

Data Justice:

Fostering equitable data-led strategies to prevent, reduce and end youth homelessness

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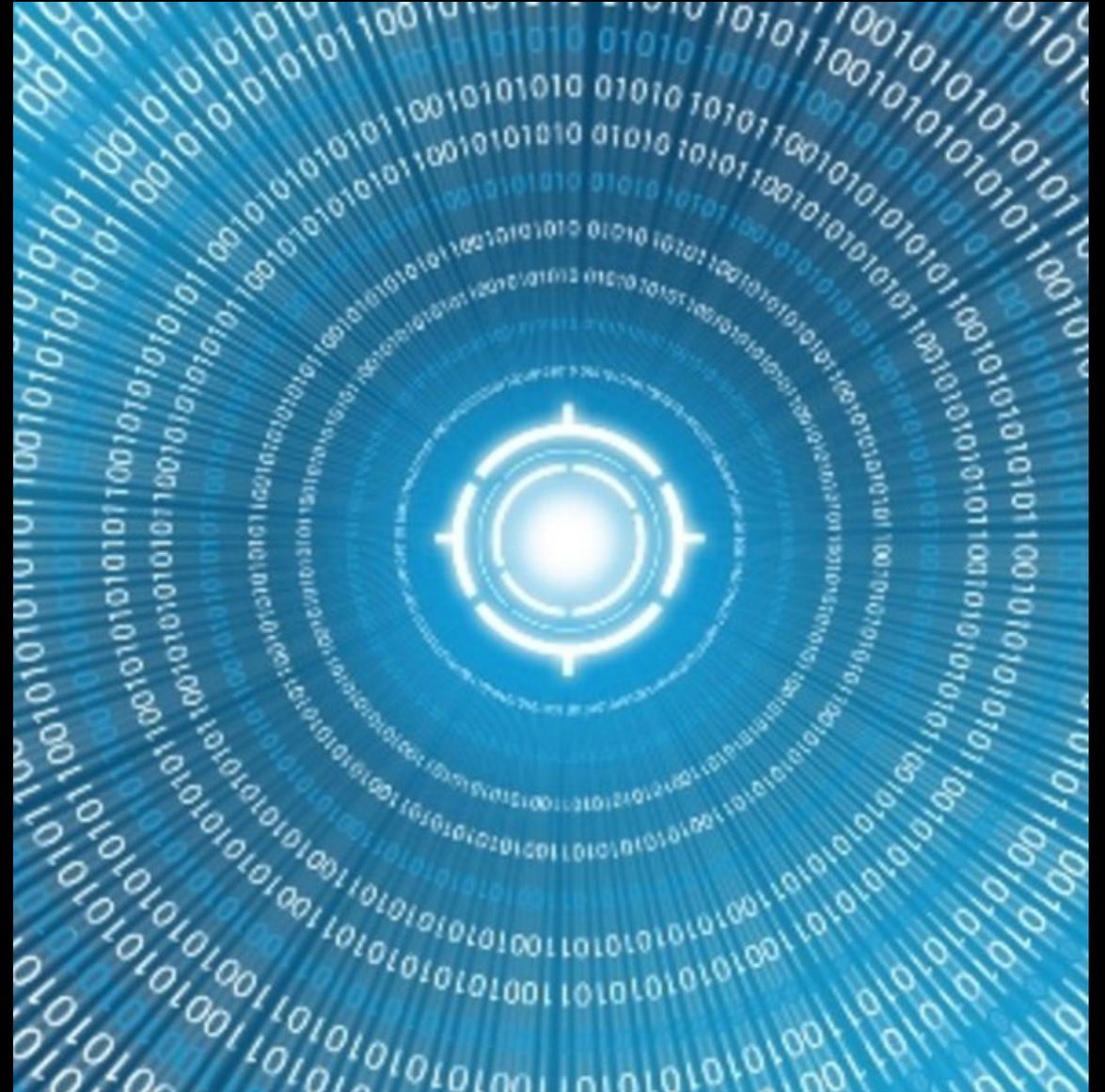
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Outline

