Moderator: Theresa Anderson, The Urban Institute  
Presentations:  
- Do Financial Education Programs Work? A Randomized Controlled Trial of a Financial Literacy Curriculum for Domestic Violence Survivors  
  Andrea Hetling, Rutgers University - New Brunswick  
- Accelerating Connections to Employment—A Randomized Control Trial  
  Allan Porowski, ICF International  
  Yvette Lamb, ICF International  
  Christina Heshmatpour, ICF International  
  Dominic Modicamore, ICF International

Location: State Suite B

The "Untreated" Problem in Social Experiments  
Michael Wiseman, The George Washington University  
Claire Montialoux, MDRC
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| 2:30-3:45  | **Employment & Work Activities in SNAP & TANF**                            | Robert Ek, Maryland Department of Human Resources | *Estimating the Impact of Job Search Assistance on the Employment Outcomes for TANF Recipients*  
Rhucha Samudra, American University | Garden Room                |
|            | **ACF's Family Self-Sufficiency & Stability Research Consortium (FSSRC): Resources & Supports for Conducting & Using High Quality Research Studies** | Zana Devitto, Riverside Department of Public Social Services | *A New Perspective on SNAP Caseload Dynamics: A Decade (2004-2013) of Change in the Employment Status of SNAP Recipients in Maryland*  
Ting Zhang, University of Baltimore | Salon 2                     |
| 3:45-4:00  | **Practical Tools: Sitting On, or Near, the Data You Need But Not Knowing What They Can Tell You – How You Can Change That** | TBA                             | *Improving the Safety Net through Data Sharing*  
Theresa Lo, U.S. Government Accountability Office | State Suite A               |
|            | **Afternoon Refreshment Break**                                             |                                 | *The Answer to Improving Practice & Outcomes Lies Within Your Data*  
Carole Hussey, Public Consulting Group | L' Apogee 17                |
|            | **A New Perspective on SNAP Caseload Dynamics: A Decade (2004-2013) of Change in the Employment Status of SNAP Recipients in Maryland** |                                 | *The Data Oriented Research Service, On-Site & Affordable*  
John Spears, Towson University |                                    |
MONDAY, AUGUST 18
4:00-5:30      50 Years of the War on Poverty: How to Win It
Plenary         Location: Grand Ballroom
                Facilitator: George Falco, New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance
                A dynamic discussion among:
                Ron Haskins, The Brookings Institution
                Gordon Berlin, MDRC
                Michael Wiseman, The George Washington University
                Larry Mead, New York University
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00-8:30  Breakfast – Sponsored by MDRC
        Location: L’ Apogee 17

8:15-8:30  Announcements
        Location: Grand Ballroom

8:30-10:00  Executive Functioning
        Location: Grand Ballroom
        LaDonna Pavetti, Center on Budget & Policy Priorities
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        Jill Reynolds, Public Consulting Group

10:00-10:15  Morning Refreshment Break
        Location: L’ Apogee 17

10:15-11:30  Breakout session #4
        Panel Topic                         Moderator                          Presentations
        Using Evidence to Inform Policy & Program Decisions: Conducting Opportunistic Experiments & Rapid-Cycle Evaluations
        Location: Salon 2
        Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research
        Jon McCay, Mathematica Policy Research
        Alex Resch, Mathematica Policy Research
        Lauren Akers, Mathematica Policy Research

        Subsidized Employment: What Federal Research Is Telling Us About the Implementation & Effectiveness of Public Employment Programs
        Location: State Suite B
        Gayathri Sundar, San Francisco Human Services Agency
        Erica Zielewski, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
        Dan Bloom, MDRC
        Erika Martin, Minnesota Department of Human Services
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

10:15-11:30  Breakout session #4 (con’t)  Making Programs For Children & Teens User-Friendly & More Effective  Location: Garden Room  Young Lee, Riverside County Department of Public Social Services
Parental Preferences for Early Intervention Programming Examined Using Best-Worse Scaling Methodology  Gregory Fabiano, State University of New York at Buffalo
Teen ACTION Qualitative Evaluation  Allison Stolte, The Urban Institute
Doubling Up Among Low-Income Families Before & During the Recession  Kate Bachtell, NORC

11:30-11:45  Break

11:45-1:15  Lunch Plenary  Putting the Pieces Together Better: Making the Safety Net More Effective at Reducing Poverty  Location: Grand Ballroom  Linda Giannarelli, The Urban Institute
Chris Wimer, Columbia University

1:15-1:30  Break

1:30-2:45  Breakout session #5  Panel Topic: Understanding the Supply of Child Care & Ensuring its Availability to Low-Income Families  Julia Isaacs, The Urban Institute  Informal Child Care Providers in the Subsidy System: A Longitudinal View toward the Future  John Spears, Towson University
Tranae Hardy, Towson University
Insights into Child Care Providers Decisions to Accept Subsidies: A Preliminary Analysis of Provider Recruitment Strategies & Participation Rates in Massachusetts  Kate Giapponi, Brandeis University
Pam Joshi, Brandeis University
Jennifer Louis, Massachusetts Department of Early Education & Care
Yoonsook Ha, Boston University
Erin Hardy, Brandeis University
Confronting the Child Care Eligibility Maze: Simplifying & Aligning with Other Work Supports  Christine Johnson-Staub, Center for Law & Social Policy (CLASP)
### Panel Topic: Improving Child Welfare: Recent Evidence on Multi-system Involvement & the Impacts of Housing & Behavioral Problems on Child Outcomes

