



WDQI Monthly Resources: July

1. Shifting the Culture of Public Procurement Can Help Improve Digital Public Services

A Living Library summary (Stefaan Verhulst) of Sarah Forland's New America post that includes key links to resources that function like a toolkit for resources about procurement (and link it to innovation and to equity). If you are working on better procurement, this piece is an excellent starting point (7/3/2023).

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2. Despite Gains, Diversity Imbalance Persists in Top Careers

Summary of a new Gallup/Amazon report on access to careers offering economic opportunity and job security summarized by Kyle Christensen on Gallup News (7/12/23).

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3. Department of Labor Announces \$377M in Available Grants to States to Strengthen Unemployment Insurance Programs, Modernize Systems

The U.S. Department of Labor has recently unveiled three new funding opportunities aimed at bolstering the integrity and resilience of state unemployment insurance programs. With a generous allocation of up to \$377 million in grants, made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act, states can now enhance their systems, combat fraudulent activities, and embark on various projects to modernize their operations. The Department communicated this valuable information to states through an official Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (7/13/23).

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4. High Road to the Middle Class

The Investing in America agenda aims to boost the economy by prioritizing the middle class and empowering individuals from lower income brackets. In alignment, the High Road to the Middle Class (HRMC) map has been developed to showcase high road training programs (HRTPs) that implement workforce strategies focused on job quality, equity, and worker representation. The map can serve as a valuable resource for employers, labor unions, federal grant recipients, public workforce system stakeholders, job seekers, and various levels of government (7/13/23).

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5. Advanced Data Analytics Training Classes Funded by U.S. DOL Employment and Training Administration

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration announces the funding of Advanced Data Analytics training classes, in collaboration with the Coleridge Initiative, the state of Arkansas, and the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA). These comprehensive training programs will specifically target the intersection of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) initiatives, with a strong focus on their impact on employment and wage outcomes. This strategic partnership aims to equip professionals with the necessary skills and insights to optimize the effectiveness of these essential programs and services (7/18/23).

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6. Data Governance Guide Offers Models for Local Governments

The MetroLab Network proudly announces the release of its highly anticipated Model Data Governance Policy & Practice Guide for Cities and Counties. This comprehensive guide is specifically designed to provide robust support for data governance initiatives at the local level, empowering cities and counties to make informed decisions and optimize their data management processes (7/20/23).

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7. “It’s time to align college and training data to help all learners”

Chris Mullin advocates for better data on training providers and linked, longitudinal data systems in a recent Lumina Foundation newsletter (7/24/23).

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8. “The Book I Wish Every Policymaker Would Read” – Ezra Klein’s podcast interview with Jennifer Pahlka

It has become a common refrain that the U.S. government is often terrible at delivering even basic services. But Pahlka’s new book — “Recoding America: Why Government Is Failing in the Digital Age and How We Can Do Better” — puts forward an argument that anyone who cares about government in the 21st century needs to take seriously (6/6/2023).

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9. Artificial Intelligence & the Future of Work Survey

More than half of adults believe they need to gain new skills to prepare for the impacts of artificial intelligence—and one-third believe they'll need them within the next year—according to a survey commissioned by Jobs for the Future’s [Center for Artificial Intelligence & the Future of Work](#) (June 2023).

Click [here](#) to download the survey results

10. Wikipedia's Moment of Truth

Can the online encyclopedia help teach A.I. chatbots to get their facts right — without destroying itself in the process? A terrific New York Times Magazine piece for all you Wikipedia fans (and foes) out there. Get yourself a cuppa and click [here](#) (there's even an audio version, 7/18/23).