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The National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws (NAMSDL) is a resource for governors, state legislators, attorneys general, drug and alcohol professionals, community leaders, the recovering community, and others striving for comprehensive and effective state drug and alcohol laws, policies, and programs. We draft, research, and analyze model drug and alcohol laws and related state statutes, provide access to our nationwide network of drug and alcohol experts, and facilitate working relationships among state and community leaders and drug and alcohol professionals.

NAMSDL is the successor of the President's Commission on Model State Drug Laws. Funded by Congressional appropriations since fiscal year 1995, NAMSDL is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, bipartisan organization.

CURRENT SERVICES/ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROFESSIONALS, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

UPON REQUEST, NAMSDL CAN PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE AND RELATED POLICY SERVICES TO TRIBAL NATIONS

NAMSDL's assistance includes one or a combination of the following services:

- Conduct of a comprehensive statewide model law summit which produces a needs assessment of over 40 different drug and alcohol laws and policies in the state. The needs assessment identifies specific action steps to resolve problems and fill gaps.
- Conduct of national or regional legislative and policy conferences on selected drug and alcohol issues, e.g., the National Methamphetamine Legislative and Policy Conference
- Creation and distribution of model laws, policies and regulations on over 40 different drug and alcohol issues, including prescription monitoring programs and methamphetamine issues.
- Creation and dissemination of a comparative analysis of a model law and policy with all comparable state laws and relevant regulations.
- Development and distribution of a comparative analysis of a model law and policy with a specific state bill or law and regulation.
- Development and distribution of a comparative analysis of a specific state bill or laws and regulations with other states' bill, laws and regulations.
- Creation and distribution of comparative analyses of all 50 states' laws and policies on over 40 different drug and alcohol laws, bills and regulations.
- Recommendation of drafting tips and language to tailor a model law or other state law to an individual state's needs.
- Recommendation of drafting tips and language to tailor a model law or other laws to assist tribal nations.
- Review of proposed bills or legislative drafts to identify potential loopholes and suggest enhancements.

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- Dissemination and/or creation of documents explaining (1) the purposes and implementation of a model law or similar state law, (2) the scope and extent of the problems to be addressed by the model law or similar state law, (3) the outcomes or results of application of specific laws or category of laws, either through statistical outcomes or anecdotal evidence, or (4) legislative and policy options for addressing a particular drug and alcohol problem or set of problems.

- Referral to and consultation with NAMSDL's network of experts and resource people on the model laws and policies and related drug and alcohol topic areas.

- Guidance on policy, technical, legal and substantive issues related to the model laws and policies and related topic areas.

- Guidance regarding and facilitation of stronger working relationships among drug and alcohol professionals, community leaders, the recovering community and government officials in a state, a region or nationally.

- Participation in educational legislative briefings with state officials, community meetings on the model laws and other educational projects. These activities are designed to help explain the purpose and application of the model laws and policies and related state laws, policies and programs.

NAMSDL also assists states, as well as federal agency officials and members of Congress, by 1) providing comparative analyses of states' drug and alcohol laws, policies and related programs, 2) briefing officials and staff on the status of states' laws, policies and related programs on over 40 different drug and alcohol issues, 3) testifying on the status of states' drug and alcohol laws, policies and related programs, 4) synthesizing and providing background materials explaining the purpose and application of various model and state laws, policies and related programs, and the scope and nature of the problems to be addressed.

For more information about NAMSDL, please visit our Web site at **www.namsdl.org** to view:

- History of NAMSDL
- Mission and goals
- 44 model laws and their related policy statements and highlights
- How states have worked with NAMSDL, including outcomes attributed to the summits
- Materials from NAMSDL's national events
- Legislative and policy resources regarding key issues facing states