



BUILDING TRUST THROUGH CIVIL DISCOURSE

NEXT
generation

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A WORKSHOP **FOR** STATE LEGISLATORS **BY** STATE LEGISLATORS

27 Workshops in 17 States

A bipartisan group of 48 state legislators, trained to facilitate workshops nationwide

The main mission of the workshop is to provide legislators with an opportunity to explore the benefits of improving the level of civil discourse in their state's legislature and to work more effectively across the aisle. "Building Trust through Civil Discourse" is an energizing, legislator-led program that aims to improve a culture where discourse and collaboration typify public policy development.

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IMPACTS

Institutionalization

Several states are in the process of incorporating the "Building Trust through Civil Discourse" workshop into their new member orientation and training for newly elected officials.

Increased Bipartisan Interaction

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Legislation

Multiple states have seen legislation result from interactions that took place in the workshop. Others have seen bipartisan legislators come together to amend bills before they reached the floor for a vote.

Legislative Process Improvements

Some states have seen improvements in their committees and sessions following the workshop, from better committee chair and member relations to the ability to get bills heard, introduced, and passed unanimously.

The National Network of State Legislators

Led by a bipartisan team of national co-chairs, the National Network of State Legislators Committed to Civil Governance includes over 1,000 state lawmakers who participated in a workshop. The bipartisan Network meets online periodically and in-person for an annual Summit.