



## **National Legislative Program Evaluation Society Award Recipients for 2022**

### **NLPES Outstanding Achievement Award**

James Barber, Executive Director, Mississippi Joint Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (retired)

### **NLPES Excellence in Evaluation Award**

Michigan Office of the Auditor General

### **NLPES Excellence in Research Methods Award**

Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability  
Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audits

### **NLPES Certificates of Impact**

Alabama Commission on the Evaluation of Services  
Arizona Auditor General  
California State Auditor's Office  
Colorado Office of the State Auditor  
Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts, Performance Audit Division  
Hawaii Office of the Auditor  
Idaho Office of Performance Evaluations  
Illinois Office of the Auditor General  
Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit  
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission, Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee  
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission, Office of Education Accountability  
Louisiana Legislative Auditor  
Maine Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability  
Michigan Office of the Auditor General  
Montana Legislative Audit Division  
New Hampshire Office of the Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division  
New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee  
Pennsylvania Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
South Carolina House Legislative Oversight Committee  
South Carolina Legislative Audit Council  
Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Office of Research and Education Accountability  
Utah Office of the Legislative Auditor General  
Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission  
Washington Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee  
West Virginia Legislative Auditor's Performance Evaluation and Research Division  
West Virginia Legislature's Joint Committee on Government Finance, Post Audit Division  
Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

## Reports that Received 2022 NLPES Awards

**Excellence in Research Methods.** An Excellence in Research Methods Award may be presented to up to three offices. To receive a 2022 award, an office must have demonstrated outstanding use of evaluation research methods in a report released during calendar year 2021.

State	Report Name
Florida	<i>Geographic Access to Healthy Food in Florida</i>
Kansas	<i>Evaluating the Kansas Department of Labor's Response to COVID-19 Unemployment Claims</i>

**Certificates of Impact.** A Certificate of Impact may be presented to an office for a report released during calendar year 2019, 2020 or 2021 and which had documented public policy impacts. A total of 27 offices from 24 states received 2022 NLPES Certificates of Impact.

State	Report Name
Alabama	<i>Suicide Prevention Programs</i>
Arizona	<i>Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections—Use of Temporary Stabilization Units</i>
California	<i>Employment Development Department: Significant Weaknesses in EDD's Approach to Fraud Prevention Have Led to Billions of Dollars in Improper Benefit Payments</i>
Colorado	<i>Colorado DOT Operational Risk Areas</i>
Georgia	<i>Administration of the Film Tax Credit</i>
Hawaii	<i>Department of Land and Natural Resources' Special Land and Development Fund</i>
Idaho	<i>State Response to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias</i>
Illinois	<i>Department of Children and Family Services LGBTQ Youth in Care</i>
Kansas	<i>Evaluating the Department of Agriculture's Price Verification Inspection Process</i>
Kentucky (OIC)	<i>Kentucky Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel</i>
Kentucky (OEA)	<i>An Overview of School Counselors in Kentucky</i>
Louisiana	<i>Regulation of the Massage Therapy Profession</i>
Maine	<i>Evaluation of the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit</i>
Michigan	<i>Bureau of Elections, Department of State</i>
Montana	<i>State Employee Settlements: Trends, Transparency, and Administration</i>
New Hampshire	<i>Adult Parole Board</i>
New Mexico	<i>Unemployment Insurance System</i>
Pennsylvania	<i>A Study of Pennsylvania's Dairy Industry</i>
South Carolina (HLOC)	<i>Secretary of State's Office</i>
South Carolina (LAC)	<i>A Limited Review of the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice and Follow Up to Our January 2017 Audit</i>
Tennessee	<i>Special Report: Sex Week at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville</i>
Utah	<i>A Performance Audit of Healthcare in State Prisons</i>
Virginia	<i>Operations and Performance of the Virginia Employment Commission</i>
Washington	<i>Targeted Urban Area Exemption</i>
West Virginia (PERD)	<i>Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is Retaining Unclaimed and Unidentified Decedents</i>
West Virginia (PAD)	<i>Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Mining and Reclamation</i>
Wisconsin	<i>Elections Administration</i>