



WDQI Monthly Resources: June

1. Equitable Government and the Limits of AI

The article from Governing discusses the limits of AI in achieving equitable government solutions. It highlights the importance of maintaining simple and reliable technological solutions alongside human involvement. The article also cautions against the risk of AI perpetuating existing inequities instead of addressing them.

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2. New ARP Dashboard Highlights How States, Cities and Counties are Using Data and Evidence to Increase Impact of Federal Recovery Funds

The American Rescue Plan provided \$350 billion in [State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#) to states, territories, cities, counties and tribal governments to make critical investments in people and infrastructure. The dashboard includes an analysis of over 8,300 projects from 200 reports submitted to the U.S. Treasury, including 110** notable projects that can serve as models for other government leaders. These include:

- 24 [Evidence-based](#) solutions (totaling \$302 million) that can serve as models for other government leaders;
- 44 examples (totaling \$338 million) of state and local governments building [evaluations](#) into their investments; and
- 44 examples (totaling \$574 million) of state and local governments developing their in-house [data and evidence capacity](#).

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3. Evidence Informed Grantmaking for Greater Social Impact

The article by Mathematica emphasizes that foundations recognize the importance of centering equity amidst constant change and uncertainty, acknowledging that diversity of thought, continuous learning, and knowledge sharing are critical for informed decision-making in strategic grantmaking. Mathematica collaborates with grantees and partners to foster social impact by co-designing investment strategies, shaping portfolios based on evidence, and facilitating continuous learning and improvement.

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4. How to Make Your Data Actionable

We have previously shared some of these resources, but Data.org has now consolidated them into a comprehensive guided collection titled "How to Make Your Data Actionable." This collection provides step-by-step guidance to effectively utilize data for actionable insights.

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5. The College-to-Jobs Map: The Project on Workforce at Harvard

Led by the Project on Workforce, the College-to-Jobs Map is a valuable tool for economic development professionals, educators, employers, and policymakers, offering insights into education and labor market trends specific to their regions. By analyzing data, this resource provides a deeper understanding of the workforce pipeline, including college demographics and occupational trends, allowing stakeholders to make informed decisions over time.

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6. IES Conferences, Workshop/Training & Technical Assistance

The 2023 NCES STATS-DC Data Conference, sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), offers professionals a networking opportunity and updates on federal activities related to data collection and reporting. The conference will include training and sessions for state Common Core of Data (CCD) and EDFacts data coordinators. The conference covers a wide range of topics including education statistics, data management, privacy, quality, standards, and utilization. Attendance is free, and a detailed agenda will be available closer to the event.

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