

Core Services of the State Support Team



Any state, regardless of federal grant status, is eligible to receive assistance from the SST on these or other topics. States can request support for SLDS projects from the SST, just log into GRADS360° at <https://nces.grads360.org> and fill out a request form under the “State Support Requests” tab.

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The State Support Team (SST), an initiative of the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) 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. While the SST have provided and will continue to offer technical assistance (TA) on a wide range of data system-related topics, the Team has begun developing a core set of services to address some of the most common challenges faced by states in their SLDS efforts.

The core set of SST services currently covers four areas:

- **Early Learning Project Planning and Management**
- **K12 Data Governance**
- **P-20W Data Governance**
- **Stakeholder Outreach**

These services are evolving and will encompass a range of assistance and resources, including professional development sessions, working templates, presentations, and more. Each service area has established general goals and a set of potential deliverables. However, the SST carefully tailors the services to meet individual state needs, environments, and objectives.

Current SST Services



Early Learning Project Planning and Management

Purpose: To assist states during the project planning and management stages of development.

Intended Outcomes:

- Increase the number of Early Learning (EL) programs, and types of data and programs included in state SLDSs;
- Help states develop a strong plan and policy questions; and
- Improve communication, collaboration, and relationships between local, state, and federal EL programs.

Deliverables:

- Identified EL Integration Needs
- EL Project Plan
- EL Policy Questions

Resources:

- Self Assessment Guide for EL Data Integration (*In progress*)
- Planning Guide (*In progress*)
- Guide to Developing Policy Questions (*Planned*)
- Presentations:
 - o Why include EL in the SLDS? (*In progress*)
 - o Beginning talks to incorporate programs and find data for sharing. (*In progress*)
 - o How to assess SLDS capacity to include EL, and steps to create an EL system or incorporate EL data. (*In progress*)

K12 Data Governance

Purpose: To implement agency-wide K12 data governance (DG) structures, roles, and processes to support an SEA's SLDS initiative.

Intended Outcomes:

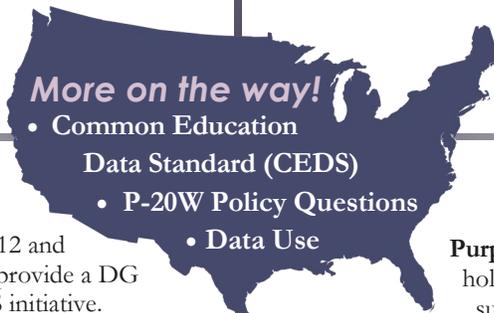
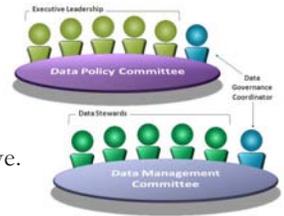
- Improve the quality of data collected and reported;
- Reduce data collection and reporting burden; and
- Improve the communication, collaboration, and relationships between state and local education agencies (SEAs and LEAs), as well as between SEA program areas and IT.

Deliverables:

- K12 DG Policy
- K12 DG Manual
- K12 DG Role Descriptions and Responsibilities
- K12 DG Implementation or Maturation Plan

Resources:

- Presentations: Intro to DG principles, structures, roles, and responsibilities (versions for SEA Leadership and Data Managers/Stewards) (*Complete*)
- Best Practices Brief (*Planned*)
 - DG Checklist/Self-Assessment Tool (to assess agency's current DG structure & processes) (*Planned*)



P-20W Data Governance

Purpose: To clarify the relationship between K12 and interagency P-20W data governance (DG), and provide a DG framework in support of the state's P-20W LDS initiative.

Intended Outcomes:

- Improve communication, collaboration, and relationships between SEAs and other state agencies;
- Build a framework for P-20W data governance structures, roles, and responsibilities; and
- Define the process by which data integration business rules are established and implemented.

Deliverables:

- P-20W DG Policy
- P-20W DG Manual
- P-20W DG Role Descriptions and Responsibilities
- P-20W DG Implementation or Maturation Plan

Resources:

- Presentations: What's P-20W DG? What's its value? What's needed to implement it? (versions for SEA Leadership and Data Managers/Stewards) (*Complete*)
- Best Practices Brief (*Planned*)
- Checklist/Self-Assessment Tool (*Planned*)



Stakeholder Outreach

Purpose: To strategically engage all stakeholders, from policymakers to end users, in support of an SLDS.

Intended Outcomes:

- Improve communication, collaboration, and relationships between IT and stakeholders;
- Create credible and useful products for end users in support of data-driven decisionmaking; and
- Support the use of information from the SEA's SLDS initiative.

Deliverables:

- Stakeholder Engagement Plan

Resources:

- Presentations:
 - o For SEA Leadership: Who should be involved? When? How? Why? (*In progress*)
 - o For Data Managers/Stewards: Why engage stakeholders? How should their input be used? (*Planned*)
- Stakeholder Engagement Checklist/Self-Assessment Tool (to assess current & desired involvement) (*In progress*)
- Stakeholder Engagement Toolkit (*In progress*)
- Quick Reference Guide (*Planned*)



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