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House Resources

HOUSE BUDGET AND RESEARCH OFFICE
CHRISTINE MURDOCK, DIRECTOR



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HBRO: Who we are

OUR TEAM

16 FULL TIME STAFF

INCLUDING 14 BUDGET AND POLICY ANALYSTS WITH SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE



TASKED WITH STAFFING

8+42

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES



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HBRO Responsibilities

- ❖ Prepare bill summaries; track and report on legislation as it moves through the legislative process.
- ❖ Write the state budget and related documents. The state budget is the only bill not prepared by Legislative Counsel.
- ❖ Staff and compose study committee reports.
- ❖ Respond to requests for information from members.



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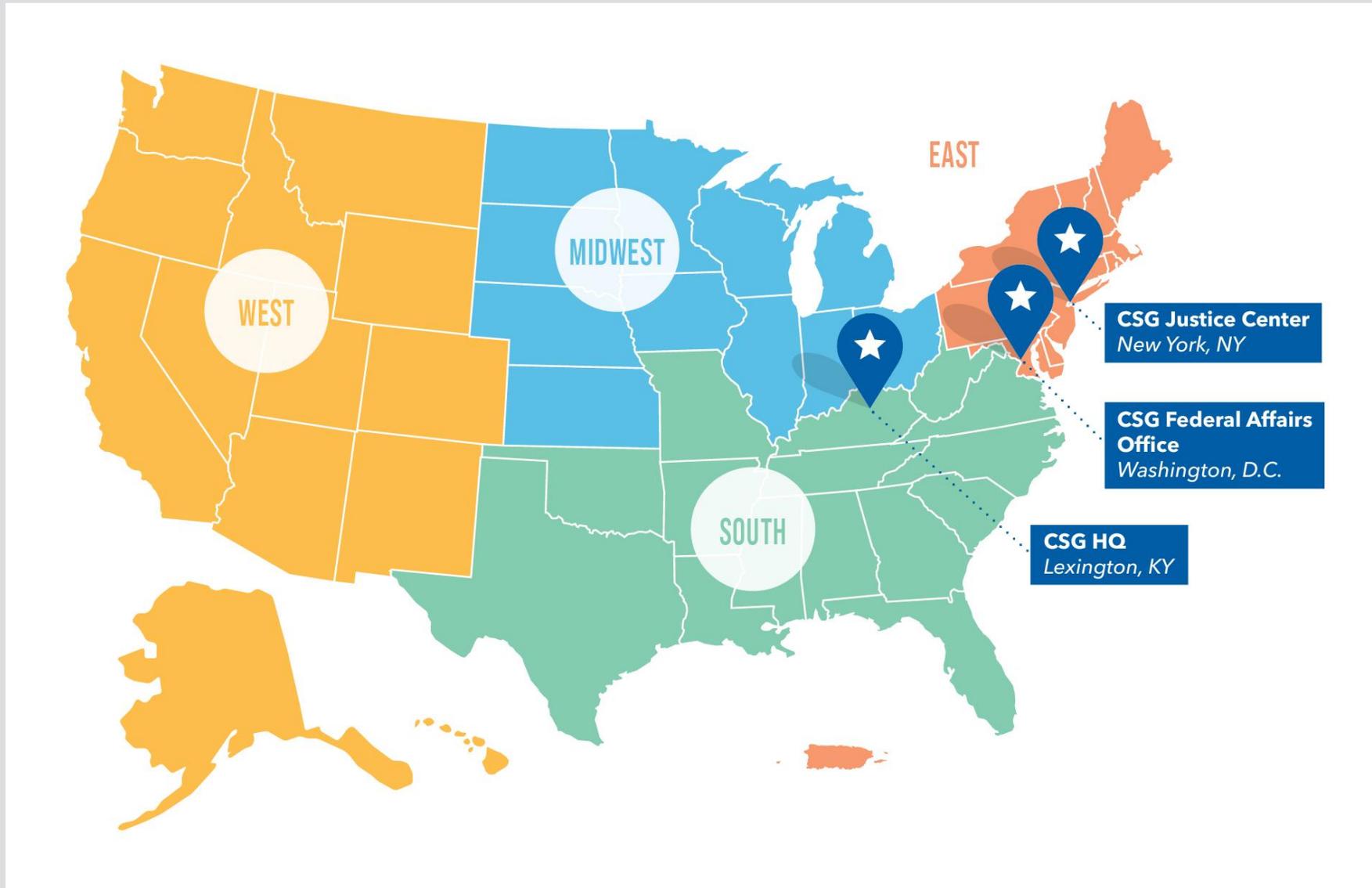
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- \$80 Million Budget
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- Focus on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Issues
- Technical Assistance
- Part of CSG National

