

# CSG MIDWEST

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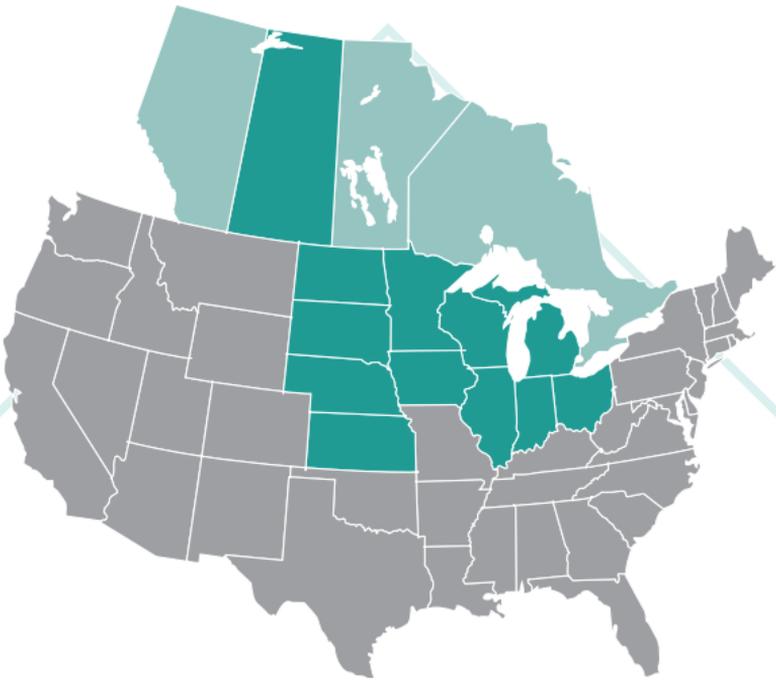
# CSG MIDWEST MISSION



Since 1933, The Council of State Governments has served officials in all 50 states and the U.S. territories. The nation's only nonpartisan association representing all three branches of state government, CSG is a regionally based national organization that promotes excellence in state government. It fosters the interstate exchange of information and ideas to help state officials advance public policy, while also offering unparalleled regional, national and international opportunities for leadership development, collaboration and interstate problem solving.

Through its mix of publications, online resources, networking opportunities and leadership training, CSG Midwest focuses on serving legislators and other state officials from the nation's heartland. It provides staff support to several regional groups, including the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC)—a nonpartisan association of state and provincial legislators from the Midwest.

## MLC MEMBER JURISDICTIONS



**12** **Member Jurisdictions:** Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Saskatchewan, South Dakota and Wisconsin

**3** **Affiliate Members:** Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario

## FOR POLICYMAKERS

Through its in-person and virtual meetings, along with the staffing of various interstate committees and working groups, CSG fosters the exchange of information and ideas to help state officials advance public policy.

Every legislator in the Midwest's 11 states and four Canadian provinces (see map) has access to CSG's and CSG Midwest's programs and resources.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

**The MLC Annual Meeting**—the only event designed by and for state and provincial legislators from the Midwest—features a mix of renowned speakers, professional development workshops and policy sessions on issues of critical importance to this region. This year, the meeting will be held July 10-13 in Wichita, Kan. The CSG National Conference will be held Dec. 7-10 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Additionally, throughout the year, CSG hosts virtual policy and professional development sessions for the Midwest's legislators and other state leaders.



## HOW CAN I MAKE THE MOST OF CSG & CSG MIDWEST?

- » **Participate** in Midwestern Legislative Conference policy committees or other CSG Midwest groups for legislators and state officials.
- » **Rely** on us as your source for information and individualized research assistance.
- » **Attend** the Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting, the CSG National Conference, and other CSG-led events to learn from and network with colleagues.
- » **Take** part in CSG's regularly held virtual sessions that cover a wide array of topics on public policy, leadership and professional development.
- » **Read** CSG publications such as *Stateline Midwest*, *Capitol Ideas* and *The Book of the States*.

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# POLICY COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES

CSG Midwest supports seven standing policy committees of the Midwestern Legislative Conference. Legislators serve on these regional committees to work together on common issues:



**Agriculture and Natural Resources**



**Fiscal Affairs**



**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**



**Health and Human Services**



**Economic Development**



**Midwest-Canada Relations**



**Education**

CSG Midwest also provides staff support to other groups of legislators and state officials:

» **MLC Forum on Social Justice**

The forum provides opportunities for all interested Midwestern legislators to address a wide range of racial and social justice issues, including economic equity, systemic racism and discrimination, racial disparities in public health, education and corrections, and more.

