

WDQI Monthly Resources: July

1. Charting a Course to Quality: A Navigator's Handbook to a Robust Non-Degree Credential Data Ecosystem

Charting a Course to Quality is a comprehensive handbook designed to guide states in building and enhancing the data ecosystem necessary to evaluate non-degree credential programs. It offers practical steps and examples from states already leading in this area, so others can adapt successful models to their unique contexts. This publication is the third in a series focusing on non-degree credentials as a tool for boosting equity and inclusion in education leading to good jobs.

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2. SLDS Issue Brief: Sources and Linking Strategies for Employment Data

The **SLDS Grant Program** outlines the growing demand to connect education and employment data. It addresses the challenges states face in locating data, establishing agreements, and implementing technical processes, and describes common workforce data sources and linking strategies. This is the first publication in a series on integrating workforce data for SLDS work.

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3. LER Series: A State's Perspective on Policy and Data Interoperability

Focusing on data interoperability in state policy offers significant benefits, enhancing individuals' access to their information and improving state programs. However, policymakers must prioritize data privacy and security, especially in K-12, to fully realize these outcomes.

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4. Contextualizing Data: Institutionalizing Actionable Resources in the Public Sector

In the information age, data is crucial for evidence-based governance, yet officials face challenges in accessing relevant data. The **Data Foundation** and **George Washington University's Trachtenberg School** hosted a symposium on June 5-6, 2024, highlighting innovative public sector strategies for data-driven decision-making and engagement. The event showcased approaches to improving data quality, security, and sharing, promoting a culture of continuous learning and transparency. The entire 2024 Research Symposium is viewable at no-cost [online](#).

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5. How Nashville Learned to Share Data Across Agencies

Smart-city technology solutions often focus on isolated urban problems, but cities need an enterprise system for comprehensive, high-quality service and community engagement. The **Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County** exemplifies this with its enterprise GIS platform, improving efficiency, workflow, and community involvement across departments. Effective enterprise systems require strong leadership, cross-agency collaboration, and robust data-sharing policies to enhance citywide solutions and data literacy.

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6. Democratizing Data: Our Vision

Democratizing data is crucial as it allows broader access to valuable information held by researchers and government agencies, making it a public asset for solving societal issues. Recent technological advances and policy changes are making this possible, with initiatives like the Democratizing Data Search and Discovery Platform leading the way. These efforts highlight the need for improved data access and community engagement to address complex challenges effectively.

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7. Data Gem: Access Demographic and Earnings Data with Ease for Your EEO Workforce Analysis

The **Census Bureau** creates custom EEO tables to help HR, legal, and government professionals compare demographic and earnings statistics between the general population and their workforce. These tables support the analysis of hiring and pay equity for protected classes across over 200 occupation categories. Discover how to use the American Community Survey EEO table tool and explore the Census Bureau's Data Gems for quick insights on their data.

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