



Council of State Archives (CoSA)

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State archives play a critical role in preserving the nation's history and the rights of its citizens. State archival programs provide appropriate, unbiased, and effective stewardship of the historical records in their care. Consistent funding and support for the work of state archives enables them to effectively manage and make archival records widely accessible, take advantage of evolving technologies, and foster innovative projects and research. With such support, State Archives can continue to:

- collect the records that make transparent government possible
- preserve evidence of civil and property rights
- ensure that rapidly changing technologies do not create an "Information Dark Age"
- protect the nation's most essential records from disasters

CoSA, in support of these functions, its members and the profession at large, advocates for advancing the needs of our members to stakeholders and the public by:

- acting as a clearinghouse for information on current and emerging issues and legislation affecting government archives,
- participating in policy and funding discussions to reinforce the mission of State Archives,
- developing advocacy and awareness messages to strengthen State Archives, and
- working in partnership with counterparts in allied organizations to develop a broad coalition supporting CoSA's and State Archives' mission.