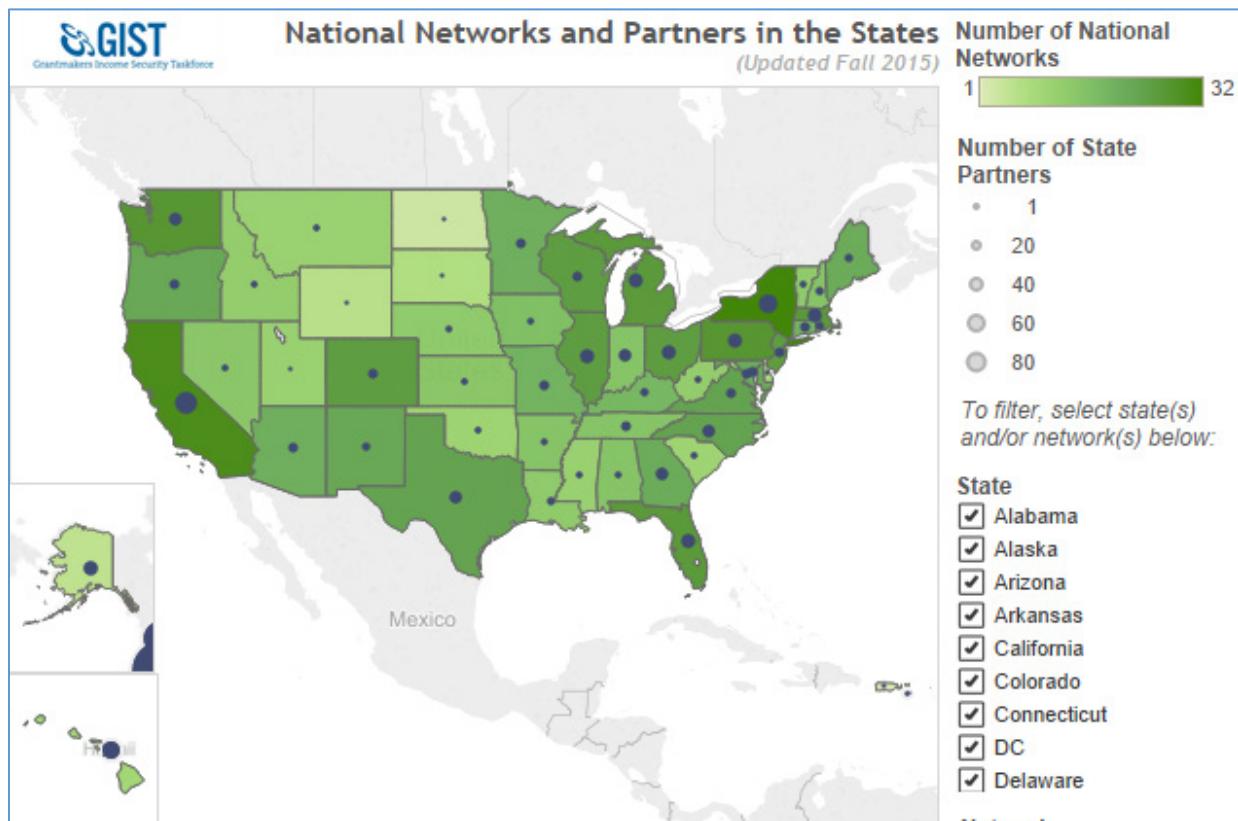




# Geographic Tracking Summary Memo

## Fall 2015 Update

Since 2011, GIST has been engaged in geographic mapping efforts to help identify and illustrate the various state groups and national networks funders are working with and to help foster connections across these efforts. Visit our online, interactive mapping tool at <http://gistfunders.org/geographicmapping.php>.



To date, 37 national networks and 1,259 state groups are represented on the map. GIST updates the maps and creates a companion analysis annually in the Fall. This geographic tracking summary aims to provide some context to the data that is collected and represented on the maps. *Note that this is a work in progress. Not all key national efforts are represented here. And, state and local partners and priorities change.*

### **Some Questions to Have in Mind when Reviewing this Document**

- Where are the places that I am actively working? What other initiatives are working in those places?
- What could I do to shore up connections between efforts in the states to improve efficiency and outcomes?
- What places are missing deep concentrations of efforts? Does this make sense given the political dynamics? Given the needs?
- What could we be doing as a funder collective to increase coordination and improve cross-effort learning among state-based efforts?

