



# Navigating State Law

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## TELL US IN THE CHAT:

What do you hope to get out of today's training?





# Agenda

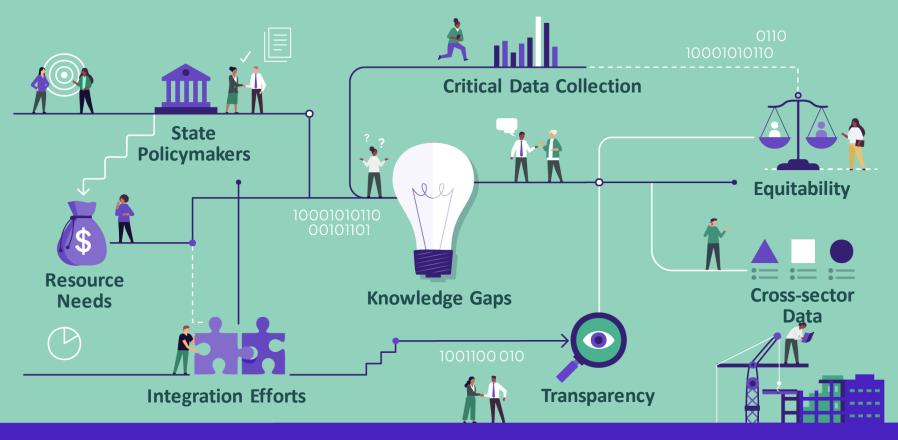
- Introductions
- Overview of AISP & DISC
- Disclaimer & Roadmap Preemption
- State Law Examples
- Questions







The Data Integration Support Center (DISC) at WestEd provides expert integrated data system planning and user-centered design, policy, privacy, and legal assistance for public agencies nationwide.







### Our roles





### We are:

Data evangelists

Connectors, community builders, thought partners, cheerleaders, and data sharing therapists

Focused on ethical data use for policy change

### We are not:

Data holders or intermediaries

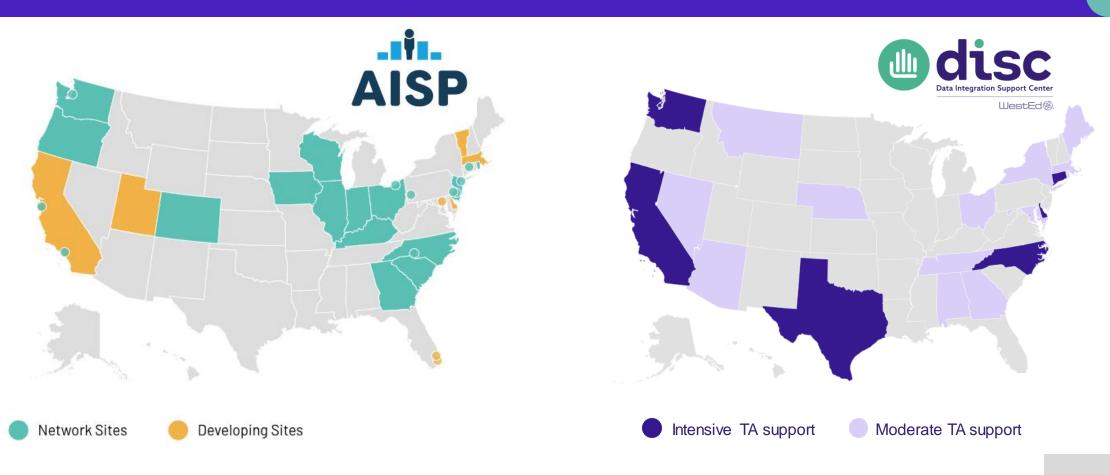
A vendor or vendor recommenders

Focused on academic research





### **Our Networks**







### What we do

**AISP** 

Peer Network

Guidance & Standards

Training & Consulting

Advocacy & Communications

Actionable Research

DISC

Planning & User-Centered Design

Legislative Analysis

External Legal Supports

Privacy

System Security





## Our approach

Data sharing is as relational as it is technical.

We don't just need to integrate data; we need to integrate people.

