

OLIVER PONCE

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Summary: Data analyst with five years of professional experience and training at nationally known applied research organization. Sustained commitment to using data and policy analysis to improve services, especially to low income and racial/ethnic minority communities. Recipient of multiple awards, scholarships, and promotions.

Education

NYU Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York, NY
Master of Science in Public Policy, 2022

- Specialized in advanced, large scale data analytics, program evaluation, and applied policy analysis

Colby College, Waterville, ME

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, 2015

- Posse Foundation Full-Tuition Leadership Scholar, CDC Public Health Scholar

Experience

Fishlinger Center for Public Policy Research, Riverdale, New York Jul 2022-Aug 2022
Research Assistant

- Four-week research project aimed at learning the status of U.S. small businesses. Used R to analyze data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the American Community Survey to analyze U.S. county-level demographics, employment, and health insurance coverage.

Action Research Partners, Brooklyn, NY Feb 2016-Jul 2021
Research Associate Apr 2021-Jul 2021

- Developed data analysis plans and complex command-line SPSS syntax to validate data and verify performance for monitors of federal child welfare class action litigation in Michigan, Oklahoma, and Texas. Results appeared in monitor reports submitted to federal judges in each state.
- Merged administrative data from New York City's Administration for Children Services (ACS) and the New York City Family Court to produce analysis concerning children with longstanding termination of parental rights petitions. Presented results to ACS senior leadership.

Research Analyst Feb 2018-Mar 2021

- Use Q-GIS software to analyze geographic and administrative data to map risk scores of families engaged in New York City child welfare prevention services. Calculated and analyzed distances between family residences and service locations. Results presented to senior leadership and used to frame multi-year, \$1bb+ re-contracting of the prevention services.
- Analyzed survey data and drafted reports for the National Juvenile Defender Center's pilot Access to Counsel Instrument (ACI) and Juvenile Defense Indicators Survey (JDIS).

Research Assistant Feb 2016-Feb 2018

- Supported applied research projects in child welfare and juvenile justice systems by cleaning and analyzing large administrative datasets (100K+ records), using Excel to produce tables, charts, graphs, and other data representations.
- Attended client meetings, wrote meeting summaries, and tracked actions steps.

University of Michigan School of Public Health, Ann Arbor, MI May 2014-Aug 2014
Intern

- Earned field experience with community-based organizations, health systems, and government agencies through internship opportunities presented by the School of Public Health.
- Conducted quantitative research to learn about health disparities among the Latino community of Washtenaw County, Michigan, to help local clinic deliver culturally competent services.

Skills

- Proficient in SPSS, ArcGIS, STATA, Python, R, SQL, and Microsoft Office Suite including Excel
- Fluent in Spanish