



Jason E. Mumpower, Comptroller of the Treasury

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Comptroller's Research and Education Accountability Team Wins Prestigious National Awards

Tennessee Comptroller Jason Mumpower is pleased to announce that his Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) has been honored as one of the nation's leading research and program evaluation teams.

OREA is one of two offices in the United States that has received the Excellence in Research Methods Award from the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society (NLPEs). The award recognizes OREA's evaluation of the Tennessee Promise program by Lauren Spires and Kristina Podesta.

This is the first time that OREA has been recognized with this prestigious honor.

NLPES has also awarded the Office of Research and Education Accountability with a 2021 Certificate of Impact for its evaluation of Corporal Punishment in Tennessee. This work was also done by Lauren Spires and was honored for its "significant impact on public policy."

"These national honors are the result of many hours of hard work and dedication," said Comptroller Jason Mumpower. "It is particularly gratifying to be recognized as one of the country's preeminent offices for research and evaluation. The General Assembly can feel confident that it is supported with top-notch information and analysis."



OREA Director Russell Moore and Principal Research Analyst Lauren Spires with Awards

OREA is responsible for providing the Tennessee General Assembly objective and accurate research, evaluation, and analysis. Recent projects have examined Student Attendance in Tennessee, Gifted Education, and State Benefits for Veterans in Tennessee.

For more on OREA's awards, please click [here](#).

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