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SESSION 12

Administrative data: Putting it together, using it, and framing new initiatives.

This is a highly interactive session centered on three questions: (1) How have states put together administrative data for administrative, policy, and research use, and what have been the major difficulties? (2) How have the administrative databases been used? (3) What are the new areas for administrative data development?

Themes: Workforce, Families, Children

Moderator: Ann Witte, Wellesley College and National Bureau of Economic Research

Discussants: Alan Sweet, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
                 Rod Southwick, Massachusetts Office for Child Care Services
                 Deana Grobe, Oregon State University
                 Frances Duran, Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut
                 Randy Rosati, Rhode Island Department of Human Services

Scribe:

How Administrative Data Is Being Used
- Budget forecasting
- Department management
- Audits
- Media
- Fraud and abuse
- Research and evaluation
- Caseload redistribution
- Cost projections
- Caseload estimation
- Provider and family demographics
- Budget reduction proposal

- Wait list

Issues and Problems
- Provider qualifications
- Business Problems
- Length of time
- Identifiers—providers, family, child
- Licensing link
- Across agency
- Data access
- Staff resources—money
- Privacy and confidentiality
- External organization data—R&Rs, Head Start Registry