NGA Resource Center for State Cybersecurity

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The National Governors Association

Over 100 years of serving our nation’s governors

Founded in 1908, the National Governors Association (NGA) is the nonpartisan organization of the nation’s 55 governors. Through NGA, governors share best practices, address issues of national and state interest and share innovative solutions that improve state government and support the principles of federalism.
The National Governors Association

Organization

The NGA Center for Best Practices is a 501(c)(3) and part of our larger organization.
The Center for Best Practices Program Areas

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https://www.nga.org/statecyber/
How We Work With States

**Policy Academies:** Over a year long engagement, the program supports governor-appointed teams in developing and implementing strategic plans designed to address critical state policy challenges.

**Policy Institutes and Workshops:** The program hosts an annual policy institute for governors’ cybersecurity policy advisors and other workshops on specific topics to bring governors’ staff together with subject-matter experts to exchange ideas and identify best practices.

**Conference Calls and Webinars:** The program regularly hosts conference calls and webinars to highlight new and emerging issues and provide a forum for peer-to-peer exchange.

**Publications:** Practical materials to inform governors’ offices about available policy options to address pressing cybersecurity issues.

**Technical Assistance:** Staff can provide tailored assistance to governors’ offices upon request. Assistance can come in a variety of forms, including brief confidential memos addressing a specific policy question, comments on draft legislation or regulations as related to best practices, consultations on a policy development process or access to outside experts.
Whole-of-Government Approach

• Threat landscape is constantly evolving
• State and local entities are as vulnerable as ever
• Cybersecurity isn’t just an IT problem anymore!
Key State Cybersecurity Priority Areas

- Governance
- Critical Infrastructure Security
- State/Local Partnerships
- Workforce Development
- Election Cybersecurity
- Response Planning
NGA’s 2021 Policy Academy to Advance Whole-of-State Cybersecurity

Governance

Workforce Development

State-Local Partnerships

Kansas

Montana

Indiana
Previous NGA Policy Academy Outcomes

- Governance
- Workforce Development
- Response Planning
- State-Local Partnerships
- Critical Infrastructure Security
Thank You!

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