### **National Networks Represented**

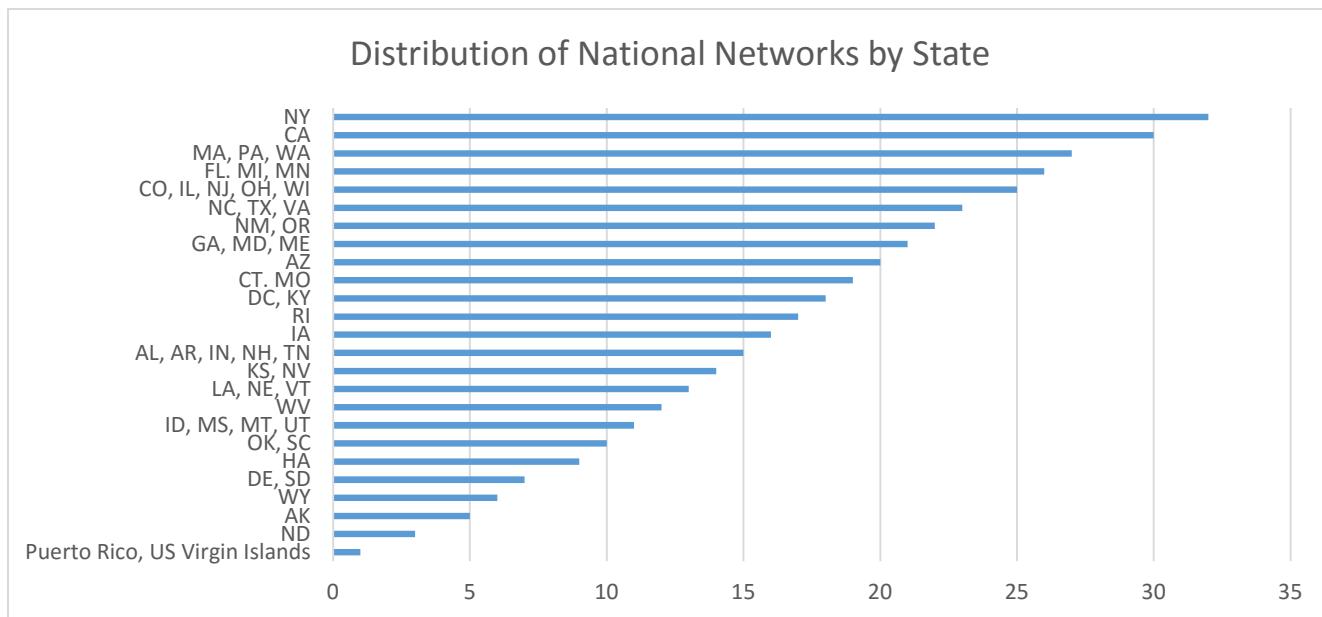
Thirty-seven national networks provided data on the key state organizations or groups they are working with:

- Alliance for a Just Society
- Alliance for Early Success
- Assets & Opportunity Network
- Campaign for Youth Justice
- Center for Community Change
- Center for Popular Democracy
- Community Catalyst
- Council for a Strong America
- Economic Analysis and Research Network (EARN)
- Every Child Matters Education Fund
- Fair Share
- Family Values @ Work
- Feeding America
- First Focus
- Food Research and Action Center
- Georgetown University Center for Children and Families
- Interfaith Worker Justice
- Jobs with Justice
- KIDS COUNT
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- MomsRising
- National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (COSH)
- National Employment Law Project
- National People's Action
- National Transitional Jobs Network
- National Urban League
- New Majority Network
- Partnership for America's Children
- People's Action
- PICO National Network
- ProgressNow
- Small Business Majority
- State Priorities Partnership
- State Voices
- The Partnership for Working Families
- The Working Poor Families Project
- USAAction

## National Network Representation in States and Territories

- New York had the most representation from the national networks, with 32 of the 37 networks working with organizations or groups in New York.
- North Dakota had the least representation of the states, with only three national networks working in North Dakota. (Only one network, KIDS COUNT, is working in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.)
- On average, each state had representation from 17.1 national networks. (The median was 16.5 networks.)
- KIDS COUNT is the only national network working in every state and territory.

Chart 1: Distribution of National Networks by State



Source: GIST Geographic Mapping 2015

## **Concentration of Efforts in States/Territories**

National networks were asked to identify state organizations or groups that they have lead projects with or that they work with most frequently. (It's important to note that national networks may have interpreted this differently, and many networks may work with additional groups not listed in this memo.)

- The 37 national networks report working with 1,259 unique state/local organizations across the country. Approximately 967 (or 76%) of these organizations work with only one national network, compared to 84% in 2014.
- California had the greatest number of state organizations or groups, with national networks working with 132 different organizations and groups.
- Together, the national networks are working with an average of 34 state and local organizations or groups in each state, compared to 17 organizations or groups in 2014. However, this number is greatly skewed by both California and New York, which together have over 249 organizations or groups that national partners are working with. When both states are removed from the analysis, the average drops to 30 organizations or groups per state, compared to an average of 14 in 2014.
- Several state organizations/ groups work with seven or more national networks:
  - Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families (9 national networks)
  - Center for Public Policy Priorities in Texas (8 national networks)
  - Children's Action Alliance (7 national networks)
  - Maine's People's Alliance (7 national networks)

Please visit the GIST mapping tool (<http://www.gistfunders.org/geographicmapping.php>) to explore organizations/groups by state.