

NCSL and You

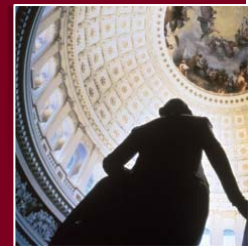


Wisconsin New Member Orientation 2011

Together, we're the Forum for America's Ideas

**We believe strong states make
a strong nation.**

- The National Conference of State Legislatures serves state legislators and legislative staff
- We are a bi-partisan organization led by a bi-partisan executive committee with a balance of Republicans and Democrats
- All the states belong to NCSL
- We have a staff of 165 employees in Denver and DC offices to help you



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What do we do for you?

- We provide information and advice on all the subjects facing state legislatures
- We help you improve your legislative skills
- We connect you with key legislators and policy initiatives in other states





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- We help you advance your ideas
- We bring you the latest ideas
- We promote the exchange of ideas
- We take your ideas to Capitol hill



Why Did You Run for Office?

NCSL can help you with your top priorities

- What is your top legislative issue?
- Would it help you to gain a 50-state perspective on that issue?
- Would it help to talk with an expert on that subject whose sole goal is to help you understand the issue and connect with key counterparts in other states?



What's hot?

NCSL can help you with hot topics

- State budget gaps
- Revising state pensions
- Business development/job creation
- Implementing federal health care requirements
- Redistricting/reapportionment
- Student achievement



Advancing Ideas

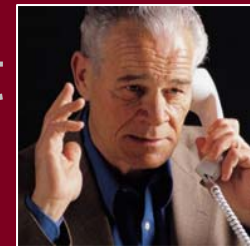
- Information Requests: 20,000 a year
- Research: issues from automobiles to zoning
- Personal Contacts:
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Your Personal Contacts

- Much information is on the web site at www.ncsl.org
- Call or email Megan or Bruce to cut through any confusion
- Our background
 - Bruce with Legislative Management issues
 - Megan with Health issues



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Bringing You the Latest Ideas

- Publications

- *State Legislatures* magazine, LegisBriefs, newsletters, books

- Web site:

- Access to all NCSL services at www.ncsl.org

- Technical assistance

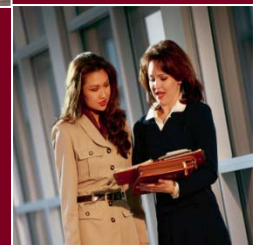
- Individual state solutions



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Promoting the Exchange of Ideas

- NCSL Annual Meeting
- Fall and Spring Forums
- Issue-based seminars
- Leaders' training and conferences
- Staff professional development seminars
- Web-assisted teleconferences
- Media and communications training
- America's Legislators Back to School Program



Taking Ideas to Capitol Hill

- Standing Committees
- NCSL: “A formidable lobbying force in Washington, D.C.”—National Journal
 - Promoting state policy flexibility
 - Battling unfunded mandates
 - Opposing federal intrusion on state authority



How You Can Be Involved

You are a member of NCSL!

- Standard first steps:
 - Check the web site & click on register
 - Listen to our effective legislator CDs
 - Figure out the topics you want to know more about

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