

# OPPAGA

## The Legislature's Program Review Office

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# OPPAGA

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# Background on OPPAGA

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## What is OPPAGA?

- Non-partisan legislative agency that provides data, evaluative research, and objective analyses to assist legislative budget and policy deliberations
- Created in 1994 by the Government Performance and Accountability Act
- Representative of a widely recognized legislative support profession

## Who determines OPPAGA's research projects?

- Currently authorized under Joint Rule Three
- Conducts research as directed by state law, the presiding officers, or the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

# The People at OPPAGA

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- Wide variety of degrees and professional experiences
- Most analysts hold graduate degrees; 12 hold PhDs or JDs
- Skill sets complement other legislative staff
- Hiring reflects legislative demands for information
- Contact information in packet

# OPPAGA Conducts Research in 4 Policy Areas With Support From Methodology

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# How Does OPPAGA Contribute?

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- Design and carry out complex, original research
- Analyze large and often confidential data sets, integrating data from multiple agencies
- Maintain policy area and methodological expertise
- Provide the Legislature the independent capacity to assess effects of programs and policies, including longitudinal studies
- Contract management

# Research Skills

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OPPAGA uses a wide variety of qualitative and quantitative research tools

## Qualitative

- Interviews with agency and program officials, clients, stakeholders – Florida and multi-state
- Site visits
- Surveys
- Focus groups

## Quantitative

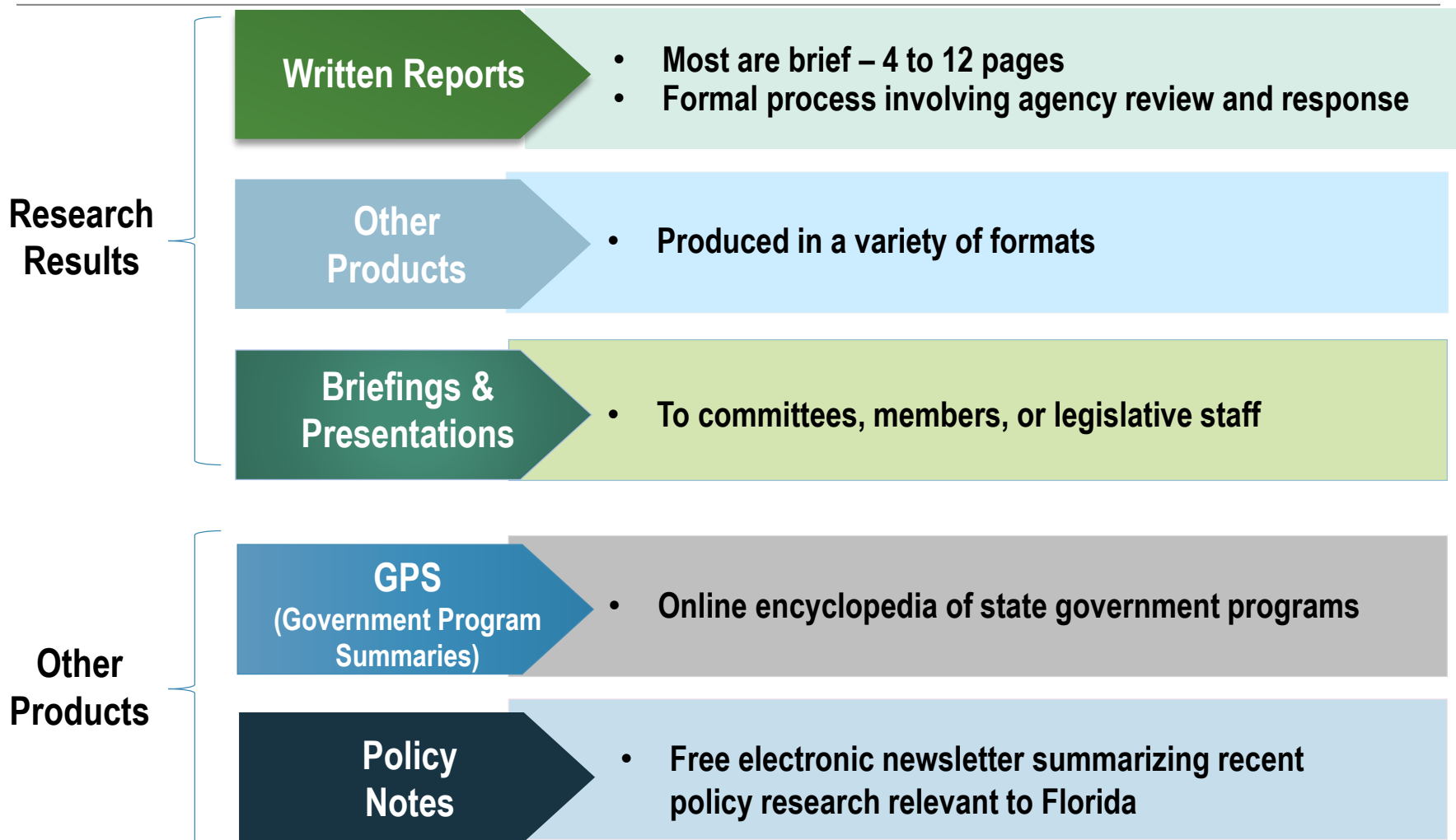
- Primary data through surveys
- Secondary data through agencies and outside entities
- Statistical analysis and modeling

# Examples of Recent Research

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# OPPAGA Products



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Government Program Summaries (GPS) is a free resource for legislators and the public providing descriptive information on over 200 state government programs. For fiscal data, GPS links to Transparency Florida, the Legislature's website that includes continually updated information on the state's operating budget and expenditures by state agencies.

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

[Victims of Identity Theft, 2016](#)

In 2016, 10% of persons age 16 or older had been victims of identity theft during the prior 12 months. For 85% of identity-theft victims, the most recent incident involved the misuse or attempted misuse of only one type of existing account, such as a credit card or bank account. One percent of persons age 16 or older had experienced the opening of a new account or misuse of personal information apart from misuse of an existing credit card or bank account or other existing account. An estimated 12% of identity-theft victims had out-of-pocket losses of \$1 or more; 88% either had no out-of-pocket losses or had losses of less than \$1. More than half (55%) of identity-theft victims who resolved associated financial or credit problems did so in one day or less.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice

[Domestic Violence Outcome Measures Project](#)

The Domestic Violence Outcome Project had a two-fold purpose: first, to identify the long-term outcomes and needs of those who receive services from domestic violence agencies, and second, to establish procedures for on-going evaluation within agencies. Working closely with 15 agencies that are members of the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network, the researchers developed a survey to evaluate services and identify client needs. This report begins with a brief introduction to how the project came about and a description of research methods. Next, the report presents the current needs reported by participants along with differences in needs among participants by race/ethnicity, education and income resources, and whether or not

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# Questions?

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