1. Illuminate the problematic that underpins my new program of work
2. Describe the project scope, aims and objectives; and
3. Provide you with a concrete example of a just use of data, we have been exploring – in this case, a rights-based and custodial approach to administrative data usage

Project Background & Problematic



Project Scope, Aims & Objectives

Our aim is to systematically identify possibilities and problems within existing state systems; design and propose equitable data solutions, which address outcome disproportionalities generated along racial-ethnic, class and gender lines; and ensure that public sector institutions disrupt, rather than entrench, historically situated inequalities.



Project Structure

Learning Lab Projects:

- The Youth Homelessness Data Alternatives lab
- The Neighbourhood Data-Autonomy lab
- The Administrative Data Coalition lab

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Using Data to Enable Sustained and Positive Transitions from State Systems for Youth At-Risk of Homelessness



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Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Expedite	Appreh.	Warrant	Pending	Closed
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B - 8-20-97
 NAME ITO, Choichi (J)

Int. Serial No. HJ-1016-
 FILE NO. 146-13-2-21-518

Alias _____
 Address Anahola, Kauai, T. H.

Item _____ Date of Item _____
 PRES. WARRANT _____
 Requested _____
 Denied _____
 Issued _____

CUSTODY RECORD
 Apprehended at Hawaii, Hawaii, T. H. 12-8-41
 Transferred to Camp Livingston, La.
 Transferred to Ft. Missoula, Mont. 6-5-43
 Reapprehended Transferred Santa Fe, N. M. 4-6-44
 Transferred to Left for Hawaii 12-4-45
 Transferred to _____

HEARD IN COURT _____
 QUESTIONNAIRE _____
 BOARD RECOMM. _____
 Release _____
 Parole _____
 Intern _____

INTERIM ACTION
 Release _____
 Parole _____
 Intern _____

FBI REPORTS
 Period: _____

FILE CHARGED
 To _____ Date _____
 To _____ Date _____

A.G. ORDER
 Release _____
 Parole _____
 Intern _____
 DISPOSITION _____

What is administrative data and why is it important?

NAME OF DECEASED -Unknown-Remains- AGE 55 RACE White SEX Male

ADDRESS L/K.A - 1970 - 250 NW 187 St., Rural, Dade Fla.

PLACE OF DEATH Rear Parking Lot :
17040 Collins Ave., Rural, Dade, Fla.

TIME AND DATE DEATH: FOUND 6:00PM 7/7/81
OCCURRED _____ MED. INVESTIGATOR _____
PRONOUNCED _____

INVESTIGATING AGENCY PSD # 130242-B POLICE INVESTIGATOR Det. R. Hazzario

HISTORY According to initial police investigation, the deceased was a known delinquent in the area and most of the time, he lived in an old meter room in the rear of a business. He was always seen walking around on Collins Ave. and had been complaining lately of ill health. This date, he was found lying face down in the gravel directly south of the meter room, expired. He was only known as " Bobby " .
POSITIVE I-D was made by fingerprints.

PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH Chronic ethanolism

DUE TO: _____

DUE TO: _____

CONT. CAUSE OF DEATH _____

TOXICOLOGICAL FINDINGS _____

PROBABLE MANNER OF DEATH Natural ONSET OF TERMINAL EVENT: Parking lot

AUTOPSY/ ~~EXAMINED~~ 7/8/81 BY Charles V. Wetti, M.D.

