

What does the government do?

1. Choose an agency or department in state government
2. Explain three of the services it provides
3. Explain specifically *why* the state government provides these services and explain whom it benefits.
4. Describe how this agency coordinates its work with another state agency or with local or federal government.

Resources:

Click to open each speaker Padlet with shared notes, the recorded talk, and related websites. Use TWO sources for your agency.

Housing Dept	State police	National Guard
DCF	Group Home	judge

What format do you want to use?

Recorded video speaking & visuals	Live Presentation speaking & visuals	Infographic visual & text	Written Paper just text	Recorded Interview just speaking
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Rubric

What is the agency you chose, and what are three things it does? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> full name of agency <input type="checkbox"/> one service it provides <input type="checkbox"/> second service it provides <input type="checkbox"/> third service it provides 	6
Explain why the state government provides these services and specifically whom it benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> why it provides the services <input type="checkbox"/> whom it benefits 	4
Explain one way the agency coordinates its work with another agency or with the local or federal government.	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Organized Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Design & Craft <input type="checkbox"/> Neat & Professional 	6
You listed two sources	2

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Basic sample text:

The Department of Corrections houses people convicted of crimes. There are 18 facilities in CT, 4 of which are not currently operating. The DOC has a program to provide tablets to inmates so they can communicate, for a fee, with family and loved ones. They also have a victim services unit which lets registered victims know when an offender is released from prison or has another status change. One of our speakers is an educator in a correctional facility, so I know that the DOC also provides reading, writing and math education to its inmates.

The state DOC keeps people in prison because it believes that doing so will protect everyone in the state from the offenders, making the state safer for everyone. It also most likely believes that imprisoning people for crimes will help deter people from committing crimes. Services that it provides to the inmates, such as education and connections to their families, are intended to make sure that inmates have the skills to be successful when they are released.

One way the CT DOC coordinates with state and local law enforcement is through the "Fugitive Tip Line" and the Fugitive Investigations Unit which works to track down those who escape from facilities or supervised situations both in and out of the state. This coordination is necessary because fugitives are likely to cross boundaries into different states.