



## State Support Team 101

The State Support Team (SST), an initiative of the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant Program, is comprised 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, working groups, best practices briefs, and on-site visits. The SST offers assistance on a broad range of topics, including a growing set of services addressing early childhood data, K12, P-20W, and workforce data governance, and stakeholder outreach (see the Core Services of the State Support Team document for details). Additionally, the SST has provided assistance in areas including technical design; coordination and linkage of data across state agencies and sectors; collaboration with local education agencies; program and project management; and data dictionary development. Areas of support provided by the SST are based on states' needs and will expand as the challenges in the field evolve over time. Any state, regardless of federal grant status, is eligible to receive assistance from the SST.

The figure below displays states that have had one-on-one SST engagements to date\* and highlights some recent activities:



*\*This SST resource was last updated April 2013*

### Contacting the State Support Team & Additional Information

Obtaining assistance from the SST is easy. Just submit a request via the GRADS360° website at <https://nces.grads360.org> using the "Technical Assistance" tab. If you do not have a GRADS360° account, send an email to [support@sst-slds.org](mailto:support@sst-slds.org). To learn more about the members of the SST, see the Meet the State Support Team document. For answers to common questions about the SST, see the Frequently Asked Questions document.