



Developing and Using Your ECIDS or SLDS to Conduct a Comprehensive Needs Assessment and a Strategic Plan for Your State Initiatives

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?

What decision or actions is your state trying to take?

1. Identify the state's strategy, goals, key initiatives, and the measures and indicators of progress aligned to the state's vision and desired outcomes.

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

What do you need to know in order to inform the state's decisions and actions?

2. Identify all critical components of a comprehensive needs assessment (see the Needs Assessment Data Checklist).

WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

What data do you currently have to inform the decisions and actions your state wants to make? What information are you missing?

3. Assess your existing information assets.

4. Articulate your information gaps.

What are your state needs?

5a. Create a plan to address the information gaps.

5b. Conduct the initial needs assessment and articulate the limitations of the information given the gaps.

6a. Gather the data that you determined you would need.

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