



Yvette Chocolaad, NASWA's Workforce Policy Director, was a voice for state agencies during a live, [national panel celebrating the new National Secure Data Service \(NSDS\)](#) established under the Inflation Reduction Act. The NSDS will enable a privacy-protected environment for leveraging data to support data analytics, program evaluation, and evidence-building activities. Yvette emphasized that states and their local partners can force-multiply the range of evidence building activities with their federal partners if they are given more avenues to data access and support in building the capacity of staff to use data.

"What states are talking about is data access in a collaborative, analytic environment representing a new type of partnership," she said, before recounting examples of products and projects states want to accomplish with better data access between the federal government and states.

Yvette is the Principal Investigator for a foundation-funded initiative at NASWA that is supporting the emergence of multi-state, cross-sector data collaboratives. To hear more, tune in to the recording at 18:00 minutes.