State Data Sharing Initiative

Promoting Evidence-Based Policymaking:
Expanding Access to Administrative Data

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Some Context: CREC Mission

Workforce Development

Policy Analysis

State Data Sharing

Economic Development

Program Evaluation

Initiative

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5B's: Making the Case for Data Sharing
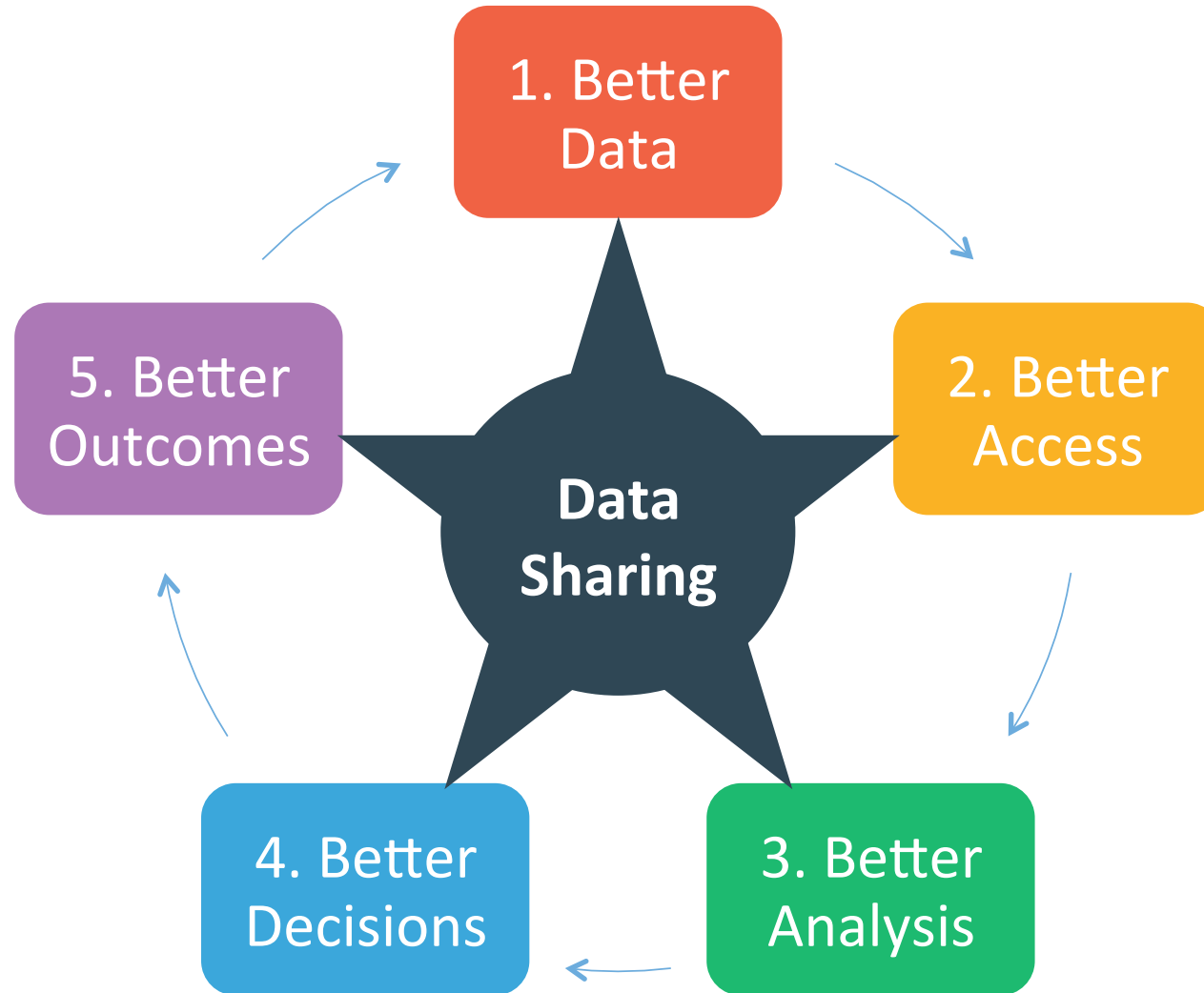
State Data Sharing Initiative (SDS)

Mission:

Improve public program outcomes by enabling evidence-based policy-making through greater sharing of administrative records for rigorous analysis and evaluation purposes.

