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Abstract
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State agencies may have documented data governance structures and processes and even anecdotal data or web analytics providing insight on how their ECIDS reports are being used. But without a clear process and mechanism for gathering continuous input from stakeholders, they lack comprehensive information about the reporting needs, policy questions of interest, and successes of using ECIDS data among their stakeholders. Without this information, state agencies cannot make informed decisions about their research agenda, research projects, and the direction of ECIDS efforts.

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Why a Framework?

State agencies are being charged to create tools and reports that better leverage integrated data to support program and policy decisions. ECDataWorks, in partnership with state agencies, developed conceptual frameworks to guide the discussions and development of analytic tools in four critical policy areas: school readiness, community assessment, data stories, and data governance.

The Data Governance Dashboard

**User Input**
- **ECIDS DATA USAGE**
  Quantitative and qualitative information on stakeholder use of reports and tools
- **STAKEHOLDER NEEDS**
  Stakeholder and agency needs related to questions ECIDS data can answer. This may include general questions of interest requiring ECIS data or specific reporting request (such as a new report or filter)

**Data Governance Decisions**
- **RESEARCH AGENDA**
  Prioritization of ECIDS research topics to inform decisions about reporting and system updates
- **REPORTS**
  Identification and prioritization of additional reports or enhancements to existing reports
- **DATA ELEMENTS & CONTRIBUTORS**
  Determination of additional data elements or programs/agencies who will contribute data to ECIDS

**ECIDS Output**
- **INTERNAL/EXTERNAL REPORTS & ANALYTICS**