



11 Essential Factors to SLDS Success

Research

1. Clear research agenda
2. Focus on answering key research questions
3. Evidence of stakeholder feedback reports, particularly reports that link data from multiple agencies

Engaging Stakeholders

4. Incentives for agencies to participate
5. Provisions for “bringing data to stakeholders”
6. Training in using data to inform decisions
7. Investment in developing and maintaining inter-agency relationships
8. Support from state government leaders

Management

9. Funding from the state legislature
10. Operations support and/or governance through an external agency
11. Planning for interstate data partnerships