



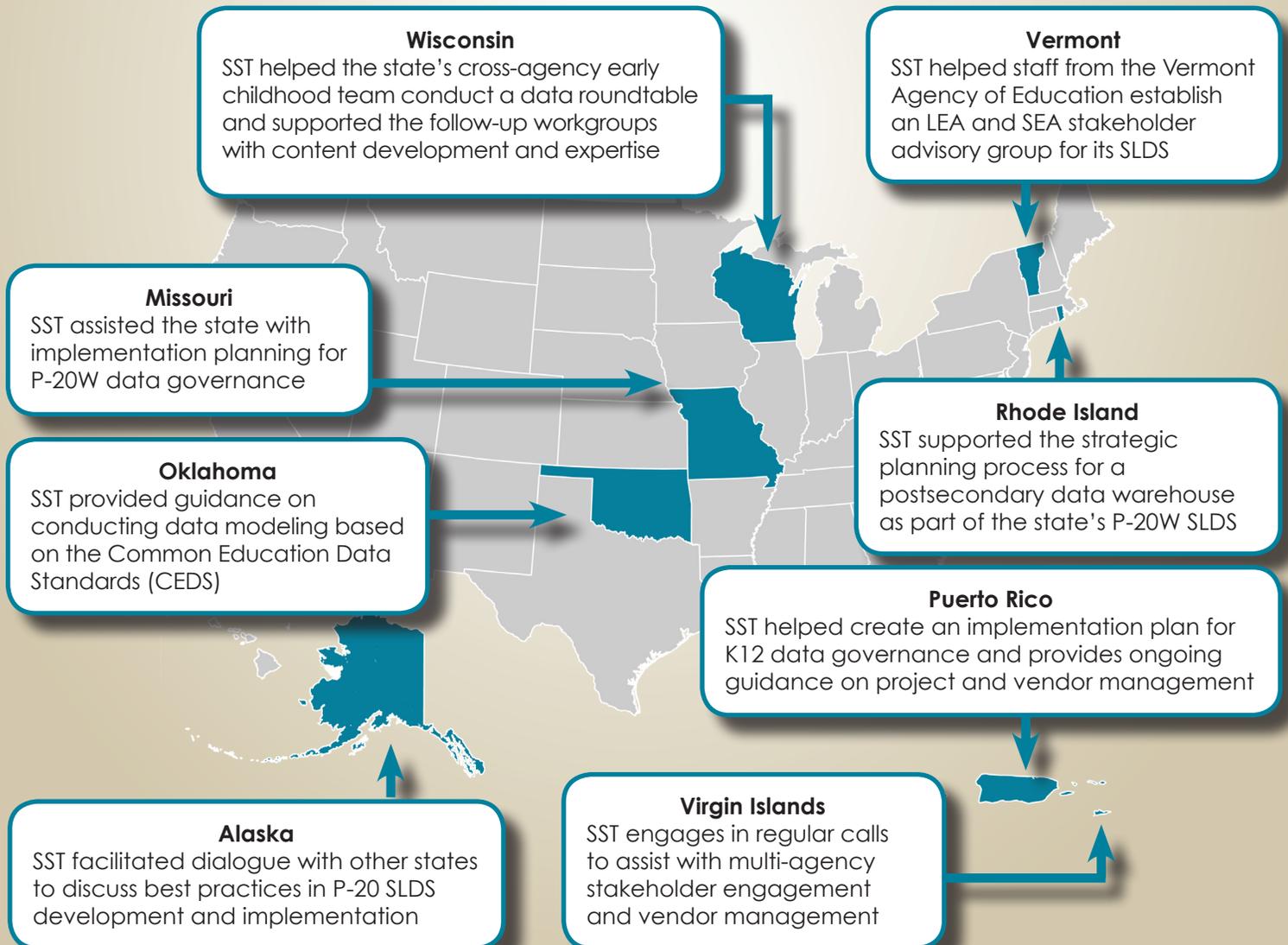
State Support Team 101

The State Support Team (SST), an initiative of the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant Program, is composed of experienced state data systems experts whose primary objective is the direct support of all states in their development and use of SLDSs. The SST assists states via webinars, workgroups, workshops, best-practices briefs, and on-site visits.

Areas of assistance include, but are not limited to, data governance, stakeholder engagement, data use, project management, and sustainability. The SST also provides assistance in areas such as transparency; collaboration and linkage of data across state and local agencies; vendor management; strategic planning; and development of data dictionaries.

The types of support provided by the SST are based on states' needs and evolve in response to the current challenges in the field. Any state, regardless of federal grant status, is eligible to receive assistance from the SST.

Recent One-on-One SST Engagements with States



Best Practices Resources and Guides



The SST creates a variety of resources on common topics of interest that highlight states' work. It also develops guides and templates for frequently requested resources such as data governance policies, stakeholder engagement plans, and sustainability planning.

SST best-practice resources and guides are available on the Public Domain Clearinghouse, which is part of the SLDS GRADS360° website at <https://slds.grads360.org/#p=19>.

Webinars



The SST facilitates monthly webinars highlighting states' work on topics relevant to the field. Recent topics include the use of research analytics in SLDS, the use of the Common Education Data Standards (CEDS), and training educators to use SLDS data. Many of the webinars have associated best practices briefs.

Recordings of all SST-facilitated webinars, and the related best-practices briefs, are publicly available on the SLDS GRADS360° website at <https://slds.grads360.org/#program/slds-webinars>.

Workshops



The SST hosts several workshops annually to address common areas of challenge and interest. Recent topics have included vendor management, assessing the progress of early childhood integrated data systems (ECIDSs), and transparency and data mapping.

To learn about upcoming workshops, sign up for the SLDS email listserv by contacting SLDS Program Analyst Melissa Ford at melissa.ford@ed.gov.

Workgroups



The SST facilitates workgroups of states that want to collectively address a shared challenge or area of interest. Workgroups also contribute to the creation of a resource for use by the field. Current workgroups include the Data Use Standards Workgroup, the Data Linking Workgroup, Common Education Data Standards Workgroup, and the Early Childhood Data Use Workgroup. If you are interested in joining an existing workgroup or starting a new one, contact your state's SST member.

Contacting the State Support Team & Additional Information

Obtaining assistance from the SST is easy. Contact your state's SST member directly, or submit a request via the SLDS GRADS360° website at <https://slds.grads360.org> via the TA Requests link under the Collaborate tab. If you do not have a GRADS360° account, send an email to support@sst-slds.org.

To learn more about the SST and find your state's SST member, visit <https://slds.grads360.org/#program/about-the-sst>.