

NC Office of Strategic Partnerships Monthly Connect
Partnering for Impact: How Government, Research, and Philanthropy Collaborate to Make a Difference
Relevant Resources

This is a follow-up to the [NC Office of Strategic Partnerships](#) (OSP) September 2024 Monthly Connect: *Partnering for Impact: How Government, Research, and Philanthropy Collaborate to Make a Difference* ([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:

Alyse Bertenthal, Associate Professor of Law, Wake Forest University (WFU); NC Wildlife Resources partnership with NC State University and WFU focused on [compliance with boater safety regulations](#).

Eliza Edwards (moderator), Deputy Director, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

Mike Hejduk, Engineering Supervisor III, NC Office of State Fire Marshal; NC Office of State Fire Marshal partnership with UNC Chapel Hill focused on the [timely completion of building inspections](#).

Amber Payne, Project Director, Invest Early NC; multiple government-philanthropy partnerships.

Bill Toole, Deputy, NC Department of the Secretary of State (NCSOS); NCSOS partnership with Fayetteville State University focused on [increasing business self-sufficiency in NC](#).

Resources

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

[Invest Early NC](#)

Invest Early NC is a network of North Carolina-based funders who bring the collective voice and resources of philanthropy together to promote the development and sustainability of a comprehensive early childhood system that benefits all children, families, the workforce, and communities in North Carolina.

- [Child Care Business Liaison](#): Invest Early NC, the NC Office of Strategic Partnerships, NC Department of Commerce, and NC Department of Health and Human Services partnered to co-create the Child Care Business Liaison role. The Liaison works with businesses, local communities, and philanthropic organizations to develop strategies and resources to help employers provide childcare support to their employees.

NC Department of the Secretary of State ([NCSOS](#))

NCSOS supports economic growth, promotes the public trust, and fulfills statutory mandates by providing initial infrastructure for corporate organizations and transactions, protecting citizens and businesses from misrepresentation and fraud by providing public access to accurate and timely information, through law enforcement and through the issuance of professional credentials.

NC Office of State Fire Marshal ([OSFM](#))

The dedicated staff at OSFM take on a diverse range of essential responsibilities, directly impacting the safety of North Carolina's residents. From training fire and rescue personnel and enforcing state building codes to procuring property insurance for state-owned structures and scrutinizing construction plans for government projects, OSFM fulfills a crucial role in safeguarding lives and property across North Carolina.

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 numerous resources about cross-sector partnerships. If you have questions about OSP or want to connect, email partnerships@osbm.nc.gov.

- [North Carolina Project Portal](#): A tool for sharing state agency research opportunities and for people to express interest in partnering on those opportunities. Relevant partnerships discussed during the session:
 - [Compliance with Boater Safety Regulations](#): Partnership between the NC Wildlife Resources Commission and researchers from NC State University and Wake Forest University.
 - Deliverable: [Qualitative insights on how boaters make decisions about life jacket use](#).
 - [Increasing Business Self-Sufficiency in NC](#): Partnership between NCSOS and researchers from Fayetteville State University.
 - Deliverable: Research findings - [The Potential & Success of North Carolina Start Up Businesses: Listening to Our Entrepreneurs](#).
 - [Timely Completion of Building Inspections](#): Partnership between OSFM and researchers from UNC Chapel Hill.
- [Monthly Connect](#): A series of virtual and in-person panel discussions on topics relevant to partnerships among state government, research institutions, philanthropy, and others. To subscribe to OSP Highlights (e-news and resources) and Monthly Connect invitations, click [here](#).
- [Philanthropy Liaison](#): Established in 2021, the Philanthropy Liaison is tasked with building, strengthening, and institutionalizing relationships between state government and the philanthropic sector in North Carolina. The Liaison helps identify and broker strategic partnerships between the two sectors to improve and enhance the well-being of North Carolinians.
- [Agency Contacts for Partnership and Research](#): State agency leaders have designated "points of entry" contacts for college/university and other research institution representatives who need an initial contact for potential partnerships such as research projects, grant proposals, and other collaborative opportunities.
- [Directory of Opportunities for Student to Support State Agencies](#): OSP has developed a Directory of Opportunities for Students to Assist State Agencies as a resource for state agency partners who may be interested in identifying students from across disciplines to work on projects and initiatives within state government.

Wake Forest University (WFU)

Wake Forest University is a private research university in Winston-Salem, NC. WFU's undergraduate liberal arts curriculum inspires a holistic approach to preparing graduate and professional school students. The University graduates leaders with integrity and courage who use their success to make an impact on society.