- We bring people together
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- We build momentum for policy change
We synthesize and contextualize data to help policymakers enact and implement major reforms that address criminal justice challenges, many of which intersect with other systems, such as health, education and housing.
- We drive criminal justice forward with original research
Our in-depth data analyses, coupled with extensive interviews of people on the front lines of the criminal justice system, inform improvements and spur national initiatives.
- We provide expert assistance
Our unrivaled on-the-ground training and assistance helps state and local agencies translate the latest research into policy and practice.



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- Executive Committee
- 15 Southern States
- 17 Staff Members
- Funding
 - State Appropriations - 60/40
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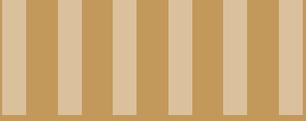
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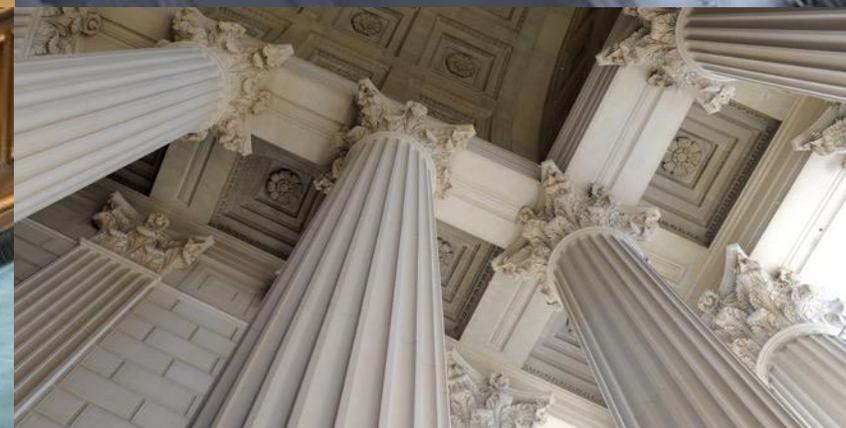
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BRIEF

Immunization Information Systems

Lawmakers Turn to Data Systems to Guide Vaccine Decision-Making



BRIEF

Driving in the Right Direction

State Efforts to Combat Wrong-Way Driving

BY ANNIE KITCH AND MIA GEOLY

Wrong-way driving, where a driver operates a vehicle the wrong way on a road or highway against the intended flow of traffic, can result in some of the most severe types of crashes according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reports that despite accounting for only 3.7% of all fatal crashes on divided highways between 2010 and 2018, these incidents are often fatal as they typically result in head-on collisions.

A study of wrong-way driving from the Iowa State University Institute for Transportation notes that wrong-way driving can occur on a variety of roadways including divided highways, freeways or arterial roads. These events are often associated with driver confusion resulting from roadways that are challenging to navigate.

Recent data from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety also shows a concerning rise in fatalities related to wrong-way crashes. An average of 500 deaths occurred annually from wrong-way driving crashes on divided highways between 2015 and 2018, a 34% increase from 375 deaths annually from 2010 to 2014. Wrong-way drivers made up 52.8% of fatalities from wrong-way driving crashes followed by their passengers (5.7%) and occupants of other vehicles (41.1%) between 2010 and 2018. These numbers remained elevated as roughly 500 people died in wrong-way crashes annually in 2019 and 2020, according to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

It is important to note that it can be difficult for state agencies to collect data on the number of wrong-way driving incidents that occur on their highways as drivers may self-correct before a crash occurs. As a result, data on wrong-way driving may not measure the



full scope of the problem.

Research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reveals that several factors increase the risk of wrong-way crashes. Alcohol impairment, which can inhibit a driver's ability to follow traffic laws, plays a large role in wrong-way driving crashes. Six in 10 wrong-way crashes between 2010 and 2018 involved an alcohol-impaired driver. Additionally, as an individual's blood alcohol concentration rises, so do their odds of being a wrong-way driver.

Despite driving fewer miles each month, drivers over 70 years old are also more likely to be wrong-way drivers, according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. However, inTrans' study on wrong-way



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