Goals:

1. Raise awareness of the value of administrative records.
2. Deepen understanding of laws that protect administrative data.
3. Build upon existing data governance and management process models.
4. Foster collaboration between state leaders and agencies to improve access to microdata.

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SDS Strategy

1. **Research** – Laws, regulations, policies, & practices:
   - Studies
   - Presentations

2. **Technical Assistance** – Case examples and resources:
   - 5 state-specific efforts
   - Data sharing tools/ website

Better Data.

Better Access.

Better Analysis.

Better Decisions.

Better Outcomes.

SDS Research Objectives

Better Data.

Assess the **value** of administrative microdata for policy analysis and program evaluation.

1. What data is available?
2. What questions can the data help answer?
3. What are the benefits and limitations of using this data?

Better Access.

Analyze **legal** and **policy approaches** states use to protect and govern access to administrative data.

1. What do state confidentiality laws and regulations say?
2. What data sharing policies/ practices do states follow?

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Using Microdata: Benefits & Challenges

Better Analysis.

Benefits

- Relatively comprehensive
- Longitudinal analysis capability
- Reduced burden on companies
- Significant cost savings for government

Challenges

- Legal and regulatory restrictions/interpretations
- Process management limitations
- Technical difficulties
- Data sharing climate/ cultural differences

Analyzing Laws & Regulations

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Objective

- Compare legal approaches applied by states to protect data and permit access.

Methodology

1. Apply Data Confidentiality Framework
2. Extract Relevant Language
3. Assign Specificity Rating
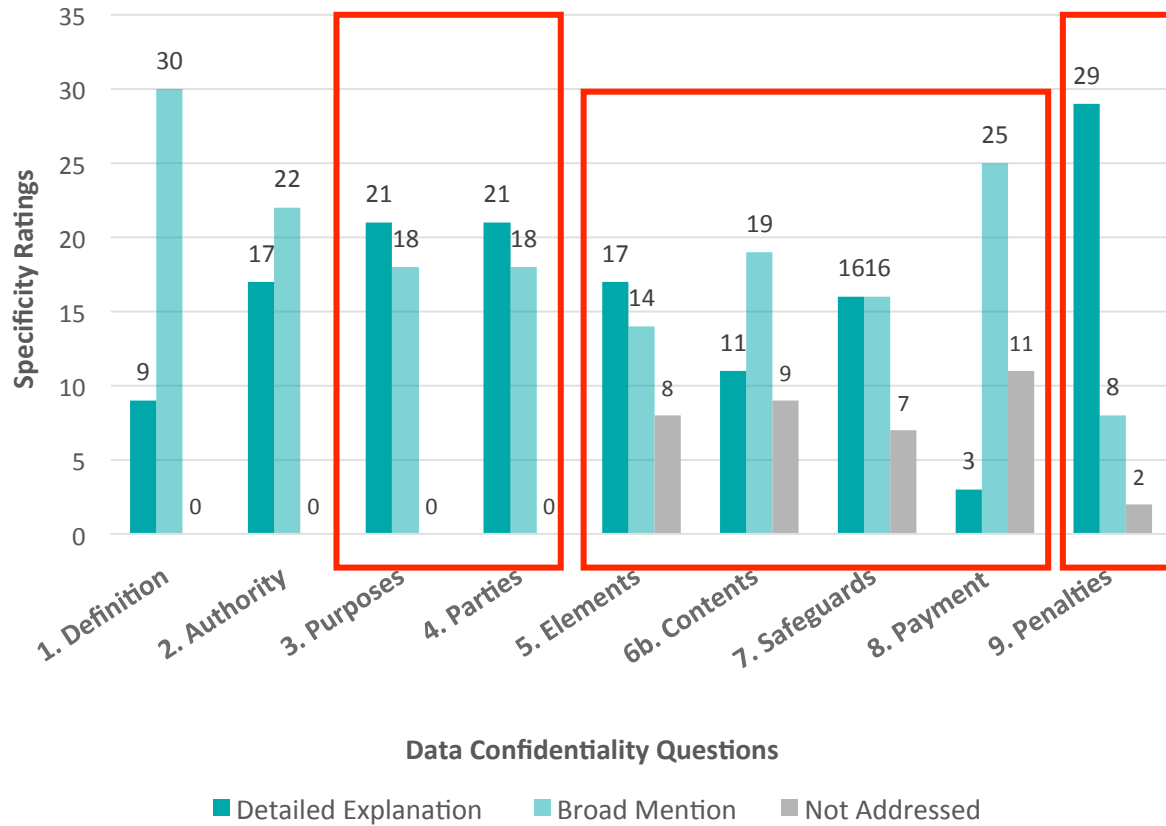
Data Confidentiality Framework

