

About the Education Division

The NGA Center for Best Practices Education Division provides information, research, policy analysis, technical assistance and resource development for governors and their staff in the areas of early childhood and K-12 education. Equity, alignment and data-driven are the core principles that serve as a foundation for the division's work. The division focuses on helping governors develop effective policy and support its implementation in the areas governance and finance, standards, assessments and accountability, human capital, whole child and personalized learning.

Early Education Projects

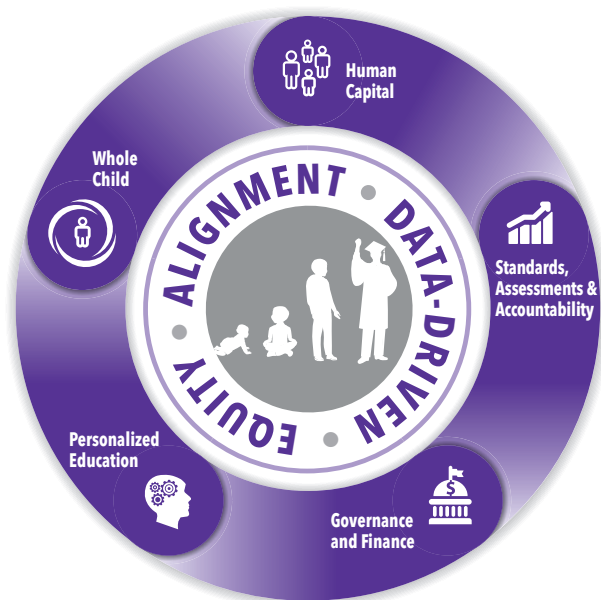
- Integrating and advancing State Prenatal to Age Three Policies
- Supporting Governors and States in Developing and Strengthening a Comprehensive Pre-Kindergarten to 3rd Grade System
- Birth to Age 8 Workforce Development

K-12 Education Projects

- Human Capital Policy Road Map
- School Interventions: Ensuring All Students Graduate High School Ready to Succeed in Postsecondary and the Workforce
- School Choice
- Ensuring Student Success through Social and Emotional Learning
- School Finance

Governors Response Team

- *From September 2017 through February 2018, the NGA Education Division received and confirmed 25 total requests through our Governors Response Team. The requests have ranged from needing connections to experts in the field to needing help planning large scale convenings at the state level around education. Topics for requests have covered all of the five key initiatives of the education division's strategic plan, and have included all three of the division's core principles (equity, data-driven and alignment). Additionally, requests have covered the entire continuum from birth through college- and career-ready.*



Learning and Networking Opportunities for Governors' Policy Advisors

The Education Division offers a variety of learning and networking opportunities for states, which promote peer exchange for governors and their staff. Education policy advisors find great value in learning about innovative policies and strategies from states addressing similar issues. Division staff facilitate this through:

- Policy Advisors' Institutes
- Policy Academies and Learning Labs
- Experts Roundtables
- Webinars
- Email Message Alerts
- Newsletters
- In-State Site Visits
- In-State Retreats

Technical Assistance for Governors' Policy Advisors

Through a variety of outlets, the Education Division customizes technical assistance to best meet the needs and requests of governors and their staff by providing technical assistance memos, monthly support calls, state retreats and connections to experts in the field. The division also provides a rapid response system for governors and their staff through the Governors' Response Team (GRT). The GRT supports the needs and answers the urgent questions of governors and their staff by drawing on the expertise of NGA staff and national partners.

Resources for Governors' Policy Advisors

The Education Division develops and maintains a variety of documents on early education and K-12 issues across the entire spectrum of our responsibilities. Documents target governors, their advisors, and executive branches agencies. The types of documents include:

- **Issue Briefs:** The Education Division prepares short, focused documents that provide analysis of state policies, issues or trends as well as recommendations.
- **Newsletters:** The Education Division develops and disseminates a monthly newsletter to state policy makers that include opportunities for meetings, and grants, current state policy actions, state best practices and recently released reports of interest to states.
- **Expert Consultation:** The Education Division provides expert Consultation on policy topics within its five focus areas as well as connecting state leaders to national experts.

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