

Our State Has an SLDS—Now What?

Bridge Event Webinar

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2:00–3:30 p.m. (Central Time)

1:30–2:00 p.m. Logging In to the Webinar

If you are unfamiliar with Connect Pro, at 1:45 p.m., a short PowerPoint with technical information for the webinar will be presented with the phone lines open.

2:00–2:10 p.m. Introductions and Technical Overview

In the chat pod: *Please share your organization and your role in working with statewide longitudinal data systems (SLDSs). You may be a state agency employee who provides data, a practitioner who applies state data, a researcher who uses state data, or in some other role. As you listen to the presentations, think about strategies and insights related to your role with SLDSs. What have been your challenges, facilitators, and solutions? Write your examples and insights into the chat pod. If you have questions, enter those into the question chat pod.*

2:10–3:25 p.m. Our State Has an SLDS—Now What?

Nancy J. Smith, PhD, an education consultant in Texas and the former director of the U.S Department of Education’s Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program, will facilitate the discussion and draw upon her many years of experience with data system governance. Dr. Smith will provide an introduction to the topic and identify guiding questions that must be addressed in order to make full use of SLDSs.

Bethann H. Canada, director of educational information management at the Virginia Department of Education, will discuss creative partnerships and applications for facilitating data use to improve education outcomes.

John Hughes, PhD, deputy director at REL Southeast, will share information about the organization’s free SLDS online workshop series, as publicized in *SLDS Update*.

Questions, Answers, and Discussion

3:25 p.m. Closing, Thank You, and Evaluation