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# INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSIGHT

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# **Recent Initiatives**

## **RESEARCH**

# Intergovernmental Models for the 21<sup>St</sup> Century

The Academy's Center for Intergovernmental Partnerships, working with an Expert Advisory Group (EAG), will develop a new model of intergovernmental systems and a high-level agenda for change applicable in various policy contexts. This research will create a launch pad for additional research on optimizing the intergovernmental system with this new framework.

The Center will:

- Describe the most significant practical challenges with the current intergovernmental system;
- Assess the most promising new models in use;
- Develop the key tenets and practices of a new model that can address current challenges;
- Create an action plan, proposing steps specific actors should take.

The Jane G. and Mark A. Pisano Fund provides the funding for this study.

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#### **REPORTS**

### States' Adaptations to Business Compliance Processes in Response to the Pandemic

Supported by a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Academy's Center for Intergovernmental Partnerships analyzed states' actions related to their regulatory standards. The report discovered that many state governments:

- Simplified permitting to pave the way for business start-ups,
- Allowed bars and restaurants to resume operations with new permissions,
- Streamlined licensing so healthcare professionals could practice across state lines, and
- Authorized telehealth so millions of people could receive remote healthcare services.

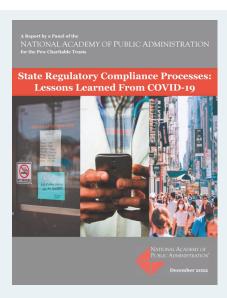
The report noted several important implications along these investigative lines and detailed additional opportunities for research into lessons learned and preparations for future crises. See Chapter 5 of the report to read the complete conclusions and recommendations.

**Click Here to Access the Report** 

Click Here to Listen to Panel Chair Neil Kerwin and Academy President and CEO Terry Gerton Discuss the Impact of this Study

#### The Center's Year-End Report

At the end of December 2022, the Center published its Year-End Report outlining key activities, achievements, and plans for the coming months. The Center is incredibly grateful to each person reading this report—Fellows, underwriters, and supporters—who make its work possible through their collaboration, thought partnership, leadership, service, and support.



#### **EVENTS**

In the recent months, the Center explored new intergovernmental topics that allowed it to engage Fellows, other experts, and practitioners to create knowledge and share effective practices.







#### National Academy of Public Administration's Fall Meeting 2022

Each year, the Academy comes together for its Fall Meeting, where speakers from the private and nonprofit sectors, academics, and leaders from all levels of government discuss contemporary issues in public administration. The theme for 2022 was strengthening social and economic development through meaningful work, which is one of the Academy's 12 Grand Challenges.

During the first week of November, the Center hosted sessions on workforce data with Results for America, neurodiverse tech talent with MITRE, and how Academy Studies help localities provide meaningful work with NACo. Click here to read the Center's summaries of Fall Meeting events.

#### Modern Social Services Delivery Series Session 3

The third session in this series focused on pathways to modernizing social services. Sponsored by the Center for Accountability, Modernization, and Innovation (CAMI), the series focuses on social service programs designed and supported by the federal government but implemented at the state and local levels. The Center plans to release a white paper in the spring of 2023 that will summarize the findings and recommendations developed over the three sessions.

#### Intergovernmental Oversight Working Group Session 2

The second session focused on oversight and grants and occurred on December 7, 2022. Dr. Eloise Pasachoff, Professor of Law at Georgetown University, spoke about federal grants from the recipient perspective. She also engaged in discussions with attendees about their experiences and answered questions.

In collaboration with the Levin Center for Oversight and
Democracy, the Center helped establish an intergovernmental oversight working group. It provides a community of practice for networking, discussing hot topics, and sharing recommendations. The working group will also host panels and other large-scale events.

# Stay tuned for additional programming in 2023

For more information or to learn about upcoming events, contact <u>Miles Murphy</u>.

## **Resources on the Web**

# INTERGOVERNMENTAL MATTERS (IGM) ARTICLE SPOTLIGHT

Fall Meeting 2022:

#### A Look Back on Creating Meaningful Work

By: Brad Riley, Center Research Associate

Through Federalism.us, the Academy's Center for Intergovernmental Partnerships has developed a multi-part series to recap Fall Meeting. It will discuss individual sessions on leveraging technology and data, creating inclusive workplaces, fostering job growth and equity, and how intergovernmental strategies advance the dialogue to make work more meaningful. But before we discuss how each area contributes to that goal, we must discuss what we mean when we say that work ought to be meaningful because meaningful can have many definitions depending on the person you ask or the context used.

Click Here to Read the Full Article

## **RECENT IGM ARTICLES**

<u>Demystifying the Public Procurement Supply Chain: Lessons from the Pandemic & Improvements for the Future</u>

<u>Speakers Address the Role of Equity in Meaningful Work – Fall Meeting Recap #1</u>

Creating Meaningful Work Through Inclusive Workplaces

# Support Intergovernmental Partnerships



## The Center for Intergovernmental Partnerships at the National Academy of Public Administration

Recognizing that no significant public problem fits entirely within one government agency or even one level of government, the Academy established the Center in September 2021. The Center helps identify intergovernmental gaps and serves as a forum for dialogue and problem-solving. Its efforts aim to improve the intergovernmental system for state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, nonprofits, and federal agencies.

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#### **Become Involved**

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The Center team welcomes opportunities

the collaborative capabilities necessary to develop and implement effective policies and programs across levels of government.

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to connect with others working to promote intergovernmental partnerships. Please contact our Center' Director, <u>Dr. Nancy Augustine</u>, or our Senior Research Analyst, <u>Miles Murphy</u>, to share ideas or get more information on activities. We encourage you to share this newsletter with anyone you think might be interested.

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