# When we talk about IDS, what do we mean?





- We're talking about the whole person, not tech solutions
- Efforts that link administrative data across sectors or agencies and over time
- Efforts that curate data that are relevant and highquality
- Efforts that serve as a public utility (not research for research's sake)
- Efforts that have defined governance structures (data only used for approved uses)







### When we bring data together, we can better:

Understand	Understand the complex needs of individuals and families
Allocate	Allocate resources where they're needed most to improve quality and equity of services
Measure	Measure long-term impacts of policies and programs
Engage	Engage in transparent, shared decision-making about how data should (and should not) be used





### LEGAL DISCLAIMER

- Not Legal Advice
- Training will only cover federal law
- Laws change, this is based on the law at the time of the training
- Consult your general counsel for specific legal questions





## **ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS**



How do state laws governing data sharing and integration align with federal regulations and frameworks, and what implications do these alignments or discrepancies have for legal compliance?



What are common state-specific legal frameworks and regulations governing data sharing and integration, and how do they vary across different states?



What strategies and best practices can be employed to address the challenges and mitigate the risks associated with the patchwork of state regulations on data privacy and security?





### Federalism

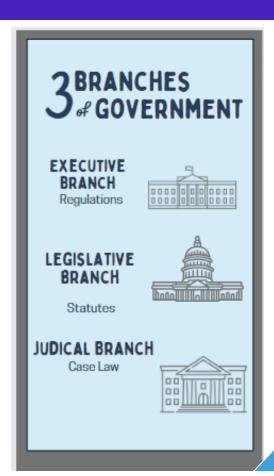
# Federal State Local







### Branches of Federal Government



#### Executive Branch → Enforce Laws

United States Code

### Legislative Branch → Create Laws

Code of Federal Regulations

### Judicial Branch → Interpret Laws

• District, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court Opinions

# State & Federal Laws



#### HMIS

Protects
information
collected through
the Homeless
Management
information System
(HMIS), under the
guidance of the
J.S. Department of
Housing and Urban
Development
(HUD).



#### FERPA

FERPA protects the confidentiality of education records.



**FEDERAL** 

#### PRIVACY ACT

Regulates personally identifiable records maintained by federal agencies.



#### HIPAA

HIPAA regulates the protection of individually identifiable health information.



#### 42 CFR PART 2

Stringent federal regulations (referred to commonly as 42 CFR Part 2) protect the confidentiality of alcohol and substance abuse treatment records.

CRIMINAL & JUVENILE JUSTICE RECORDS

State laws typically govern access to criminal records, such as arrest records, and juvenile justice records, such as juvenile court files.

MENTAL HEALTH RECORDS States typically have statutory provisions governing the confidentiality of mental health records.

**MEDICAID RECORDS** 

Access to Medicaid records is generally controlled by the state agency that administers the Medicaid program.

**HIV LAWS** 

Most states have special laws protecting the confidentiality of information that may disclose a person's HIV status.

STATE





### How do these laws interact?





### What if there is a conflict?









# Preemption





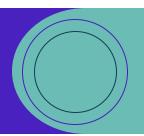








# Federal Examples







# What are Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)? What rules apply to HMIS?

Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) are community-based systems to collect counts of individuals and families experiencing homelessness

Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009 (Pub. L. No. 111-22, 123 Stat. 1669 (2009))

HMIS Privacy and Security Standards (69 FR 45888)

Protects the confidentiality of personal information





### What do the HUD rules protect?

Protected personal information (PPI) that is created or maintained by or for a covered homeless organization about a living homeless individual

(Section 4.1.1 of HMIS Privacy Standards)



# Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(2)





VAWA requires all grantees and subgrantees receiving VAWA funding from the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, to protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons receiving services

### Can only share information in these three circumstances

- Consent (written, informed, time limited)
- Statute
- Court Order





### Conflict of Law

### VAWA V. HUD

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### Conflict of Law

# VAWA preempts HUD rules because they are more restrictive

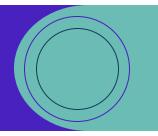
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# Conflict of Law State Example







### Washington State Example

A university wants to share mental health treatment records of a Medicaid recipients to a researcher.

What laws apply?



