Since 1933, The Council of State Governments has served officials in all 50 states and the U.S. territories. The nation’s only nonpartisan association of all three branches of state government, CSG is a regionally based national organization that promotes excellence in state government. It fosters the interstate exchange of information and ideas to help state officials advance public policy, while also offering unparalleled regional, national and international opportunities for leadership development, collaboration and interstate problem solving.

Through its mix of publications, online resources, networking opportunities and leadership training, CSG Midwest focuses on serving legislators and other state officials from the nation’s heartland. It provides staff support to the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC)—a nonpartisan association of state and provincial legislators from across the Midwest.

MLC MEMBER JURISDICTIONS

12 Member Jurisdictions: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Saskatchewan, South Dakota and Wisconsin

3 Affiliate Members: Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario
Through its regional and national meetings, along with various interstate committees and working groups, CSG fosters the exchange of information and ideas to help state officials advance public policy.

Every legislator in the Midwest’s 11 states and four Canadian provinces (see map) has access to CSG’s and CSG Midwest’s programs and resources.

**HOW CAN I MAKE THE MOST OF CSG & CSG MIDWEST?**

» **Participate** in Midwestern Legislative Conference policy committees or other CSG Midwest groups for legislators and other state officials.

» **Rely** on us as your source for information and individualized research assistance.

» **Attend** the Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting, the CSG National Conference, and other CSG-led events to learn from and network with colleagues.

» **Read** CSG publications such as *Stateline Midwest*, *Capitol Ideas*, and *The Book of the States*.

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**ANNUAL MEETINGS**

The MLC Annual Meeting—the only event designed by and for state and provincial legislators from the Midwest—features a mix of renowned speakers, professional development workshops and policy sessions on issues of critical importance to this region. This year, the meeting will be held July 19-22 in Detroit, Michigan. The CSG National Conference will be held on December 2-5 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
CSG Midwest supports six standing policy committees of the Midwestern Legislative Conference. Legislators serve on these regional committees to work together on common issues:

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Criminal Justice and Public Safety
- Economic Development
- Education
- Health & Human Services
- Midwest-Canada Relations

CSG Midwest also provides staff support to other groups of legislators and state officials:

- **Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission**
  An interstate compact agency created by Midwestern states to promote, coordinate and support regional passenger rail improvements and to formulate positions on federal rail policy. For information, visit miprc.org.

- **Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee**
  A regional group of state legislators and executive branch officials that brings states together to work with the U.S. Department of Energy on policies and plans for shipping radioactive waste through the region.

- **Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus**
  A nonpartisan, binational organization of state and provincial legislators organized around the guiding principle of assuring that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River continue to provide a plentiful source of clean, affordable water to the region’s residents, businesses and industries. For information, visit greatlakeslegislators.org.

CSG maintains national committees on intergovernmental, international and interbranch affairs; staffs policy task forces; and regularly holds national policy academies. For information, visit csg.org.
Regional and National Publications

CSG’s regional and national publications keep lawmakers informed on key policy trends and innovations in state government, as well as important institutional issues in state government.

Stateline Midwest, published 11 times a year, focuses on key policies and trends of interest to this region and its elected officials.

Capitol Ideas, CSG’s national magazine, is published five times a year and covers cutting-edge issues and forecasts policy trends in state government.

The Book of the States, an annual encyclopedia of essential information on state government, is a premier resource for policymakers and academic institutions throughout the nation.

ONLINE RESOURCES

» CSG Midwest Policy and Research
  a compilation of key issues in state government and the Midwest
csgmidwest.org

» CSG Knowledge Center
  a comprehensive online library of CSG’s public policy research
knowledgecenter.csg.org

» CSG’s Shared State Legislation
  an annual publication (developed through a member-driven process) that shares information on legislative development in the states
csg.org

» CSG Justice Center
  a premier national source of information on criminal justice policy
csgjusticecenter.org
CSG seeks to advance public policy at the state level through its CSG Center of Innovation, CSG Justice Center and CSG National Center for Interstate Compacts.

**The CSG Center of Innovation** provides fact-based and data-driven policy support, identifies and fosters state-driven policy solutions, and works to ensure equality of opportunity and engagement across all populations. For information, visit [csg.org/coi](http://csg.org/coi).

**The CSG Justice Center** provides states with practical, nonpartisan, research-driven strategies and tools to increase public safety and strengthen communities. For information, visit [csgjusticecenter.org](http://csgjusticecenter.org).

**CSG’s National Center for Interstate Compacts** assists policymakers in developing interstate compacts to address problems that span state boundaries. Examples of CSG-facilitated interstate agreements include compacts to improve adult offender supervision, to strengthen educational opportunities for military children, and to allow physicians to practice across state lines. For information, visit [csg.org/NCIC](http://csg.org/NCIC).

CSG offers two leadership development programs for Midwestern policymakers, as well as customized, in-state training.

» **The Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development, or BILLD**, is the premier leadership training program for the Midwest’s state and provincial legislators. Held in Minneapolis, the five-day institute offers lawmakers in their first four years of service a unique educational and networking opportunity.

» **Toll Fellows** is CSG’s national leadership program. Every year, a select group of state officials—12 in the Midwestern region—from all three branches of government travel to Lexington, Ky., for an intensive “leadership boot camp.”

» **CSG Midwest’s Under the Dome** initiative delivers customized professional development training and policy workshops in the region’s capitols.
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2020
75th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC)
July 19–22 | Detroit, MI

26th Annual Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD)
Aug. 7–11 | Minneapolis, MN

Henry Toll Fellowship Program
August 21–25 | Lexington, KY

Annual Meeting of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus (GLLC)
September 18–19 | Detroit, MI

CSG National Conference
December 2–5 | Santa Fe, NM

2021
76th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC)
July 11–14 | Rapid City, SD

27th Annual Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD)
August | Minneapolis, MN

2022
77th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC)
July 10–13 | Wichita, KS

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