



## Reports that Received 2019 NLPES Awards

**Excellence in Research Methods.** An Excellence in Research Methods Award may be presented to up to three offices. To receive a 2019 award, an office must have demonstrated outstanding use of evaluation research methods in a report released during calendar year 2018.

State	Report Name
Kansas	<i>Medicaid: Evaluating KanCare's Effect on the State's Medicaid Program</i>
Louisiana	<i>Local Government Bond Issuance Costs</i>
Virginia	<i>Spending on Inmate Healthcare</i>

**Certificates of Impact.** A Certificate of Impact may be presented to an office for a report released during calendar year 2016, 2017 or 2018 and which had documented public policy impacts. A total of 28 offices from 26 states received 2019 NLPES Certificates of Impact.

State	Report Name
Arizona	<i>Arizona Department of Economic Security—Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program</i>
California	<i>Homelessness in California: State Government and the Los Angeles Homeless</i>
Colorado	<i>Office of Film, Television, and Media Performance Audit</i>
Georgia	<i>GATE Program: Improved Controls Needed to Ensure Proper Use of Exemption</i>
Idaho	<i>Residential Care</i>
Illinois	<i>Medicaid Managed Care Organizations</i>
Kentucky	<i>Preschool Program Review and Full-Day Kindergarten</i>
Louisiana	<i>Water Rates in Louisiana—Louisiana Public Service Commission</i>
Maine	<i>Maine's Beverage Container Redemption Program—Lack of Data Hinders Evaluation of Program and Alternatives; Program Design Not Fully Aligned with Intended Goals; Compliance, Program, and Commingling Issues Noted</i>
Michigan	<i>Children's Protective Services Investigations, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services</i>
Minnesota	<i>Office of Health Facility Complaints</i>
Mississippi	<i>State Government Purchasing: A Review of Recent Statutory Changes and Case Study</i>
Montana	<i>Management of Montana's State Park System</i>
New Hampshire	<i>Community College System of New Hampshire Performance Audit Report</i>
New Mexico	<i>Instructional Time and Extended Learning Opportunities in Public Schools</i>
New York	<i>Drug Management and Disposal, Department of Environmental Conservation</i>
North Carolina	<i>VIPER and First Net are Vital for Public Safety Interoperability, but VIPER Requires Upgrades</i>
Pennsylvania	<i>Costs to Implement the Right-to-Know Law</i>
South Carolina (House)	<i>Study of Law Enforcement Training Council and Criminal Justice Academy</i>
South Carolina (LAC)	<i>A Limited Review of the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice</i>
Tennessee	<i>Fiscal Year 2017-18 Verification of the Basic Education Program (BEP) Calculation</i>
Texas (SAO)	<i>An Audit Report on Fees at the Department of Agriculture</i>
Utah	<i>A Performance Audit of the Utah Board of Regents</i>
Virginia	<i>Improving Virginia's Foster Care System</i>
Washington	<i>Fees Assessed for Forest Fire Protection</i>
West Virginia (PERD)	<i>The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Did Not Establish an Effective Internal Control Environment Over the Administration of Federal Grants, Which Resulted in Frequent Untimely Submissions of Important Financial Data and Being Placed on Manual Reimbursement by the Federal Government</i>
West Virginia (PAD)	<i>Health Care Authority: Certificate of Need</i>
Wisconsin	<i>Electronics and Information Technology Manufacturing Zone Program</i>