

## **Advancing the Use of Data & Evidence in the States**

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### **KEY RESOURCES & SUGGESTED READING**

National Association of State Budget Officers ([www.nasbo.org](http://www.nasbo.org))

- Performance Management and Budgeting Member Community:  
**Join today at <https://community.nasbo.org/home>** (NASBO Member Access Only)
  - Statewide Initiatives to Advance the Use of Data & Evidence: A Working Inventory (2018) – available in [Community Library](#)
- [Methods and Tools to Use Performance Data at the State Level](#) (2016)
- [Investing in Results: Using Performance Data to Inform State Budgeting](#) (2014)
- Find more resources at: <https://www.nasbo.org/reports-data/using-data-and-evidence>

National Governors Association ([www.nga.org](http://www.nga.org))

- [Using Data and Evaluation in Policy Development, Implementation and Monitoring: Building Successful Policies to Reduce Prescription Opioid Misuse](#) (2017)
- [Improving Human Services Programs and Outcomes Through Shared Data](#) (2016)

The Pew Charitable Trusts ([www.pewtrusts.org](http://www.pewtrusts.org))

- [The Role of Outcome Monitoring in Evidence Based Policymaking](#) (2018)
- [How States Use Data to Inform Decisions](#) (2018)
- [How States Engage in Evidence-Based Policymaking](#) (2017)
- [A Guide to Evidence-Based Budget Development](#) (2016)
- [Results First Clearinghouse Database](#) (2015, updated August 2018)
- [Evidence-Based Policymaking: A Guide for Effective Government](#) (2014)

Results for America ([www.results4america.org](http://www.results4america.org))

- [Invest in What Works State Standard of Excellence](#) (2018)
- [What Works Toolkit: A State and Local Government Policymaker's Guide to Improving Human Services Contracting and Outcomes](#) (2018)

Other Resources

- Nonprofit Finance Fund's Pay for Success Learning Hub ([www.payforsuccess.com/](http://www.payforsuccess.com/))
- State Data Sharing Initiative (<http://www.statedatasharing.org/>)
- Data Quality Campaign (<https://dataqualitycampaign.org/>)
- The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, *Evidence-Based Social Policy: The Promise and Challenges of a Movement* (<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/anna/678/1>)

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & GRANT PROVIDERS

Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy (AISP) launched a Learning Community initiative to offer intensive, formal training and technical assistance to jurisdictions on developing integrated data systems. See <https://www.aisp.upenn.edu/resources/training-technical-assistance/>.

The Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab grew out of the Social Impact Bond Technical Assistance Lab, established in 2011. The lab provides technical assistance to state and local jurisdictions for Pay for Success and performance improvement projects, as well as for results-driven contracting projects that are part of the “What Works Cities” initiative. See <https://govlab.hks.harvard.edu/>.

The J-PAL State and Local Innovation Initiative provides technical support and funding assistance to state and local governments for randomized evaluations. See <https://www.povertyactionlab.org/stateandlocal>.

The Laura and John Arnold Foundation (LJAF) has standing requests for proposals to provide funding for randomized controlled trials and to support expanding delivery of evidence-based programs. See <http://www.arnoldfoundation.org/request-for-proposals/>. LJAF also funds policy labs in several states to help governments use data and evidence to address pressing issues. See <http://www.arnoldfoundation.org/initiative/evidence-based-policy-innovation/policy-labs/>.

The Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative partners with states to implement a cost-benefit analysis framework aimed at helping them invest in evidence-based programs proven to be effective. See <http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/pew-macarthur-results-first-initiative>.

Social Finance is a nonprofit organization that provides technical assistance to jurisdictions engaging in Pay for Success arrangements by supporting the design, negotiation and financial structuring of the project, managing the capital raise and coordinating performance management services. See <http://socialfinance.org/>.

Third Sector Capital Partners is a nonprofit advisory firm that works with jurisdictions to help them implement contracting tools like Pay for Success. See <https://www.thirdsectorcap.org/>.

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Johns Hopkins Center for Government Excellence courses - <https://govex.jhu.edu/training/>

Evaluating Social Programs by EdX (free) - <https://www.edx.org/course/evaluating-social-programs>

Applied Data Analytics programs by University of Maryland - <https://coleridgeinitiative.org/training>