

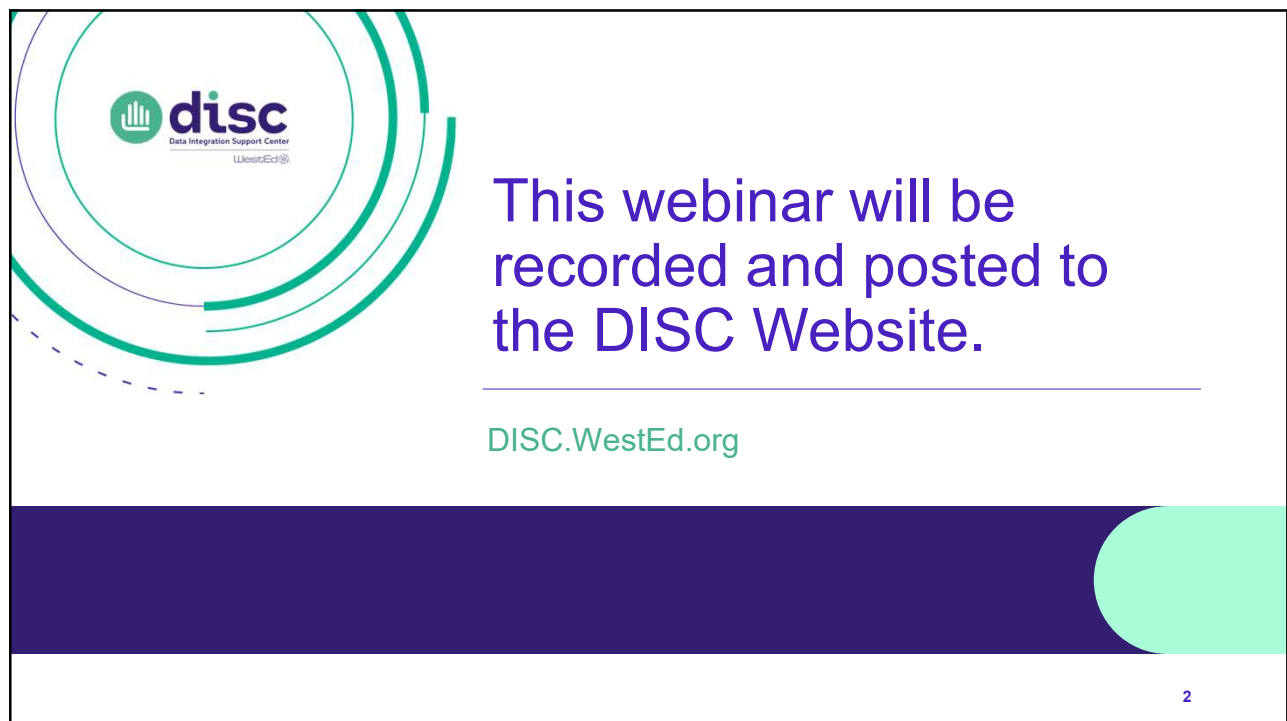


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Expert privacy, policy, and legal assistance for public agencies nationwide.

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About DISC



What we do...

DISC supports public agencies in navigating the complexities of state and federal privacy and security regulations for integrated data systems through flexible, adaptable, and easily accessible resources, diverse media, expert guidance, and technical assistance.

Why we do it...

The evolution of integrated data systems are impeded by the lack of expertise and gaps in the field on how to adequately protect privacy and secure systems while also meeting the increasing demand for accessible, longitudinal, actionable, cross-sector data.

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Who does DISC serve?

Public agencies integrated data system efforts

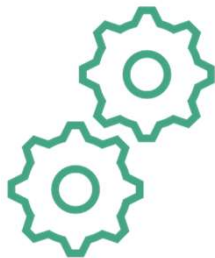
- Social Service Agencies
- State Departments of Education
- Workforce Agencies
- Integrated Data Hosting Entities
- Research Centers

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How is DISC different?



