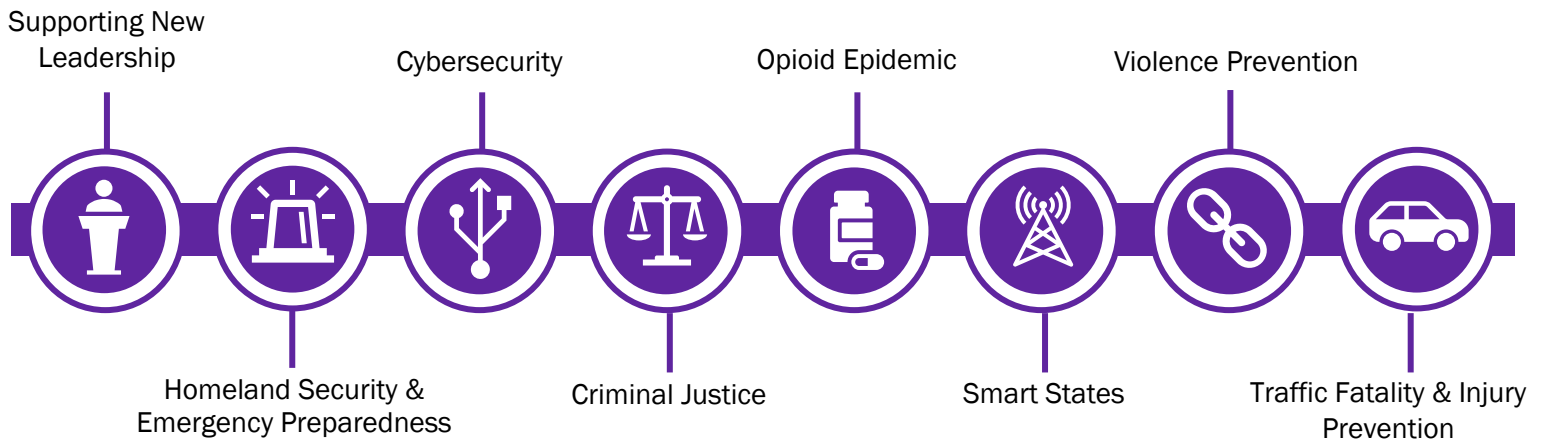


How We Work: Supporting Governors and Their Staff

NGA Homeland Security and Public Safety (HSPS) provides governors and their staff with analysis and information about best practices, tailored technical assistance and insights into emerging policy trends across homeland security and public safety.

Areas of Focus in 2019



Learning & Networking Opportunities for State Leaders

NGA HSPS provides states a variety of learning and networking opportunities via intensive technical assistance engagements, meetings, conference calls and webinars. The ability of states to learn from the experience of other states and network with their colleagues is a hallmark of those opportunities. Offerings include:

- **Policy Academies:** Over 12 to 18 months, the division supports governor-appointed teams in developing and implementing strategic plans designed to address critical state policy challenges.
- **Policy Institutes and Workshops:** The division hosts an annual policy institute for governors' criminal justice policy advisors, a biannual conference for governors' homeland security advisors and other workshops on specific topics to bring governors' staff together with subject-matter experts to exchange ideas and identify best practices.
- **Conference Calls and Webinars:** The division routinely hosts conference calls and webinars to highlight new and emerging issues and provide a forum for peer-to-peer exchange.
- **Technical Assistance:** Staff can provide tailored assistance to governors' offices upon request. Assistance can come in a variety of forms, including brief confidential memos addressing a specific policy question, comments on draft legislation or regulations as related to best practices, consultations on a policy development process or access to outside experts.

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HSPS Programs Areas



Criminal Justice & Public Safety Program

- Criminal Justice Reform
- Opioid Use Disorder and Overdose
- Crisis Communications
- Traffic Fatality and Injury Prevention
- Juvenile Justice
- Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health in Incarcerated Populations



Cybersecurity, Technology & Communications Program

- Cybersecurity (governance, incident response, election security, cybercrime, critical infrastructure)
- Smarter States, Smarter Communities
- Public Safety Communications
- Public Safety Technologies
- Information Sharing (across the state enterprise)



Homeland Security Program

- Emergency Preparedness
- Disaster Response, Recovery and Resiliency
- School Safety
- Energy Infrastructure and Assurance Planning
- Public Health and Pandemic Preparedness
- Preventing Targeted Violence

HSPS Networks

Consortium of State Public Safety Executives

The Consortium of State Public Safety Executives (Consortium) is a network of cabinet-level secretaries and commissioners from across the country who are responsible for oversight of their state's public safety enterprise, including state police, fire, corrections, emergency management, and/or other related agencies. Through the Consortium, members can connect with their peers in other states to share lessons learned, receive briefings from national experts on best practices in the field, and receive ongoing technical support from NGA staff.

Governors Criminal Justice Advisors

The Governors Criminal Justice Policy Advisors (CJPAs) Network provides a forum for governors' criminal and juvenile justice policy advisors to connect with their peers in other states, promote regional information sharing and collaboration, and learn about best practices and the latest research in the field. NGA convenes CJPAs for an annual institute and offers customized technical assistance to them as requested through research and strategic planning support.

Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council

Founded in 2006 under the direction of former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, the Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council (GHSAC) is a formal association of the homeland security advisors (HSAs) from each state, territory, and the District of Columbia. GHSAC provides a unified voice for states in shaping national homeland security policy, and it serves to keep governors abreast of the current threat environment and the impacts of Federal homeland security legislation, regulation, and policies on states. It also informs the work of NGA Solutions by sharing ideas and best practices, identifying emerging issues, and reviewing and analyzing the impacts of Federal homeland security activities on the states. The GHSAC is led by an eight-member bipartisan executive committee.

More Learning Opportunities for States



Annual Convenings

- Institute for State Criminal Justice and Public Safety Executives
- Governors Homeland Security Advisors Winter and Fall meetings



Newsletter | Monthly

Electronic newsletter that provides updates on division activities and opportunities for states, as well as links to useful resources. To be added to the newsletter, please email HSPS@nga.org.

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