**Location:** Salon 2

**Panelists:**
- **Moderator:** Don Winstead, Winstead Consulting, LLC (discussant)
- **Presentations:**
  - Using Linked Administrative Data to Examine Involvement in Child Serving Systems
  - Predicting Reentry into Foster Care for Children Who Reunified
  - Impact of Family Unification Vouchers on Child Welfare Outcomes

### Panel Topic: Building Relationships; Building Self-Sufficiency

**Location:** State Suite B

**Panelists:**
- **Moderator:** Jackie Leckemby-Rosselli, Riverside County Department of Public Social Services
- **Presentations:**
  - Relationship Education as a Strategy to Help Families Achieve Economic Self-Sufficiency
  - Shifting Perspectives: Improving Child Welfare & Outcomes using Coaching Principles
  - A Community-Based Healthy Marriage & Responsible Fatherhood Workforce Strategy

### NAWRS Research Academy Session #2

**Practical Tips for Conducting High-Quality Implementation Studies**

**Location:** Garden Room

**Facilitators:** Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research; Heather Hahn, The Urban Institute

The goal of the Practical Tips for Conducting High-Quality Implementation Studies Workshop is to build the capacity of state and local researchers and practitioners to produce and use qualitative implementation studies to evaluate and inform service delivery. During the workshop, participants will learn practical and relevant tips for: (1) creating a strong research design; (2) developing responsive, systematic, and user-friendly data collection instruments and procedures; (3) organizing and analyzing data; (4) summarizing research findings into clear, accessible documents; and (5) using research findings to initiate program change.
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**Presentations**

- How Participation in Other Safety Net Programs Affects Receipt of Child Care Subsidies
- Child Care Costs & Child Care Subsidies on Single Mothers’ Employment
- Understanding the Dynamics of Disconnection from Employment & Assistance
- The TANF Program: Who Gets Assistance, Who Doesn’t, & the Effects on Single Mothers & Their Children
- State Variation in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program
- State Variation in the TANF on the Wellbeing of Low-Income Americans in the 21st Century
- Understanding the Dynamics of Disconnection from Employment & Assistance
- Ensuring that SNAP-Eligible Americans Have Access to SNAP: Better Data, Better Outreach, & Better Policies
- SNAP Receipt among the Non-Poor: Issues of Measurement in Household Survey Data
- SNAP Receipt within Food Banks: A View from the Ground
- Can the economy explain the explosion in the SNAP caseload? An assessment of the local-level approach}

**Location**

- Salon 6
- State Suite B
- State Suite A
- Salon 2
- L' Apogee 17
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19
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           Elizabeth Lower-Basch, Center for Law & Social Policy
           Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates

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Deborah Buffi, Rhode Island Department of Human Services  
Michael Katz, Urban Institute

10:30-10:45  Morning Refreshment Break  
Location: L' Apogee 17

10:45-12:00  Breakout session #7  
Panel Topic: Preventing Poverty & Child Maltreatment: Getting Parents & Children the Services They Need (Two-Generation Approaches)  
Location: State Suite A

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Shaping a Two-Generational Approach For Reducing Poverty: Identifying & Addressing the Missing Pieces  
Using Public and Subsidized Housing as a Platform for Two-Generation Strategies |  
Lauren Gilbertson, U.S. Government Accountability Office  
Mary Beth Vogel-Ferguson, University of Utah  
Ellen Phelps Ranen, U.S. Government Accountability Office  
Rebekah Schwab, University of Utah  
Elizabeth Morrison, U.S. Government Accountability Office |  
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| 10:45-12:00| **Breakout session #7**                                                 | **Salon 2**  | **Moving to Work: Job Search Assistance Strategies for TANF Recipients & Other Low-Income Individuals**  
Erica Zielenski, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
**Recent Trends & Innovative Job Search Strategies for Disadvantaged Populations**  
Karin Martinson, Abt Associates  
**Developing Evidence on “What Works” in Moving TANF Recipients to Work through Job Search**  
Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research  
**Learning How DOL’s REA Program Lowers UI Durations**  
Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates  
**Doing a Better Job of Educating & Helping Homeless Children & Adults**  
Michael Bono, Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services  
**Education of Homeless Children & Youth**  
Kathryn Larin, Government Accountability Office  
Does a Program that Focuses on Interagency Collaboration Help Homeless Single Men Be Independent? An Evaluation of NYC’s REMA Pilot  
Swati Desai, Rockefeller Institute of Government  
Andrew Silverstein, City University of New York  
Zhifen Cheng, NYC Department of Homeless Services  
**Homeless Program in Los Angeles**  
Michael Bono, Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services |
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**NAWRS Research Academy Session #3**

**Location:** Garden Room

Surveys

Facilitators: Kinsey Dinan, NYC Human Resources Administration; Karen Bogen, Mathematica Policy Research

This interactive session will explore key questions regarding survey design, sampling, survey administration, & analysis. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of rigorous survey methods & of the important role surveys can play in research & evaluation.
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- exchange ideas on the collection, analysis, presentation, and application of data;
- gain knowledge about state of the art research methodologies and technologies;
- confer with nationally known researchers from both the university and private sectors;
- establish and renew professional relationships;
- bring national exposure and recognition of a state’s human services programs and accomplishments in the areas of research and evaluation; and,
- keep abreast of the latest issues and policies affecting human services programs.

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