Agile expert ability with few limits on scope or focus



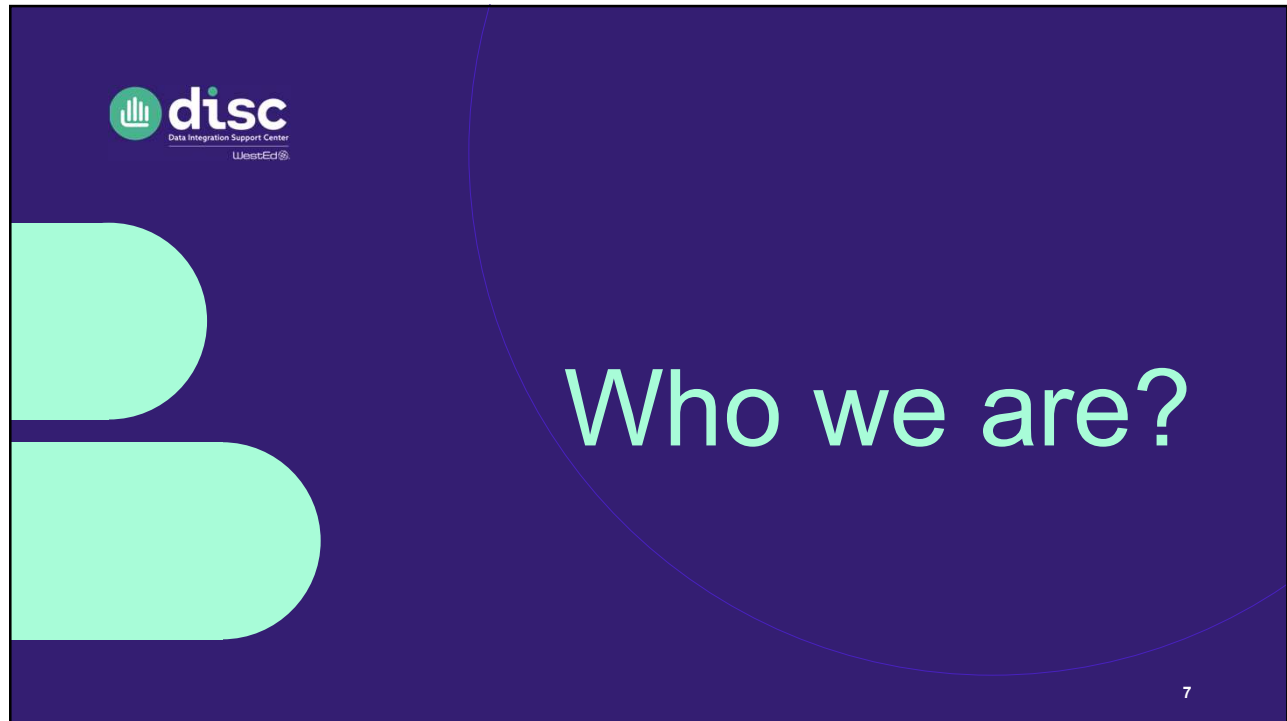
Ability to provide **state** policy & legal assistance



