

**NC Office of Strategic Partnerships Monthly Connect**  
**What, Why, and How: Q&A with the NC Office of Strategic Partnerships**  
Relevant Resources

This is a follow-up to the [NC Office of Strategic Partnerships](#) (OSP) June 2024 Monthly Connect: *What, Why, and How: Q&A with the NC Office of Strategic Partnerships* ([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:

**Rumeli Banik**, Principal Officer, Evidence Project, The Pew Charitable Trusts

**Anita Brown-Graham (facilitator)**, Gladys Hall Coates Distinguished Professor of Public Law and Government; Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives; Director, nclIMPACT Initiative

**Eliza Edwards**, Deputy Director, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

**Tim Griffith**, Evidence Advisor, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

**Juli Kim**, Philanthropy Liaison, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

**Jenni Owen**, Director, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

**Jessie Tenenbaum**, Associate Professor, Duke University; former Chief Data Officer, NC Department of Health and Human Services

Note: The panelists who are not OSP staff are members of the OSP Advisory Group or are advisor-adjacent partners.

## Resources

*Descriptions are in alphabetical order and paraphrased from active links as of June 27, 2024. Links are organized by agency/organization.*

### 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. As part of this work, OSP has created resources about cross-sector partnerships. If you have questions about OSP or are interested in connecting with the team, email [partnerships@osbm.nc.gov](mailto:partnerships@osbm.nc.gov).

- **Evidence Advisor**: The Evidence Advisor works directly with state agency partners, leading research projects that support OSP’s work to build internal state government capacity for evidence-based decision making. To learn more, see the example below and visit [About Evidence](#) on OSP’s website.
  - OSP and NC Department of Adult Correction (NCDAC) [partnership](#): OSP and NCDAC are partnering on an initiative to help NCDAC develop evidence to inform its policy, programmatic, and operational decisions. [This article](#) describes the partnership and its impact.
- **North Carolina Project Portal**: OSP developed the Project Portal to share opportunities for partnering with state agencies on their research needs and for people to express interest in pursuing those opportunities.
  - Sample project discussed in this Monthly Connect: [How can the NC Department of Revenue improve and simplify communications to North Carolina residents?](#)

- **Philanthropy Liaison:** The Philanthropy Liaison builds, strengthens, and institutionalizes relationships between state government and the philanthropic sector in North Carolina. More about the role [here](#).
- **Monthly Connect:** A series of virtual and in-person panel discussions on topics relevant to partnerships among state government, research institutions, philanthropy, and others. [Sign up for](#) OSP Highlights (e-news and resources) and Monthly Connect invitations. Monthly Connect sessions are open to anyone and OSP shares widely the recordings and relevant resources from each session.
  - Sample Monthly Connect mentioned in this Monthly Connect: [Federal Funds for NC: Sources, Uses, and Opportunities for Collaboration \(May 2023\)](#)

### NC Department of Health Human Services (NCDHHS)

NCDHHS is responsible for ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of all North Carolinians.

- **Chief Data Officer:** The NCDHHS Chief Data Officer assists the Department in developing a strategy to use information to inform and evaluate policy and improve the health and well-being of residents of North Carolina. [Jessie Tenenbaum](#) (panelist on this Monthly Connect) is the former NCDHHS Chief Data Officer. For more about the NCDHHS Data Office, [click here](#).

### The nclIMPACT Initiative (nclIMPACT)

Launched in 2017 by the [UNC School of Government](#), nclIMPACT is a statewide endeavor that strives to support local communities across North Carolina.

- nclIMPACT partners with state and local leaders to foster launching multi-year projects using a [cross-sector collaborative approach](#) to tackle complex issues like the [opioid epidemic](#), [educational attainment](#), [workforce development](#), and [suicide prevention](#).
  - nclIMPACT engages with campus experts and outside organizations to deliver strategies, tools, and lessons learned in response to community needs. This has included increasing awareness about the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#), offering resources through the [Keys to Economic Recovery from COVID-19](#) project, and conducting focus groups to help communities understand and respond to issues like workforce retention ([Where Are The Workers?](#)) and pandemic recovery ([NC Pandemic Recovery Focus Group Report](#)).
- Explore more about [nclIMPACT's work](#) and the community issues featured on their show, "Stories with Impact," which spotlights challenges and solutions from across the state.

### The Pew Charitable Trusts

The Pew Charitable Trusts uses data to address challenges of a changing world by illuminating issues, creating common ground, and advancing ambitious strategies that lead to tangible progress. Pew initiatives that are directly relevant to today's Monthly Connect include but aren't limited to:

- **Transforming Evidence Network (TEN)**, a collaboration of The Pew Charitable Trusts, the William T. Grant Foundation, and Transforming Evidence, is a global, cross-sectoral platform for evidence experts to learn and innovate together about making, mobilizing, and using evidence.
- **Transforming Evidence Funders Network (TENF)** convenes public and private funders who are driving change in the generation, mobilization, and use of evidence across a wide range of issue areas and policy sectors worldwide.