

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:



Supporting the identification of agency priority questions and the development of agency research agendas



Providing research and evaluation capacity to inform agency policy priorities



Synthesizing research to determine which programs have demonstrated effectiveness to inform policy



Building agency research and evaluation capacity to generate and use evidence through training

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.



We sought OSP's support early during our department's formation because we were still building out our internal research capability and didn't yet have the structure in place to manage development of our Priority Questions Research Agenda. OSP's expertise in this area provided a timely opportunity to initiate the process without waiting for our Innovation Section, who ultimately will manage this process, to be established."

-Mike Daniska, NC Department of Adult Correction Chief of Staff

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.

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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