1. Definition
2. Authority
3. Purposes
4. Parties
5. Elements
6. Content Requirements
7. Safeguards
8. Payment Provisions
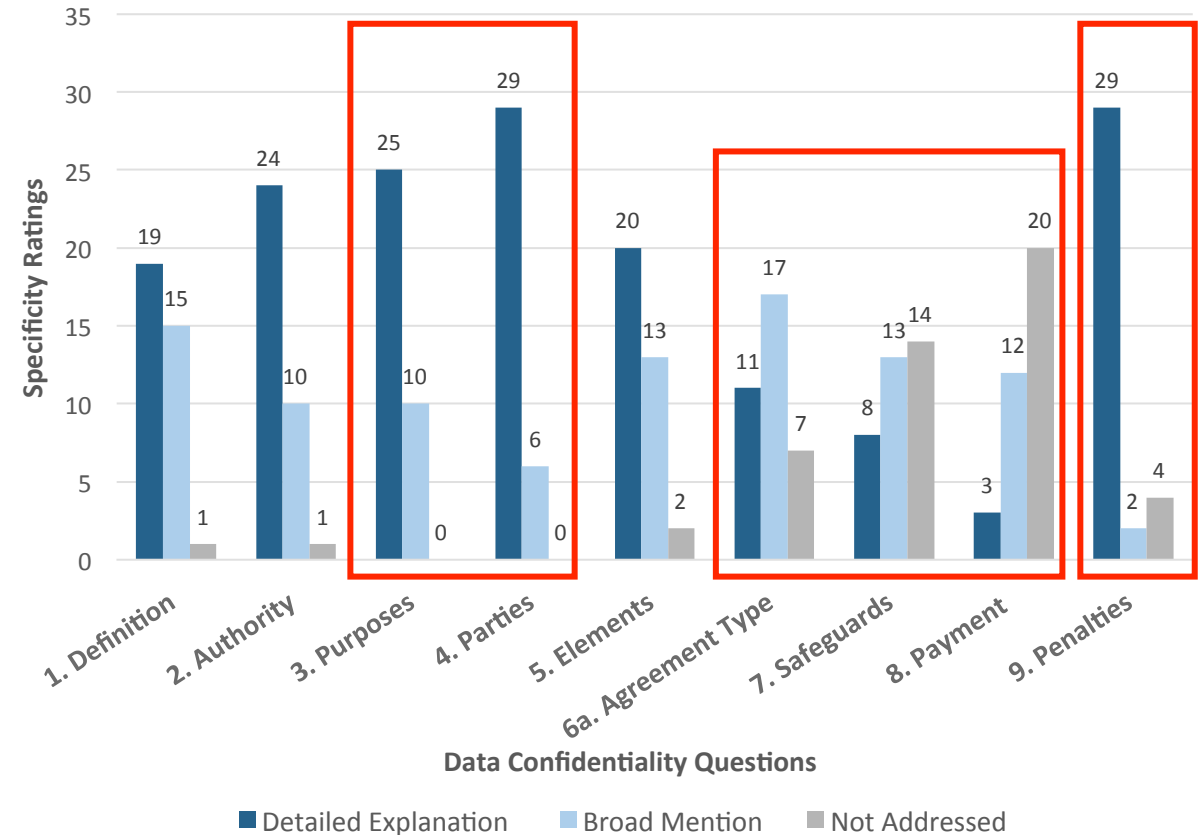9. Penalties

