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Functions of Technical Staff

Thirteen states reported they employ their own technical staffs who conduct and upgrade the assessment programs they use. The state assessment technical staff offers assistance to local school districts in interpreting scores in 32 states, and assistance in administering tests in 27 states. Most states also provide services to such individuals as local education agency administrators (30), principals (26), and teachers (22).

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State	Technical Staff Employed to:	Local Assistance		Groups Receiving Assistance		
	Upgrade tests	Administer tests	Interpret scores using results	Teachers	Principals	LEA admin.
Alabama	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Alaska	Y	Written guidelines	Upon request	N	Y	Y
Arizona	N	Pretest workshops	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arkansas	N	Y	Y	Y: For interpreting scores/using results	Y: For interpreting scores/using results	Y: For administering test then they provide inservice for teachers
California	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Colorado- No state						
Connecticut A. and B.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
D.C.	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Delaware	Staff looks at Technical specifications but does not upgrade tests.	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Florida - Combined with M.C.						
Georgia		Workshops	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hawaii		Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Idaho		Y	Y	Y: Also test administration and counselors	N	N

SOURCE: Data Compiled for the Office of Technology Assessment by Northwest Regional Education Laboratory, 1985.

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Illinois	Y	N	Y: Regional workshops throughout State"	Y	Y	Y
Indiana	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Iowa - No state program						
Kansas	N	N	Y	N	Y	
Kentucky.	Change tests	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Louisiana	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Maine		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Maryland	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Massachusetts - No state program						
Michigan	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Minnesota	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mississippi	N	N	N	N	N	N
Missouri	Initially, then decreased	Y	Y	N	N	Y
montana - No state program						
Nebraska - No state program						

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Nevada - No state program						
New Hampshire - No state program						
New Jersey - No state program						
New Mexico	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
New York	N	N	Y: If - 's request it	N	N	Y
North Carolina	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
North Dakota - No state program						
Ohio - No state program						
Oklahoma - No state program						
Oregon	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pennsylvania	Y	Workshops	Y	N	Curriculum directors	N
Rhode Island	Y: In 1985	In 1985	In 1985	In 1905	In 1985	Y In 1985
South Carolina	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
South Dakota	N	Y	Y	N	N	Counselors

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Tennessee	Not available for int'view					
Texas - No state program						
Utah	Y (2)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Vermont - No state program						
Virg nia	N	Y	Y	N	N	Testing directo
Wash nqton	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
West Virginia	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Test coordinato
Wisconsin	Not available for int'view					
Wyoming	N	Y: In 1985	Y: In 1985	In 1985	Y: In 1985	Y: In 1985