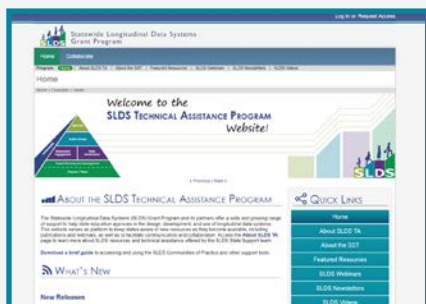# COMMUNITIES360: A PORTAL TO SLDS SUPPORT & COMMUNITY

Technical Assistance, Tools, & Collaboration

The Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant Program and its partners offer a wide and growing range of support to help states and territories in the design, development, use, and sustainability of longitudinal data systems. The SLDS Communities360 website is a free resource that provides states with easy access to technical assistance (TA) services and resources, including publications and toolkits, webinars, communities of practice, event materials, informational videos, and more. The site also provides a venue for communication, collaboration, and resource sharing.

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SLDS GRADS360 Home Page

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The SLDS program's Communities360 website home page provides easy access to a range of technical assistance products and resources, and it allows you to quickly navigate to more detailed information and additional resources.

Special Resources

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(see Special Resources section on sidebar)

The toolkits are loaded with practical information and tools, including self assessments, topical guides, templates, and videos.

Communities of Practice (CoPs)

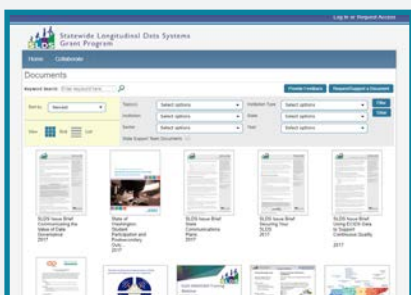**https://slds.ed.gov/#program** *(scroll to CoPs section)*

CoPs provide an online platform for states to collaborate on specific topics of shared interest. Each CoP includes a discussion board, workspace for sharing documents, events calendar, members list, featured resources, and more. Based on the **Framework for Data Systems**, CoP topics include purpose and vision; project planning and management; stakeholder engagement; system design; data use; data governance; and sustainability. Request CoP membership to collaborate with your peers!

Webinars

https://slds.ed.gov/#program/slds-webinars

At least once a month, the SLDS program hosts a webinar to highlight the great work happening in states on a variety of timely topics. Each live presentation is recorded and archived with slide decks and other supporting materials. Many webinars also have summary briefs.

Publications & Document Sharing: Public Domain Clearinghouse (PDC) & Featured Resources

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The PDC houses hundreds of resources shared by states and developed by the SLDS program. The repository is searchable and can be filtered by topic area, contributor, and more. Explore the PDC now and contribute your own work to share with your peers. You can also easily browse the **Featured Resources** page for products recently developed by the SLDS program.

State Support Team (SST)

https://slds.ed.gov/#program/about-the-sst

The SST is a group of experienced state data systems experts whose primary objective is to help all states and territories develop, manage, use, and sustain their SLDSs. Visit the SST page to learn about the free TA services the SST can provide your state (including nongrantees). The page includes overview information, a list of states' SST points of contact, individual SST member bios, and FAQs.

Informational Videos

https://slds.ed.gov/#program/slds-videos

A set of brief videos provides introductions to various SLDS-related topics. Particularly geared toward audiences in need of 101-level information on topics ranging from early childhood integrated data systems and data governance to what an SLDS is, these videos offer quick overviews to help get you and your stakeholders up to speed.

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