

HOW WE WORK: SUPPORTING GOVERNORS AND THEIR STAFF

Founded in 1908, the National Governors Association (NGA) is the bipartisan collective voice of the nation's governors. The association's ongoing mission is to support the work of governors by providing a forum to help shape and implement national policy and to solve state problems. The NGA Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) works with governors to share best practices and develop innovative policy solutions to state public policy challenges.

The NGA Center Education Division (the division) provides and customizes technical assistance to best meet the needs and requests of governors and their staff on education topics spanning birth through college and career. These technical assistance strategies build upon, complement and inform each other.

Intensive, Long-Term Technical Assistance

To guide states through the policy development and implementation process, the division provides governors' staff and state education leaders with several opportunities for intensive technical assistance. Tailored to meet the needs of each participating state, these intensive supports include policy academies, learning labs, advisory groups, expert roundtables, site visits, state retreats, learning networks and workshops.

Governors' Response Team

The Governors' Response Team (GRT) provides a rapid response system for governors and their staff. The GRT supports the needs and answers urgent questions by drawing on the expertise of NGA staff and national partners. Support includes, but is not limited to, site visits, technical assistance memos and facilitating connections to experts in the field.

Ongoing Learning Opportunities

To communicate relevant, timely information to governors and their staff, the division frequently releases e-blasts, webinars, podcasts, roadmaps, briefs and additional publications. These communications analyze state and federal work, elevate best-practices, and articulate the division's role in supporting key policy issues.

Annual Convenings

The division regularly convenes governors, governors' staff, state education leaders and experts from the field to discuss best practices related to relevant education topics. Additionally, these gatherings provide governors and their staff with the opportunity to connect with colleagues from other states and identify relevant technical assistance needs. These cross-state convenings include annual meetings such as the Governors Education Symposium and Governors' Education Policy Advisors Institute, as well as meetings focused on specific topics related to larger division portfolio work.

