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Wulczyn is director of the Center for State Foster Care and Adoption Data, which provides cutting edge information technology to member states for use in research and management. An expert in the analysis of administrative data, Wulczyn was an architect of Chapin Hall's Multi-State Foster Care Data Archive and constructed the original integrated longitudinal database on children's services in Illinois, now in use for over 25 years. The databases he has developed give state administrators a powerful capacity to analyze key child welfare outcomes, compare outcomes across agencies and jurisdictions, project future service patterns, test the impact of policy and service innovations, and monitor progress.

Earlier in his career, he designed two major social experiments: the Child Assistance Program and the HomeRebuilders Program. The Child Assistance Program was awarded the Innovations in Government award from Harvard University and the Rockefeller Foundation. Also in the realm of public policy, Wulczyn developed the nation's first proposal to change the federal law limiting the ability of states to design innovative child welfare programs, which then led to the development of the Title IV-E waiver programs now used by 25 states to undertake system reform in child welfare programs. He continues to lead the field in developing alternative approaches to financing child welfare programs.

Fred Wulczyn received his Ph.D. from the School of Social Service Administration (Social Welfare Policy) at the University of Chicago in 1986. A graduate of Juniata College, he was awarded the distinguished Alumni Award in 2005 for his contributions on behalf of children and families. He earned his MSW from Marywood University in 1979. The University honored him with its distinguished Alumni Award in 2004.