

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

CSG West is one of 4 regions of the Council of State Governments that form part of a national community of states. CSG's regional and national structure invites focused participation from members on a more intimate, regional level while also providing a national platform to exchange ideas and information access a myriad of national policy research, and to stay abreast of national trends and developments in Washington, D.C. impacting state governments.

CSG WEST STAFF serves as an extension of legislative staff through research, analysis, and providing resource connections. Please reach if we can help you with anything. You can reach us at csgw@csg.org or (916) 553-4423.



WESTRAIN: In-state training for legislators and staff on various professional development topics such as communication, time management, negotiation and consensus-building, media relations, conflict resolution, and ethics. Expert trainers offer nonpartisan perspectives and hands-on instruction. Training is available upon request and with the approval of legislative leaders.



CENTER FOR INNOVATION: Objective, in-depth analysis and technical assistance on the states' critical issues, including occupational licensing, workforce development, election policy, and health and human services policy.



NATIONAL CENTER FOR INTERSTATE COMPACTS: Assistance for states in the development of interstate compacts, promoting multi-state problem-solving. Search the more than 200 interstate compacts in effect today by state, name, or year on the CSG website.



JUSTICE CENTER: Effective, data-driven practices and solutions where the criminal justice system intersects with other disciplines, such as public health and education.



SHARED STATE LEGISLATION: Effective, data-driven practices and solutions where the criminal justice system intersects with other disciplines, such as public health and education.



STATE RECOVERY RESOURCE CENTER: Ongoing analysis of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, which impacts states in their budgets and specific policies. The Center also provides other resources that state leaders can use to inform state economic and civic recovery.



BOOK OF THE STATES: A state government encyclopedia featuring easy-to-read summaries, tables, and charts that serve as an invaluable reference tool that has withstood the test of time.

2023 PROGRAMS & EVENTS



CSG WEST ANNUAL MEETING Western members engage regionally on relevant topics, connect and develop relationships with colleagues, and learn from experts. All policy committees, working groups, and leadership convene at the Annual Meeting.
August 1-4 | Universal City, CA

COLORADO RIVER FORUM



COLORADO RIVER FORUM: Legislators connect and address pressing issues and opportunities of this vital river system to the Western region. Appointed members convene annually to exchange information and identify basin-wide strategies.
October/November 2023 | Wyoming



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON RIVER GOVERNANCE: Legislators from the four Columbia River basin states of Idaho, Oregon, Montana, and Washington, facilitates discussion on the everyday challenges of managing water resources in the basin. Legislative leaders appoint members.
Late June/Early July | Montana



HENRY TOLL FELLOWSHIP: One of the nation's premier leadership development programs for state government officials. Each year, the Toll Fellowship brings 48 of the nation's top officials from all three branches of state government for an intensive five-day "leadership boot camp."
August | Lexington, KY



CSG NATIONAL CONFERENCE, brings together state-elected and appointed officials from across the country, providing a space for policymakers to engage on many policy issues facing the country.
December 6-9 | Raleigh, NC



WESTERN LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY is an intensive professional development program designed to help newer legislators become more effective leaders and strengthen legislative institutions. Admission to the program is by application, and the selection process is competitive.
December 12-15 | Colorado Springs, CO



LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE SERIES, legislators and legislative staff can participate in virtual gatherings focused on training and policy issues affecting the Western region. Complimenting the work of the policy committees and programs, the series provides insightful and interactive sessions.



BORDER LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE: legislators from the ten U.S. and Mexico border states convene for ongoing dialogue to strengthen bilateral cooperation and develop solutions to shared challenges along the border.
Fall 2023 | Baja California, Mexico