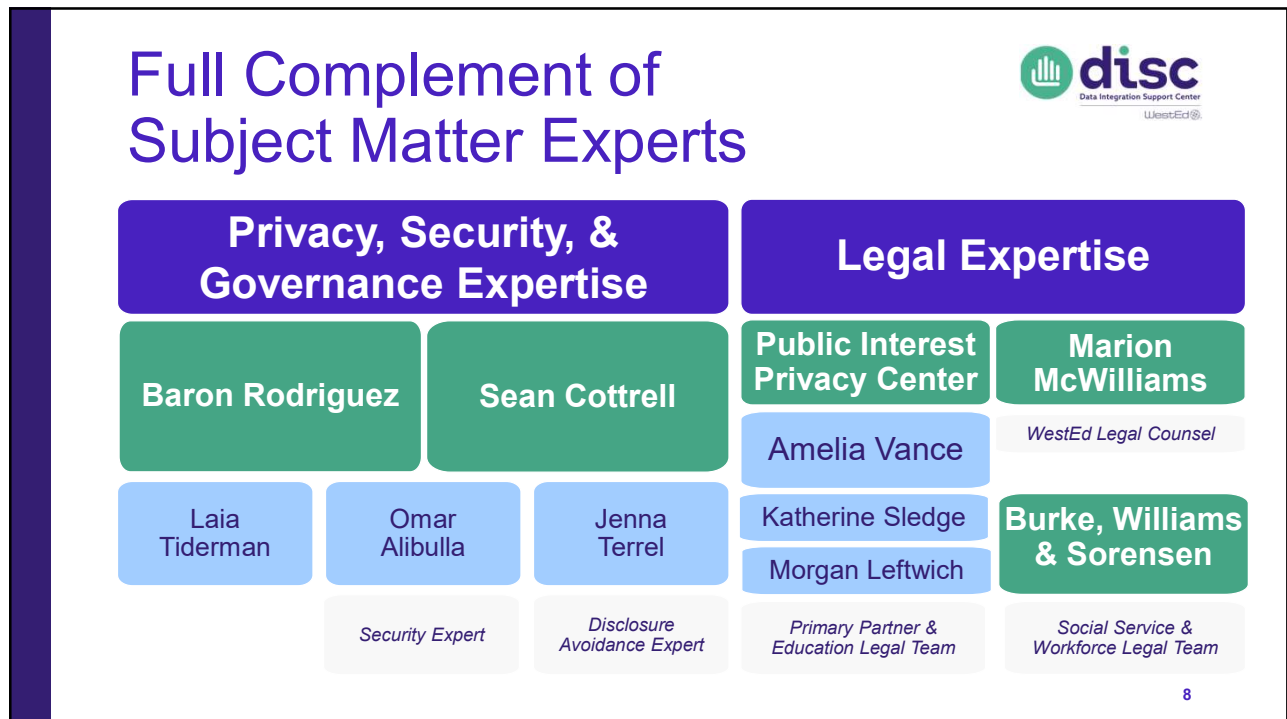
Multi-sectoral expertise

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Baron Rodriguez

Privacy, Security, & Technical Architecture

Baron is an expert in FERPA, GDPR, and many other data privacy laws. Prior to joining WestEd, he directed the U.S. Department of Education's Privacy Technical Assistance Center and the National Center for Education Statistics' State Longitudinal Data Systems technical assistance center.

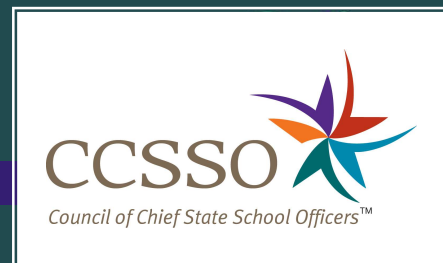
Baron has worked as the Chief Operations Officer for the Data Quality Campaign and served as the Chief Information Officer at the Oregon Department of Education. Baron provides expertise in educational data systems and information governance, specifically providing technical assistance for early childhood, K12, postsecondary, and workforce implementations.

Baron has an MBA from George Fox University and holds industry certifications including Certified Information Privacy Professional and is a certified Project Management Professional.



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DISC's Partners

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Sean Cottrell

Privacy & Governance

Sean is an expert in FERPA, PPRA, and many other data privacy laws. Prior to joining WestEd, he served as a privacy subject matter expert on the U.S. Department of Education's Privacy Technical Assistance Center and the National Center for Education Statistics' State Longitudinal Data Systems technical assistance center.

Sean has served as the Data Governance Coordinator and Privacy Officer at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Sean provides expertise in educational data systems and information governance, specifically providing technical assistance for early childhood, K12, postsecondary, and workforce implementations.



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How can DISC help?

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How we work

We provide targeted support to public agencies with a development need or problem related to IDS.

DISC's support involves communication between our experts and the public agency through:

- **Webinars**
- **Small group facilitation**
- **One-on-one consultation**
- **On-site meetings**
- **Speaking engagements**
- **Document review and analysis**

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Focus areas for our work

Privacy & Governance • External Legal Supports • Legislative Analysis • System Security

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Privacy & Governance

- Technical assistance through coordinated resources. Direct, comprehensive assistance to public agencies to support integrated data systems.
- Coordinate, collect, and develop resources to support the development and sustainability of integrated data, including requirements around health, workforce, education (including the early childhood pipeline), and postsecondary sectors without membership requirements or political ideology.