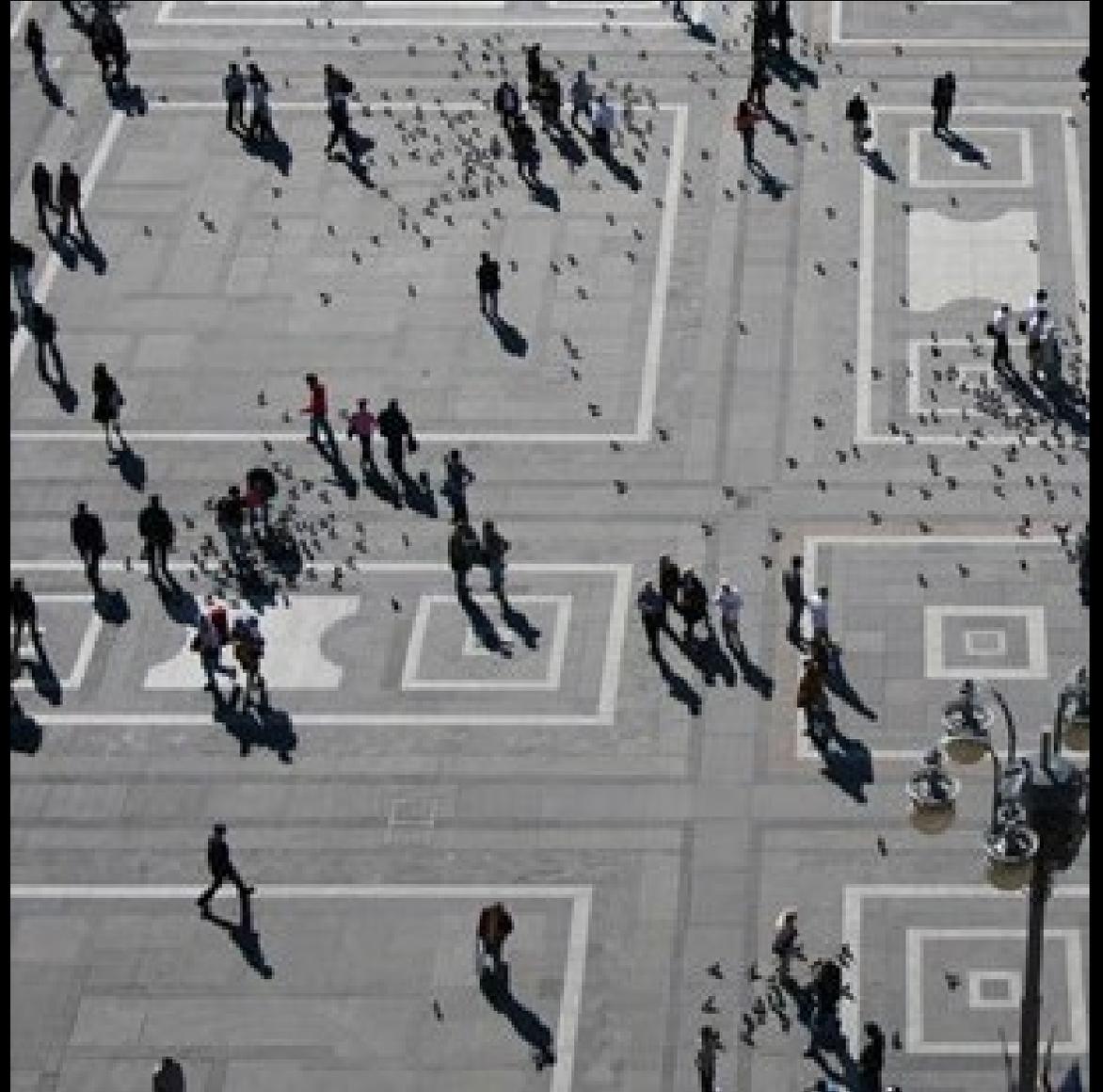
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REMOVED BY _____ DATE _____ TIME _____

What is a rights-based approach to administrative data access and why does it matter?

Rights to Personal Information and Privacy

1. Individual rights to accessing one's own personal information; and
2. Custodial rights to access and protect the personal information of others.



Use-Cases



Moving towards data-led governance in Canada – the importance of individual and custodial rights

Administrative data should only be shared when supported by a strong rights-based framework, which ensures that young people:

- Have access to their case file data;
- Can review the information and confirm that it accurately conveys their experiences in care; and
- Consent to having their data shared.



Recommendations

