



# Opioid Policy Fellows Kickoff Meeting

January 6-8, 2023

# Welcome 2023 Opioid Policy Fellows!

Hooray – we are so  
happy you are here!



# Coming Up

## Welcome

- National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
- About the Opioid Policy Fellows Program
- About the kickoff meeting

## Introductions

- Let's hear from you!

## Joint Dinner with Maternal and Child Health Fellows



# Strengthening the legislative institution



# How NCSL Strengthens Legislatures



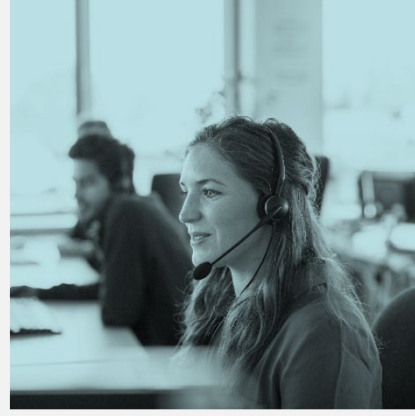
## Policy Research

NCSL provides trusted, nonpartisan policy research and analysis



## Connections

NCSL links legislators and staff with each other and with experts



## Training

NCSL delivers training tailored specifically for legislators and staff



## State Voice in D.C.

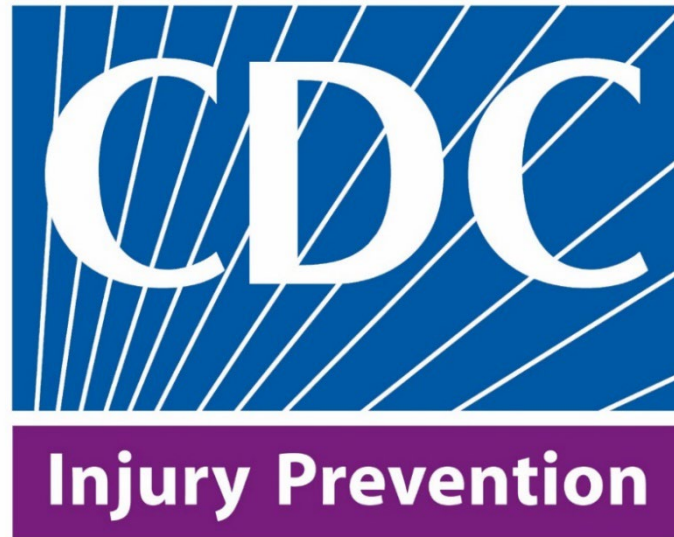
NCSL represents and advocates on behalf of states on Capitol Hill



## Meetings

NCSL meetings facilitate information exchange and policy discussions

*Thank you!*



# Program Goals and Objectives

Build knowledge about new research and policy

Exchange ideas and solutions related to opioid misuse and overdose

Meet and learn from other legislative leaders

Connect with leading researchers and policy experts

Identify practical information to use in your state and develop action steps

Have fun!

# Program Overview

## ○ Events

- Kickoff Meeting: January 6-8
- Webinar #1: Friday, March 10, 11am PT | Noon MT | 1 pm CT | 2 pm ET
- Webinar #2: Friday, May 12, 11am PT | Noon MT | 1 pm CT | 2 pm ET
- Second Meeting: June 2-4, Denver, Colorado (Likely)

## ○ Action Plans

## ○ Technical assistance is available throughout 2023 and beyond! Examples include:

- Research and informational memos
- Providing testimony or helping identify and invite experts
- Supporting a hearing or informational session in your state
- Convening stakeholders in your state to hear from experts and discuss an issue
- Connecting you with national experts, other legislators, state officials, etc.





# Ground Rules & Expectations

- Engage and participate
- Approach with open mind and assume best intentions
- Take advantage of each other, experts, NCSL and other resources
- Take care of your need
- Vegas rules
- Have fun!

# Meeting Session

## ○ Saturday, January 7

- The State of the Opioid Epidemic in 2023
- State Strategies for Prevention and Intervention
- Opioid Prescribing: An Update on CDC's Guidance
- Infectious Disease Consequences of the Opioid Crisis
- Joint Session: Substance Exposure and Use During and After Pregnancy

## ○ Sunday, January 8

- Expanding Access to Treatment
- Group Activity
- Action Planning

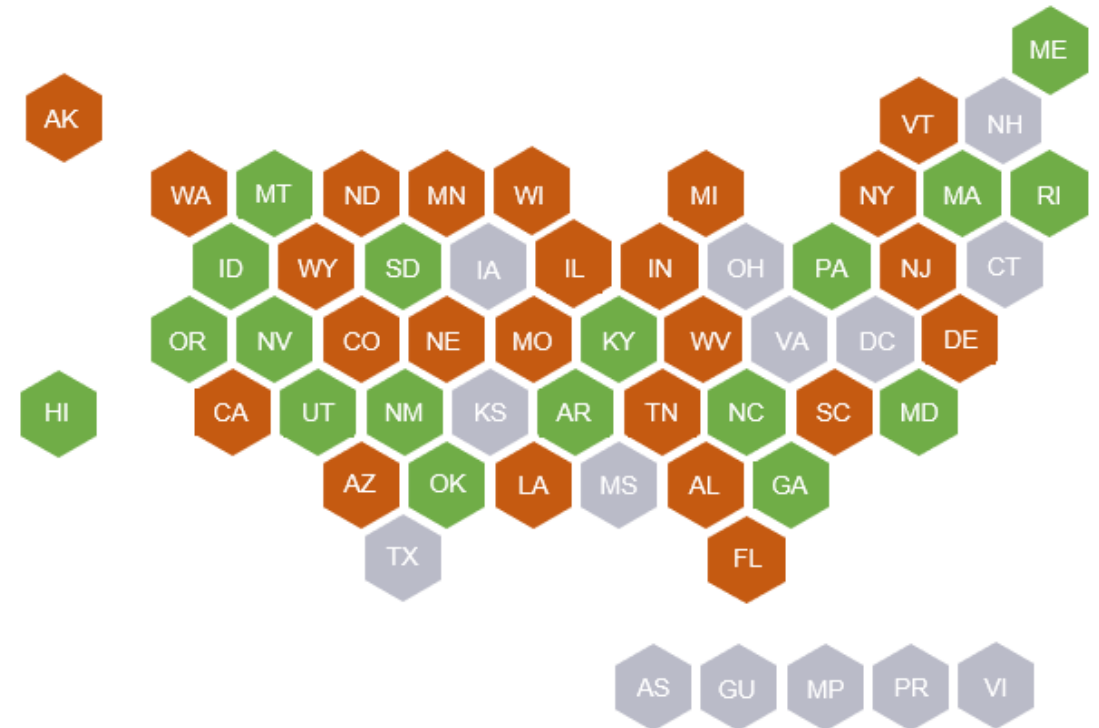
# Content for Spring Meeting & Webinars

- Policy efforts and intersections with:
  - Criminal justice/public safety
  - Continuum of Care
  - Public health workforce
  - Medicaid
  - Connection with other policy areas: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) or Trauma-Informed Care, Child Welfare
- Possibly more on:
  - Access to Care
- Other areas identified by you!

# Introduce Yourself!

- Name
- Chamber
- State
- Why you wanted to participate in the Fellows program

*Please keep your responses to ~1 minute in length.*



2018-2022 Cohorts  
2023 Cohort