

## NCLDS Recent Progress

- Authorized – G.S. Chapter 116 E (2012, 2016)
- Education Cabinet – Data Sharing Work Group
- Development of Administrative Rules
- NCLDS Contributor MOU
- Collaborate on State Research Agenda (Hunt Institute)
- NCLDS Modernization Plan – Study (UNC Public Policy & EPIC)

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## Roadmap to a North Carolina Longitudinal Data System



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## The Roadmap to a North Carolina Longitudinal Data System (NCLDS)

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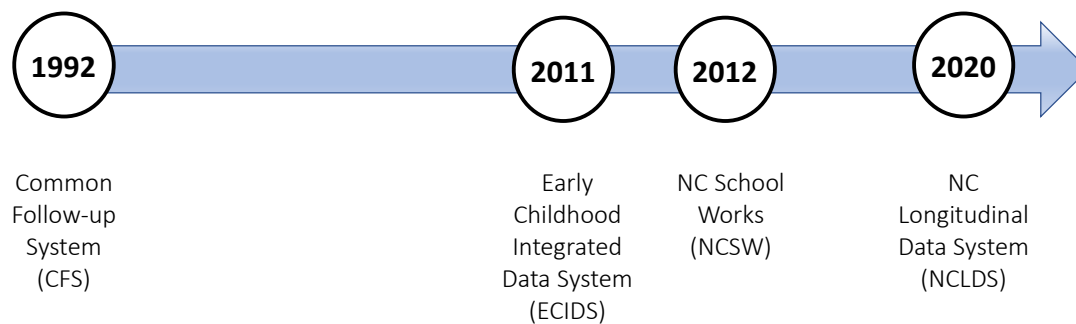
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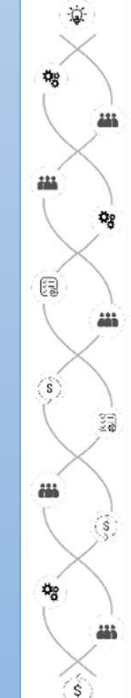


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## North Carolina seeks to build a modernized longitudinal data system that leverages past efforts



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## The NCLDS roadmap draws on input from NC stakeholders, comparison state interviews, and best practice

### NC Stakeholders

- Governor's Office
- OSBM
- NCGA Fiscal Research
- NCGA Legislative Analysis Division
- NC Department of Commerce
- NC Department of Health & Human Services
- NC Department of Information Technology
- NC Department of Public Instruction
- State Board of Education
- UNC System
- NC Community College System
- NC Independent Colleges and Universities
- myFutureNC
- Carolina Demography
- The Hunt Institute

### Comparison States

- Connecticut
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- Minnesota
- Rhode Island
- Washington
- Wisconsin


### National experts

- Data Quality Campaign
- SLDS Grant Program
- SLDS Research Project
- US Department of Education

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## NCLDS should provide high-quality, aggregated and record-level data to:

- Help answer some of the state's most complex policy questions around the transitions, trajectories, and outcomes of young children, students, and workforce participants
- Support performance management and continuous improvement of programs designed to improve early childhood, education, and workforce outcomes
- Equip policymakers, other state leaders, and agencies/entities with information to plan strategically on the future needs of North Carolina's young children, students, workforce, and industries



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## Stakeholders viewed trust as the key building block

- Trust strengthens:
  - relationships between partners—from system leaders to program and data experts
  - collaboration across agencies
  
- Trust can be strengthened by:
  - a transparent formalized process that authorizes access to and use of NCLDS data
  - a secure technical infrastructure, housed by a neutral entity, that safeguards high-quality, confidential data



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## A Roadmap to NCLDS *Putting people and Processes in place*

- Reaffirm the NCLDS vision as a “System of Systems” that links data from across agencies and over time to support evidence-based policy, performance management, and continuous improvement
- Craft a stakeholder engagement strategy to build support for NCLDS
- Establish NCLDS governance and organizational Structures
- Prioritize NCLDS requirements for phased implementation
- Develop a system architecture to meet NCLDS technical and functional requirements
- Build analytic capacity to support NC’s evaluation and research priorities
- Develop an external research agenda to prioritize data requests and formation of research-practice partnerships
- Develop a collective investment plan to address sustainability and fund NCLDS

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## Recommended Next Steps from Steering Committee

1. Establish NCLDS Executive Committee
2. Hire NCLDS Executive Director (administrative housed within GDAC)
3. Direct the Executive Committee to craft an NCLDS strategic plan based on study recommendations
4. Direct the Executive Committee to review and adopt proposed research agenda from the IDMC

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## **Recommendations for Executive Committee Membership**

- President of the UNC System (or designee)
- Superintendent of Public Instruction (or designee)
- President of the NC Community College System (or designee)
- Secretary of Health and Human Services (or designee)
- President of the NC Independent Colleges and Universities (or designee)
- Secretary of Commerce (or designee)
- Secretary of Department of Information Technology (or designee; non-voting)