» **Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission**

Created by and for Midwestern states, this interstate compact agency promotes, coordinates and supports regional passenger rail improvements and formulates positions on federal rail policy. For information, visit [miprc.org](http://miprc.org).

» **Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee**

This regional group of state legislators and state emergency, public health, environment, and police officials brings stakeholders together to work with the U.S. Department of Energy on policies and plans for shipping radioactive waste through the region.

» **Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus**

A nonpartisan, binational organization of state and provincial legislators, the caucus works to assure that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River continue to provide a plentiful source of clean, affordable water to the region's residents, businesses and industries. For information, visit [greatlakeslegislators.org](http://greatlakeslegislators.org).

CSG maintains national committees on intergovernmental, international and interbranch affairs; staffs policy task forces; and regularly holds national policy academies. For information, visit [csg.org](http://csg.org).

# CSG POLICY RESOURCES

## Regional and National Publications

CSG's regional and national publications keep lawmakers informed on key policy trends and innovations in state government, as well as important institutional issues in state government.



**Stateline Midwest**, published 11 times a year, focuses on key policies and trends of interest to this region and its elected officials.



**CSG Capitol Ideas**, a national magazine for members and partners, is published five times each year and features coverage of issues directly impacting the states and forecasts policy trends in state government.



**The Book of the States**, an annual encyclopedia of essential information on state government, is a premier resource for policymakers and academic institutions throughout the nation.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

- » **CSG Midwest's Online Policy and Research**  
coverage of key issues in state government and the Midwest  
[csgmidwest.org/news](http://csgmidwest.org/news)
- » **CSG's Shared State Legislation**  
an annual program (developed through a member-driven process) that shares information on legislative development in the states  
[csg.org/work/shared-state-legislation/](http://csg.org/work/shared-state-legislation/)
- » **CSG Justice Center**  
a leading source of information on criminal justice policy  
[csgjusticecenter.org](http://csgjusticecenter.org)
- » **Virtual Sessions for State Policymakers**  
web-based events that allow attendees to share ideas and learn from leading policy experts  
[csgmidwest.org/events](http://csgmidwest.org/events)

## PUBLIC POLICY LEADERS

CSG advances public policy through its Center of Innovation, Justice Center and National Center for Interstate Compacts. Visit [csg.org](http://csg.org) for more information on how to make the most of these CSG resources.



**The CSG Center of Innovation** provides fact-based and data-driven policy support, identifies and fosters state-driven policy solutions, and works to ensure equality of opportunity and engagement across all populations. It also offers customized research and analysis for states.



**The CSG Justice Center** provides states with practical, nonpartisan, research-driven strategies and tools to increase public safety and strengthen communities.



**CSG's National Center for Interstate Compacts** assists policymakers in developing compacts to address issues that span state boundaries. For example, CSG has helped facilitate interstate agreements to improve adult offender supervision, strengthen educational opportunities for military children, and allow physicians to practice across state lines.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & POLICY TRAINING

- » **The Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development, or BILLD**, is the premier leadership training program for the Midwest's state and provincial legislators. The five-day institute offers lawmakers in their first four years of service a unique educational and networking opportunity.
- » **The Henry Toll Fellowship** is a CSG national leadership program. Every year, a select group of state officials from all three branches of government travel to Lexington, Kentucky, for an intensive leadership boot camp.
- » **CSG Midwest's Under the Dome** initiative delivers customized professional development training and policy workshops in the region's capitols.
- » **The CSG Policy Academy Series** offers stand-alone meetings on a specific issue area and provides an intensive educational and networking experience for participating state legislators and other leaders.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## 2022

### **Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus**

**Annual Meeting**  
January 21-22 | Chicago, IL

### **76th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference**

July 10-13 | Wichita, KS

### **Henry Toll Fellowship**

August 26-30 | Lexington, KY

### **Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development**

August 27-31 | Madison, WI

### **CSG National Conference**

December 7-10 | Honolulu, HI

## 2023

### **77th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference**

July 9-12 | Detroit, MI

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