

**NC Office of Strategic Partnerships Monthly Connect**  
**Members of the North Carolina Cabinet and Council of State**  
**Reflect Back and Look Forward**  
Relevant Resources

This is a follow-up to the [NC Office of Strategic Partnerships](#) (OSP) January 2024 Monthly Connect: *Members of the North Carolina Cabinet and Council of State Reflect Back and Look Forward* ([recording](#)).

OSP regularly shares information and resources after the Monthly Connect sessions. Typically, panelists or participants shared the information and resources in the virtual “chat.” This is not intended to be a comprehensive list. More about the Monthly Connect series [here](#).

Speakers at this Monthly Connect were:

**Mike Daniska**, Chief of Staff, NC Department of Adult Correction (representing **the Honorable Todd Ishee**, Secretary, NC Department of Adult Correction)

**The Honorable Josh Dobson**, Commissioner, NC Department of Labor

**Jenni Owen (moderator)**, Director, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

**The Honorable Ronald Penny**, Secretary, NC Department of Revenue

### Resources

*Descriptions are in alphabetical order and paraphrased from active links as of January 30, 2024. Links are organized by agency/organization.*

#### **NC Association of Workforce Development Boards ([NCAWDB](#))**

The NCAWDB is composed of 20 workforce boards and over 400 members that work to voice the needs of workers and employers in North Carolina. NCAWDB is a resource for employers and job seekers in NC.

#### **NC Department of Adult Correction ([NCDAC](#))**

NCDAC began operations as a standalone Cabinet agency on January 1, 2023. NCDAC is responsible for the rehabilitation, care, custody and supervision of more than 30,000 individuals in prison and more than 75,000 people participating in [community supervision](#) programs.

- NCDAC and OSP [partnered](#) to develop the NCDAC [Priority Questions Research Agenda \(PQRA\) Action Plan](#), which will set and define key areas in which the agency will research and develop evidence to inform its policy, programmatic, and operational decisions.
- Interested in conducting research with NCDAC? Start by reviewing the agency’s [research guidelines](#).
- [Field Ministry Program](#): Trains incarcerated individuals to become offender counselors and to help as spiritual guides for offenders.

#### **NC Department of Labor ([NCDOL](#))**

NCDOL’s mission is to foster a safe, healthy, fair, and productive North Carolina through effective services, quality education, fair mandating, and public confidence.

- [Occupational Safety and Health Division \(OSH\)](#): Administers workplace safety and health laws that apply to the private sector and all state and local government agencies. OSH employees are responsible for inspecting the state’s more than 20,000 elevators and 90,000+ boilers.
- [Retaliatory Employment Discrimination Bureau](#): Responsible for enforcing the 1992 Retaliatory Employment Discrimination Act, which protects a range of areas and individuals, including wage and hour issues, workplace safety rights, and mine safety and health.

- [Mine and Quarry Bureau](#): Enforces the 1975 Mine Safety and Health Act and provides education and training, technical assistance, and consultations.
- [Be Pro Be Proud Program](#): This partnership between NCDOL and the N.C. Home Builders Educational and Charitable Foundation aims to stimulate student, parent, and educator interest in technical professions within the construction, manufacturing, transportation, and utility industries.

### **NC Department of Revenue ([NCDOR](#))**

NCDOR is a Cabinet-level executive agency charged with administering tax laws and collecting taxes on behalf of North Carolinians.

- NCDOR's Tax Research and Equity Division conducts equity and impact analyses of the agency's administration of tax law and its internal policies and procedures that affect the taxpayers of NC.

### **NC Office of State Budget and Management ([OSBM](#))**

OSBM provides objective information and analysis to ensure a balanced budget and effective stewardship of public resources.

- The North Carolina State Demographer, housed in OSBM, compiles and analyzes [population and demographics data](#), which may play a role in employers' ability to recruit and retain employees. The Read the State Demographer's [recent post](#) describing emerging population trends in NC.

### **NC Office of Strategic Partnerships ([OSP](#))**

OSP develops, launches, and enhances partnerships between state government and North Carolina's research and philanthropic sectors. This includes elevating state government's internal capacity to use and generate evidence in its policy and programmatic functions.

- The [North Carolina Project Portal](#) features opportunities for partnering with state agencies on their research needs and how to express interest in pursuing those opportunities. Sample projects:
  - [NCDAC reentry and rehabilitation](#)
  - [NCDAC SHIELD Program needs assessment](#)
  - [NCDAC employee engagement methodology and measurement](#)
  - [NCDOR improving and simplifying communications to NC residents](#)
- **Fourth annual OSP Government Research Partnerships Learning Forum:** Thursday, April 11 at the NC Museum of Art. This all-day event brings together representatives from across sectors to share examples of government-research and government-philanthropy partners and discuss/workshop aspects of partnership development, launch, and execution. Registration information is forthcoming. For more information or to be notified when registration goes live, email [partnerships@osbm.nc.gov](mailto:partnerships@osbm.nc.gov).

### **North Carolina for Military Employment ([NC4ME](#))**

NC4ME assists transitioning service members and families in finding employment in North Carolina.

### **Other ways to learn about state government news, resources, and opportunities**

- Sign up for state agency [press releases](#).
- Tune in to legislative hearings and sessions of the [North Carolina General Assembly](#).
- Apply or recommend someone to serve on a North Carolina statewide [board or commission](#).