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Privacy & Governance Examples



Intensive targeted non-education partner agency facilitation, negotiation, legal, and privacy framework development

- **Current engagement one:**
Lead facilitator of multi-sector data integration effort task force – monthly agenda development and facilitation, risk reviews, architecture and system output alignment with STATE and federal security standards
- **Current Engagement two:**
Review of drafted data sharing agreement with to address partner concerns and facilitate a solution

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System Security

(coming Fall 2023)

- Providing security resources and assistance to improve the security posture of public agencies integrated data systems with a focus on comprehensive reviews.
 - Enhanced system review framework
 - Enhanced system reviews



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System Security Examples



The Data Integration Support Center (DISC) at WestEd offers enhanced system reviews that augment mandated security reviews by focusing particularly—though not exclusively—on alignment to the IDS's legal framework and the potential for human error that can compromise IDS security and data privacy. The DISC offers annual enhanced system reviews to a limited number of IDSs free of cost. The reviews are designed to yield an improvement roadmap for the IDS. The DISC is also available to assist the IDS in implementing the recommendations from that roadmap.

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Public Interest Privacy Center

The Public Interest Privacy Center is a pending nonprofit organization, incubated by the School Superintendents Association, that equips stakeholders with the insights, training, and tools needed to cultivate effective, ethical, and equitable privacy safeguards for all children and students.



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Amelia Vance

Student & Child Privacy Legal Expertise

Amelia Vance, a globally recognized expert in child and student privacy, is the founder and president of DISC's partner organization, Public Interest Privacy Center.* She advises government agencies, policymakers, companies, and other organizations on legal protections and actionable best practices to ensure the responsible use of child and student data.

She is also an adjunct professor teaching U.S. and E.U. privacy at William & Mary Law School and the co-chair of the Federal Education Privacy Coalition. Amelia is a regular speaker at privacy and education conferences in the U.S. and abroad, has testified before Congress and several state legislatures, and has presented at events hosted by the U.S. Department of Education and the Federal Trade Commission.



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Morgan Leftwich

Student & Child Privacy Legal Support

Morgan Leftwich is an Ethics and Privacy Counsel at the Public Interest Privacy Center.* Morgan primarily focuses on researching and writing about proposed legislation related to child and student privacy and providing privacy technical assistance to non-profit organizations.

Prior to joining the Public Interest Privacy Center, Morgan was a student and child privacy consultant at PIPC LLC. Morgan earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from Roanoke College and her Juris Doctor from Penn State Law. Morgan is a member of the Virginia State Bar and a Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US) through the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP).



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Student & Child Privacy Legal Expertise



PIPC has partnered with the WestEd team to provide:

- Technical assistance and trainings;
- Stakeholder alerts;
- Short resources;
- Analyses of privacy legislation with regulatory impacts on public data integration efforts; and
- A Federal privacy laws and regulations working group

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External Legal Supports

- Privacy and security legal response team to provide state-specific legal supports, timely coordination, and updates of state specific requirements and federal laws to support public agencies multi-sector data integration efforts.



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External Legal Supports Examples



- Comprehensive, experienced, legal assistance to SUPPORT agency's legal counsel advice, including research, impact analysis, and data integration, scenario reviews
- Upon request of public agencies, state specific multi-sector boilerplate language for data sharing agreements or MOUs tailored to data integration efforts
- Emerging legal, security, and privacy issues updates from DISC Partner Public Interest Privacy Center (PIPC)

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Legislative Analysis

- Legislative assistance through partnerships with policy-based organizations
- Measuring the impacts of proposed and enacted state and local privacy and security laws on integrated data systems and research while still ensuring the protection of individuals' privacy.
- DISC will focus on efforts that broaden federal education, health, and workforce related regulations to purposefully address the privacy and security challenges with the current regulatory structures.



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Legislative Analysis Examples



- **Current Engagement:**
Legislative request for impact analysis of pending state privacy and security regulations followed by quarterly facilitated agency response team planning

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What we need from you!



Introductions to your partners participating in your data integration efforts



Advice and input on needed resources and supports to move your state's data integration efforts forward



Participation in advisory groups, convenings, and other events

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Fieldtrip!

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Position Papers

Using a Legal Framework Approach for Integrated Data Systems (PDF)

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Protecting the Privacy of Personal Information in Integrated Data Systems (PDF)

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