

5 STEPS TO DATA LINKING

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available at every
step of the process



STEP 1: Assess Partner Readiness

Activities

- a. Consider the value of data linking
- b. Jointly discuss and consider data linking opportunity
- c. Review and draft data use case
- d. Develop talking points for internal use



STEP 2: Formalize Partnership

Activities

- a. Finalize data use case
- b. Determine questions to be answered by data linking
- c. Develop joint data partnership management plan
- d. Develop joint data partnership data sharing agreement
- e. Secure agency leadership approval for data linking



STEP 3: Complete Technical Work

Activities

- a. Determine necessary preparations for data linking
- b. Determine and secure agency resources required for data linking
- c. Create data linking process and data models
- d. Map and align data elements
- e. Create resource repository
- f. Identify and resolve redundant data elements
- g. Compile final list of data elements and share between partners



STEP 4: Link the Data

Activities

- a. Conduct data linking and perform data quality checks
- b. Identify processes that may improve data quality
- c. Partners sign off on linked data and overall process



STEP 5: Sustain Data Linking

Activities

- a. Prepare documentation to sustain data linking
- b. Update Data Partnership Management Plan
- c. Use linked data to address needs outlined in the use case

Review
Steps