

**NC Office of Strategic Partnerships**  
**Monthly Connect: The Evidence Act and Agency Learning Agendas: What They Are,**  
**Why They Matter, and How to get Involved**  
**Relevant Resources**

This resource list is a follow-up to the [NC Office of Strategic Partnerships](#) September 2021 Monthly Connect: *The Evidence Act and Agency Learning Agendas: What They Are, Why They Matter, and How to get Involved*. These resources were shared by panelists and participants; this is not a comprehensive list. More about the Monthly Connect series [here](#).

**Resources**

*Descriptions are paraphrased and come directly from corresponding links as of October 1, 2021.*

**Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018**

The Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (Evidence Act), enacted in January 2019, created a framework for federal agencies to take a more comprehensive and integrated approach to evidence building, and enhance the federal government's capacity to undertake those activities.

**Summary:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4174>

**Bill text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4174/text>

**Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance for Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies re: Learning Agendas and Annual Evaluation Plans**

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/M-21-27.pdf>

- Additional OMB guidance documents on evidence and evaluation can be found at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/evidence-and-evaluation/>

**Evaluation.gov**

Evaluation.gov, developed by the Office of Management and Budget, is the home for Federal program evaluation and the Evaluation Officer Council and a central location for the agency plans and policies that guide evaluation efforts across the Federal Government.

<https://www.evaluation.gov/>

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers programs that provide housing and community development assistance and works to ensure fair and equal housing opportunity for all. <https://www.hud.gov/>

- HUD's **Learning Agenda** is in development. The final plan will be published in February 2022 here: [https://www.huduser.gov/portal/about/pdr\\_learningagenda.html](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/about/pdr_learningagenda.html). To provide input on HUD's Learning Agenda, email: [HUDLearningAgenda@huduser.gov](mailto:HUDLearningAgenda@huduser.gov). As an interim Learning Agenda, HUD shared the **2020 Research Roadmap**: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/Research-Roadmap-2020.pdf>
- HUD's **Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) Research Partnerships page** is the agency's primary tool for partnering with philanthropy and external researchers. <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/rp/home.html>

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) protects people and the environment from significant health risks, sponsors and conducts research, and develops and enforces environmental regulations. <https://www.epa.gov/>

- EPA's **Draft Learning Agenda** can be found in EPA's Draft FY 2022 – FY 2026 EPA Strategic Plan released on October 1, 2021: <https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/strategicplan>
- EPA's **Open Data site**: <https://www.epa.gov/data>

### **North Carolina Office of Strategic Partnerships**

The NC Office of Strategic Partnerships (OSP) develops, launches, and enhances partnerships between state government and North Carolina's renowned research institutions and philanthropic sector.

<https://www.osbm.nc.gov/operational-excellence/nc-office-strategic-partnerships>

- **Research Partnership Opportunities**: OSP works with state agencies to identify priority research needs and external research expertise to generate and use evidence to inform government decision making. <https://www.osbm.nc.gov/operational-excellence/office-strategic-partnerships/research-partnership-opportunities>
- **Survey of Philanthropy Summary of Results**: OSP conducted a survey to identify what resources, events, and information would be most helpful to philanthropies that invest in North Carolina in order for government and philanthropy to grow meaningful partnerships. <https://www.osbm.nc.gov/media/2047/open>
- **Monthly Connect**: Series of in-person (pre-COVID-19) panel discussions on topics relevant to partnerships among state government, research institutions including colleges and universities, philanthropy, and others. <https://www.osbm.nc.gov/operational-excellence/nc-office-strategic-partnerships/monthly-connect-series>