

Evidence Advisor

NC OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS



WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE ADVISOR'S ROLE INSIDE STATE GOVERNMENT?

The North Carolina Office of Strategic Partnerships (OSP) created the Evidence Advisor role to help state agencies generate and use evidence. This role supports OSP's core work of increasing state government's use of research and data by building internal capacity for evidence-based decision making. OSP's Evidence Advisor supports state agencies by:



Developing priority research questions



Providing research & data analysis support



Conducting rapid evidence reviews of policies and programs



Building state agency staff research and evaluation capacity

HOW DOES THE EVIDENCE ADVISOR PARTNER WITH STATE AGENCIES, RESEARCHERS, AND PHILANTHROPY?

The Evidence Advisor provides additional research and evaluation capabilities for state agencies and philanthropies that do not have dedicated resources or staff to conduct research and synthesize evidence. The Evidence Advisor also works with external research partners to develop research projects that answer agency priority questions. The role is flexible to support state agencies in whatever way it can to help OSP's cross-sector partners generate and use evidence.

WHAT DOES THE EVIDENCE ADVISOR DO?

The Evidence Advisor works with state agencies to:

- **Support the development of agency research agendas** and identification of agency priority questions.
- **Provide research and evaluation capacity** by leading and supporting agency research and data analysis projects.
- **Conduct evidence reviews and research syntheses** assessing the quality of the available evidence on the effectiveness of one or more related programs or interventions, with a goal of determining which interventions have demonstrated effectiveness to inform policy and budgetary decisions.
- **Build state agency research and evaluation capacity** to generate and use evidence through in-person and virtual training.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

The [About Evidence webpage](#) includes resources for government research partnerships and evidence use in government, information about OSP's Government-Research Partnerships Learning Forums, and links to relevant efforts across state government.

Examples of existing research partnerships are also listed on the [NC Project Portal](#), created to share opportunities for partnering with state agencies in their research needs and for people to express interest in pursuing those opportunities.

For more information on how OSP's Evidence Advisor can support your research needs, email timothy.griffith@osbm.nc.gov.



*“Working with the OSP staff and hearing from a wide variety of our staff about the questions they want answers to, and they feel will help them do their jobs better, **has been incredibly informative.** The benefits of this process to the North Carolina Department of Adult Correction (NCDAC) and ultimately the general public are unlimited.”*

Pamela Walker, Deputy Secretary of NCDAC Strategy, Innovation, and Analysis

The North Carolina [Office of Strategic Partnerships \(OSP\)](#) develops, launches, and enhances partnerships between state government and North Carolina's research and philanthropic sectors.

OSP works with state government and non-governmental partners on priority issues, develops and convenes networks of public sector and research experts, and provides learning and engagement opportunities. These efforts help to deepen connections between North Carolina state government and external research experts and to increase state government's internal capacity to generate and use evidence to improve policy and programmatic functions.



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