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**BREAKOUT HIGHLIGHTS**

**Building Capacity for Statewide Charter Support Organizations**

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- ❑ Support organizations are a new sector for CS.
- ❑ The National Alliance for Public Charter Schools is working on building the capacity of CSOs.
- ❑ CSOs are important because they support new schools and disseminate best practices.
- ❑ NAPCS is in the process of collecting data to share among CSOs. Specifically they are surveying all 40 CS states with intense mapping in 12 states. Info they are collecting:
  - what services are being provided
  - what are the best services to provide
  - how are they paid for
  - -how is the CSO going to build sustainability
  - where do gaps remain
- ❑ NAPCS is offering Master Class for CSO leaders in partnership with West Ed. They are also offering topic-driven online meetings on curriculum, data-driven decision making, member services, advocacy, sustainability, fundraising.
- ❑ NAPCS sees CSO as extremely valuable to state charter schools. The CSO must provide tangible services and products to the schools.

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