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Closing the Mental Health Care Provider-Patient Gap

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that more than 96 million Americans are living in areas in which there is a shortage of mental health service providers. An emerging pathway to closing the gap between mental health service providers and those seeking help—a telepsychology interstate compact—is not a new pathway at all.

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CSG Releases Recommendations for Building a Better Workforce

CSG released a report last week that outlines state-level policy recommendations to help ensure students are prepared for postsecondary education and the workforce. The report, "A Framework for State Policymakers: Developing Pathways to Ensure a Skilled Workforce for State Prosperity," is the brainchild of CSG's 2014 national leaders who sought to help states prepare today's students for the jobs of tomorrow.

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Remembering a Surprising Lesson from Hurricane Katrina

Ten years after Hurricane Katrina violently slammed into the Gulf Coast, leaving more than a million people in the Gulf Coast region displaced, Louisiana Secretary of State Tom Schedler is looking back and issuing a somber reminder to state officials: Make sure that your contingency planning for disasters includes elections.

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Policy Recommendations to Improve Military and Overseas Voting

U.S. military and civilian overseas voters are often located in remote areas abroad, lacking access to the voting information and technology used by stateside voters in their home voting precincts. Variations in how states conduct elections and, in particular, how absentee ballots are provided, returned and counted can make voting even more complex. Join CSG Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 2 p.m. for a free eCademy webcast to explore policy recommendations that can help states improve the U.S. military and civilian overseas voting process.

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States Lift Food Stamp and Welfare Bans for Drug Offenders

Since 1996, 18 states have lifted their bans on food stamp eligibility for felony drug offenders, 26 states have issued partial bans for offenders with certain types of felony convictions, and only six states have full bans for those with any record of a felony drug conviction. States also set eligibility policy for federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits, also known as TANF; twelve states have full bans on receiving monthly TANF cash benefits for those with felony drug convictions.

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Supreme Court to Decide Another "One-Person, One-Vote" Case

On June 29, the U.S. Supreme Court held in *Arizona State Legislature v. Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission* that Arizona's redistricting commission could be solely responsible for congressional redistricting, noting that the state's voters adopted the commission to avoid partisan gerrymandering. The next day, the court agreed to decide *Harris v. Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission*, where the plaintiffs allege the commission engaged in partisan gerrymandering in state legislative redistricting that violated one-person, one-vote.

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CSG will rededicate its newly renovated national headquarters building in Lexington, Ky., today at a ceremony featuring honored guests Kentucky Lt. Gov. Crit Luallen; Lexington Mayor Jim Gray; New York state Sen. Carl Marcellino, CSG's 2015 national chair; and Nebraska state Sen. Beau McCoy, CSG's chair-elect. In 2012, the Commonwealth of Kentucky appropriated \$5.5 million for the planning and reconstruction of CSG's original headquarters building that was dedicated in 1969.

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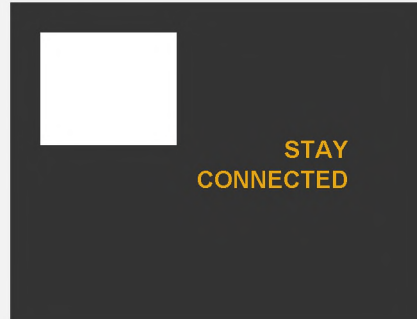
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