

**Description:** This brief guide will assist RCCs and SEAS as they explore the large collection of professional development materials and resources available from the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) website (<http://www.ccsso.org>).

**Information Level:** novice

**Intended Audience for Internal Knowledge Development:**

State: grants, professional development

Districts: professional development

Schools: professional development

<b>To expand RCC's capacity, this activity or resource:</b>	
Raises awareness of new developments in fields important to states' work.	This guide describes the products available at the CCSSO website.
Helps the RCC help states accomplish a goal or solve a problem.	It allows states to identify materials for improving professional development available on the website.
Helps the RCC help states improve or support an ongoing state program, policy, or practice.	It can inform existing state professional development initiatives by helping them evaluate the quality of professional development options provided on the website.
Helps the RCC help states plan or initiate a new state program, policy, or practice.	It can help states plan professional development initiatives by helping them evaluate the quality of professional development options provided on the website.
Helps the RCC enhance states' ability to address NCLB/*ESEA requirements.	It can inform the development of state professional development initiatives to ensure that effective professional development strategies are used.
Enables the RCC to carry out its work more effectively.	It is an accessible resource for busy state people.
Helps the RCC help states complete NCLB-related applications, plans, and reports.	It deepens RCC staff knowledge of the effective professional development strategies and ways to evaluate available professional development options.

**Accompanying/Related Materials:**

- CCSSO's Study of Math and Science Professional Development Programs: Improving Evaluation of Professional Development, available at [http://www.ccsso.org/projects/improving\\_evaluation\\_of\\_professional\\_development/Cross\\_State\\_Study/](http://www.ccsso.org/projects/improving_evaluation_of_professional_development/Cross_State_Study/).

**Suggested Dissemination Strategies:**

- Disseminate the guide to state departments of education.
- Use the guide to locate materials on professional development for state departments of education.
- Assist state departments of education with plans to disseminate the guide to LEAs.

\*ESEA – Elementary and Secondary Education Act