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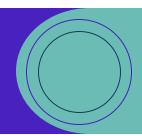
- Mental Health Treatment records get additional protection under Washington State Law
- Washington has its own rules around Medicaid
- Medicaid is also PHI
- Apply the most protective law

FEDERAL LAWS	STATE LAWS
42 U.S.C. § 1320b-7(b)	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 42.48.020
42 CFR §§ 431.301- 302; 435.945	Wash. Admin. Code § 182-503-0100
45 CFR § 164 et seq. (HIPAA)	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 42.56.070 (Public Records Act)
	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 42.48.020 (a) (General State Research Exception)





# State Privacy Laws







# There is no uniform federal privacy law governing data sharing and integration

Congress has not yet passed an overarching federal privacy framework (unlike the EU's GDPR)

States fill in the gaps

### California's Privacy Protections

### California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA)

Provides California residents the following rights:

The <u>right to know</u> about the personal information a business collects about them and how it is used and shared;

The <u>right to delete</u> personal information collected from them (with some exceptions);

The <u>right to opt-out</u> of the sale or sharing of their personal information; and

The <u>right to non-discrimination</u> for exercising their CCPA rights.

The <u>right to correct</u> inaccurate personal information that a business has about them; and

The <u>right to limit</u> the use and disclosure of sensitive personal information collected about them.

Applies only to businesses; does not generally apply to nonprofits or government agencies.

### California Information Practices Act (Civ. Code 1798)

Requires state agencies to:

**Lim it collection** and maintenance of personal information only to the extent "necessary to accomplish a purpose of the agency required or authorized" by law.

**Maintain the source** of information on a person unless it is the person themselves.

Include certain disclosures on collection forms.

**Obtain consent** for disclosures unless certain exceptions apply. (Certain inter-agency disclosures are allow ed; Certain research purposes are allow ed)

The Act includes the **breach notifications** for "computerized information"

### Student Online Personal Information Protection Act (SOPIPA)

Companies are prohibited from:

**Disclosing student information** unless it is for legitimate scholastic purposes or for legal/judicial compliance.

Sharing student data with a third-party vendor

**Targeted advertising** 

Creating a profile for commercial purposes

Selling personal information

Companies are required to delete student data upon request

Applies to any company that markets to or has actual knowledge that it stores data of K-12 students in California must comply with SOPIPA. (Websites, mobile apps, online services)





### State Privacy Protections

### Consumer rights

Right to access

Right to correct

Right to delete

Right to opt out of certain processing

Right to portability

Right to opt out of sales

Right to opt in for sensitive data processing

Right against automated decision-making

Private right of action

### **Business Obligations**

Opt-in default (requirement age

Notice/transparency requirement

Risk assessments

Prohibition on discrimination (exercising rights)

Purpose/processing limitation





## States Regulation of Student Data

1 regulate local- and/or state-level education agencies

regulate companies that collect and use student data

some combination of 1 and 2

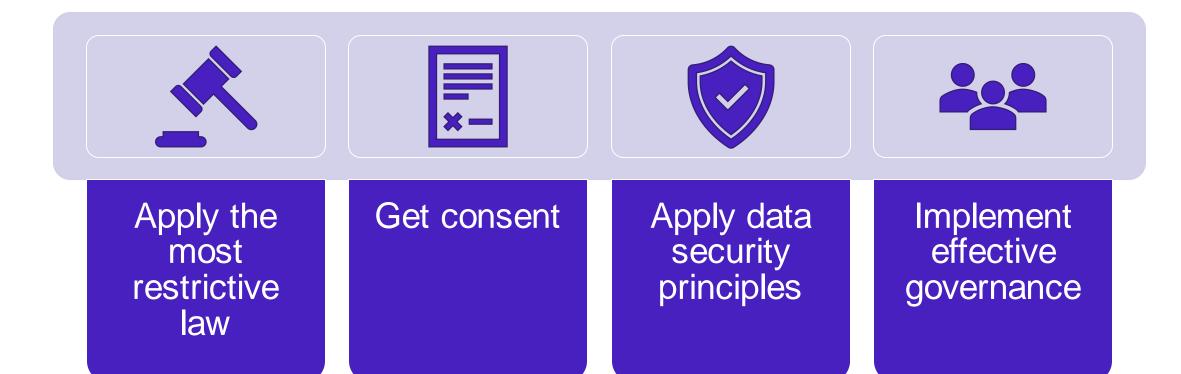
New York

Utah





### Tips to Mitigate Risks & Resolve Conflicts







# Questions?





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# Closing Reflections





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What is a key idea that you are taking away from this training?





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