



# Government Data Focus Area

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# Background

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## Focus Area Discussion

- Recent field trip—South Carolina Integrated Data Center & Coleridge Initiative—there appears to be ongoing efforts to build data services/center and improve evidence in a number of states
- With the exception of the efforts of Coleridge, and some other initiatives, there appears to be minimal coordination around these efforts
  - Another example of cross-state efforts around data sharing includes the Multistate Longitudinal Data Exchange (MLDE) run by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education - <https://www.wiche.edu/key-initiatives/multistate-longitudinal-data-exchange/>
- Coordination between the federal government and the states is almost nonexistent and states continue to struggle to get federal agencies to share data that state and local government provide to federal agencies

# Main Ideas for Year 1 Report

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## Focus Area Discussion

- Recommend OMB explore avenues for supporting consistent application of Federal data collection activities
- Recommend areas where additional OMB guidance is needed and encourage publishing best practices for federal, state, and local levels.
- Extend mandates for sharing data to include Agencies must share data back to participating states
- Recommend a pilot program that involves the transfer of state data to federal government built around unemployment insurance data
  - This would involve coordination between the Federal and state governments
  - Can help evaluate ways to ensure consistency
  - Include people who share physical data between federal government and state so they can offer ideas for how they have solved some issues in the past
  - Include states that already have well developed data systems

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## Focus Area Discussion

- Recommend focus on capacity building particularly developing programmatic and data science skills
- Create some case studies of ongoing research that is designed to answer a question that is important to a number of actors that is trying to utilize both federal as well as state data from a number of different states
  - What are some of the challenges involved in getting cooperation
  - Possible examples include research being done by Raj Chetty and co-authors as well as Bruce Meyer and co-authors
- Should one important role of Secure Data service be coordination between state data center efforts and between states and the federal government?

# Hot Topics

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## Focus Area Discussion

- Funding sources for pilot projects

# Committee Discussion

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## Discussion Questions

- How do we overcome the fact that states operate under distinct sets of regulatory and legal regimes
- Also overcome issues with differences in fiscal years and funding/spending rules?
- How do we better facilitate the coordination of data processing/reporting and the sharing of data between governments (state, local and federal) in the presence of actual or perceived legal and other impediments?
- Are we adverse to data service also playing the role of housing some data?