UI: 20 C.F.R. § 603   CT: 26 U.S.C. § 6103

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Key Findings: Laws & Regulations Analysis

UI Laws & Regulations Specificity Ratings

39 Laws & Regulations

CT Laws & Regulations Specificity Ratings

35 Laws & Regulations

Advancing Data Sharing

- Educate state leaders on the value of administrative records and data sharing.

- Revisit antiquated sate data confidentiality laws and regulations.

- Deepen agency-level understanding that protecting and sharing data are not mutually exclusive.

- Help streamline data sharing policies and processes across state agencies.

Better Decisions.

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Next Steps

Better Outcomes.

Technical Assistance

- 5 multi-agency state initiatives
- Case example dissemination

Data Sharing Tools

- Tax Data Comparison Tool
- Confidentiality Laws & Regulations Database
- Data Sharing Toolkit

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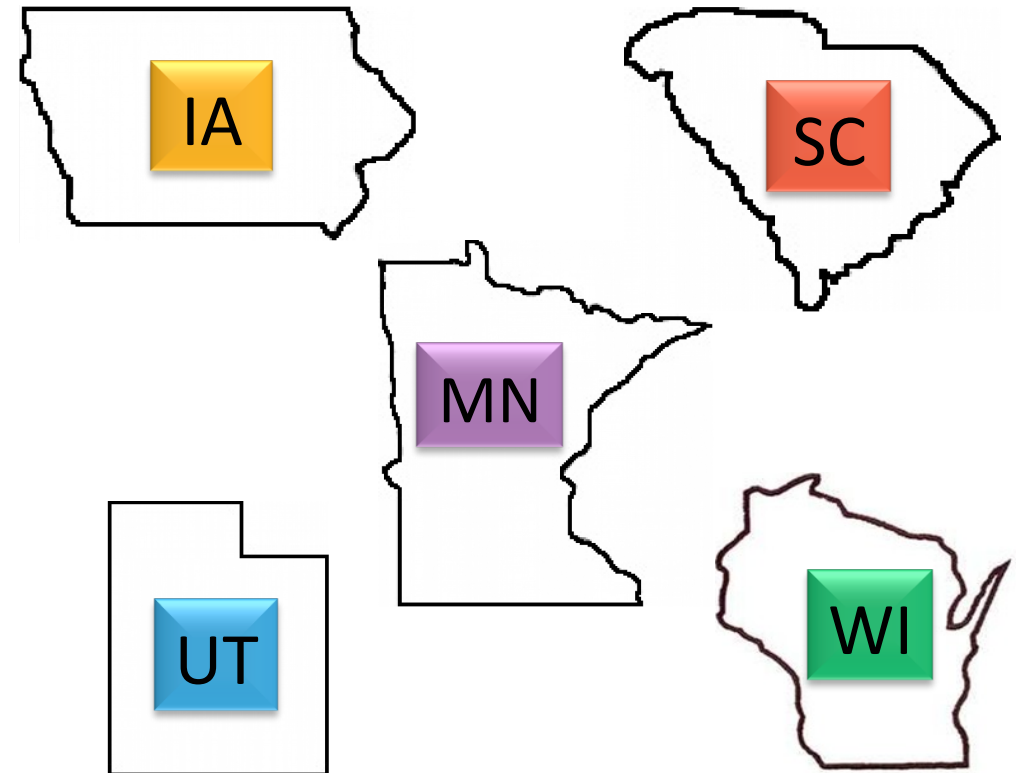
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