# New Jersey's Longitudinal Governance: A multi-stakeholder process



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### Agenda

- New Jersey Statewide Data System Overview
- Internal Governance
  - Executive Leadership Committee
  - Data Stewards Work Group
- External Governance
  - Data Advisory Council
  - Longitudinal Data Advisory Committee
  - Interstate Sharing
- Benefits and Challenges
- Questions



### New Jersey Education to Earnings Data System Overview

- NJEEDS is a centralized secure longitudinal data system that links information on students and job holders from four partner agencies:
  - New Jersey Department of Education
  - New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
  - New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority
  - New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development





### New Jersey Education to Earnings Data System Overview

#### The primary purposes of the data system are:

- 1. To improve policymaking and implementation by using state administrative data.
- 2. To provide consumer information and inform the public about state programs such as value of training and postsecondary education programs.



### New Jersey Education to Earnings Data System Overview

- NJEEDS is governed by an Executive Leadership Committee with representatives from each of the entities appointed by the commissioner or executive officer.
- The John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University is responsible for the governance, maintenance, access, and analysis of NJEEDS data.







### NJEEDS Data Sources

**Higher Education** 

**Enrollment** 

**Completions** 

Institutions

State Financial Aid

K-12 Education

**Enrollment** 

Graduation

**Assessment** 

Schools

Teachers

Workforce

**Unemployment Insurance Wages** 

**Unemployment Insurance Claims** 

**Unemployment Insurance Employer** 

**AWARE: Vocational Rehabilitation** 

LACES: Literacy and Adult Education

RAPIDS: Apprenticeship

### Data Access Initiatives

### **ADRF**

- Agency Access
- Intern Access
- External Researcher Access

## **ADA Training**

• Increase capacity among agency partners and external researchers

# Internship

• Summer NJEEDS internship program for up to four graduate students

### **Grant Program**

• Up to four small grants to external researchers



# Internal Governance

Purpose

Membership

**Meeting Format** 



Purpose: Providing overall guidance and strategic policy direction to the design, development, deployment, and maintenance of the system

Membership

**Meeting Format** 



Purpose

**Membership:** Designees from leadership of participating state agencies

**Meeting Format** 



Purpose

Membership

Meeting Format: Virtual meetings with Heldrich staff leading project updates and facilitating votes



Purpose

Membership

**Meeting Format** 

**Meeting Frequency:** Once per month



Purpose

Membership

**Meeting Format** 



**Purpose:** Ensuring the quality, timeliness, and availability of the administrative data in the data warehouse.

Membership

**Meeting Format** 



Purpose

Membership: Agency staff with technical areas of expertise related to the specific data elements in the system

**Meeting Format** 



**Purpose** 

Membership

Meeting Format: Virtual meetings with Heldrich staff leading project updates then facilitating agency breakout groups for specific data questions



**Purpose** 

Membership

**Meeting Format** 

**Meeting Frequency:** Quarterly



# External Governance

Purpose

Membership

**Meeting Format** 



**Purpose:** To provide guidance and strategic direction for the P20W data system, its governance, research agenda, and outreach

Membership

**Meeting Format** 



Purpose

Membership: External stakeholders from LEAs, postsecondary institutions, workforce development boards, research centers, etc.

**Meeting Format** 



Purpose

provide ample opportunity for

stakeholder feedback

Meeting Format: Virtual meetings with DAC and ELC representatives. Heldrich staff facilitate agenda and

Membership



Purpose

Membership

**Meeting Format** 

Meeting Frequency: Quarterly



Purpose

Membership

**Meeting Format** 



**Purpose:** Coordinate activities for the benefit of all data systems, coordinate statewide data strategy, and minimize duplication of effort

Membership

**Meeting Format** 



Purpose

Membership: Data providers and administrators of existing longitudinal data systems in the state

**Meeting Format** 



Purpose

Membership

Meeting Format: Led by the interim committee chair and administrators of NJEEDS and NJ-EASEL



Purpose

Membership

**Meeting Format** 

Meeting Frequency: Annual commitment



# Benefits and Challenges

### New Jersey's Longitudinal Governance Approach

#### **Benefits**

- Direct funding from participating agencies
- Informed stakeholders, increased awareness
- Agency-driven research agenda

#### Challenges

- Representation and Participation
- Stakeholder Buy-in
- Commitment



### **Audience Sharing**

- •How does your state approach governance?
- •What has worked well for you?
- •What has been a challenge?



# Thank you!

Questions?



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