



2024 NACo Annual Conference & Exposition

July 12-15, 2024 :: Hillsborough County, Fla.

Conference Schedule

All times listed in Eastern Daylight Time.

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Wednesday, Jul. 10

County Technology Advisory Council (CTAC) Meeting

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1:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. | MEETING ROOM 3, MARRIOTT

Thursday, Jul. 11

CIO Speed Sharing

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Limited to just county CIOs.

9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. | MARRIOTT WATERSTREET

CIO Forum

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Separate pre-registration required.

11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. | MARRIOTT WATERSTREET

NACo Ambassadors Meeting

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4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

CIO Forum Reception

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Separate pre-registration required.

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. | MARRIOTT WATERSTREET

Friday, Jul. 12

Registration Open

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7:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. | REGISTRATION TERRACE, SECOND FLOOR

First Time Attendee Orientation

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Open to county and state association individuals attending their first NACo conference.

8:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. | BALLROOM C, FIRST FLOOR

Policy Coordinating Committee #1

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8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. | 301-302, THIRD FLOOR

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee Meeting

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9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. | 111-113, FIRST FLOOR

Join NACo's Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee Meeting to gain insight into the challenges and opportunities facing rural America. Attendees will connect with peers and learn about key innovations in rural policy and practice that build stronger, more resilient communities.

- Speakers will include leading thinkers and decision-makers from across the agriculture and rural development sectors, including nationally renowned policy experts, stakeholders and federal partners.
- The committee will also consider policy resolutions and platform changes to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Community, Economic and Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee Meeting

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9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. | 114-115, FIRST FLOOR

Federal partners, national experts and thought leaders will join the Community, Economic and Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee to discuss policy priorities and best practices in attainable housing, community revitalization, workforce development, and more. The committee will also consider policy resolutions and platform changes to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Environment, Energy and Land Use Policy Steering Committee Meeting

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9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. | 116-117, FIRST FLOOR

National policy experts and practitioners will join the Environment, Energy and Land Use Policy Steering Committee to discuss committee priorities, including per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), the nation's energy system, and more. The committee will also consider policy resolutions and platform changes to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Finance, Pensions & Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Steering Committee Meeting

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9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. | 118-119, FIRST FLOOR

The Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Steering Committee Meeting will cover a wide range of matters of importance to counties related to revenue and fiscal management, federal tax reform, pension and retirement benefits, municipal bonds, the intergovernmental partnership and the balance of federalism, elections, and more. The committee will also consider policy resolutions and platform changes to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Health Policy Steering Committee Meeting

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9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. | 120-121, FIRST FLOOR

NACo's Health Policy Steering Committee will be joined by national experts and thought leaders to discuss timely health policy issues relevant to counties, such as addressing hunger as a social determinant of health, strategies for addressing youth mental health and enhancing cyber

security in healthcare settings. The committee will also consider policy resolutions and platform changes to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

SPEAKERS

Corby Kummer

Executive Director of Food & Society, Aspen Institute

Human Services and Education Policy Steering Committee Meeting

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9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. | 122-123, FIRST FLOOR

Join the Human Services and Education Policy Steering Committee to engage with federal partners, subject matter experts and county officials on policy priorities and best practices in key areas such as human service delivery during natural disasters, strengthening the human services workforce, and building consensus around policies and programs that support families with children. The Committee will also discuss opportunities to advance county human services and education policy priorities during the upcoming Congressional August recess.

Justice and Public Safety Policy Steering Committee Meeting

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9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. | BALLROOM D, FIRST FLOOR

Congressional and federal agency partners will join the Justice and Public Safety Policy Steering Committee to discuss critical issues, including mental health in the criminal justice system, disaster mitigation and response, and the outlook for the committee's policy priorities in the remainder of the 118th Congress. The committee will also consider policy resolutions and platform changes to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Public Lands Policy Steering Committee Meeting

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9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. | BALLROOM A, FIRST FLOOR

Join the Public Lands Policy Steering Committee for discussion with federal land management agencies and industry experts on land management policies, species protection efforts, federal land revenue sharing programs and energy development on public lands. The committee will also consider policy resolutions and platform changes to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Telecommunications and Technology Policy Steering Committee Meeting

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9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. | 124-125, FIRST FLOOR

The NACo Telecommunications and Technology Policy Steering Committee will meet to discuss a wide variety of topics, including broadband access and affordability, emergency communications practices, support for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and more. The committee will also consider policy resolutions and platform changes to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Transportation Policy Steering Committee Meeting

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9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. | BALLROOM B, FIRST FLOOR

Join the Transportation Policy Steering Committee Meeting to learn more about how counties are working with our intergovernmental and industry partners, as well as one another, to rebuild and modernize the nation's infrastructure. Members will hear from transportation stakeholders on topics related to the significant role counties play in America's transportation and infrastructure system. The committee will also consider policy resolutions and platform changes to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Safety & Justice Challenge Luncheon

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Invitation Only

12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

This invite-only luncheon will host leaders from the MacArthur Foundation's Safety + Justice Challenge counties and members of NACo's County Officials advancing Racial Equity (CORE) in Justice network.

Opening Reception in the NACo Exhibit Hall

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4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. | EAST HALL, THIRD FLOOR

The opening reception will feature NACo's County Talks series with a few brief presentations alongside entertainment in the Exhibit Hall.

Policy Coordinating Committee #2

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5:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. | 301-302, THIRD FLOOR

Saturday, Jul. 13

NACo Bike Ride

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6:30 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

Registration Open

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7:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. | REGISTRATION TERRACE, SECOND FLOOR

County Leadership Institute: Reflect, Refresh and Reconnect

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Open to all graduates of NACo's County Leadership Institute over the past 15 years.

8:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M. | 101, FIRST FLOOR

Exclusively tailored for current participants and alumni of the County Leadership Institute (CLI), this workshop offers a unique platform for individuals who have completed the program to further explore their leadership journey. This session provides the opportunity to reengage with the CLI framework. Participants can also engage in dynamic discussions with CLI instructors for comprehensive skill analysis and refinement. Don't miss the chance to enhance brush up on your adaptive skills and reconnect with CLI peers.

GIS Subcommittee Meeting

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8:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M. | 124-125, FIRST FLOOR

The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Subcommittee of the Information Technology Standing Committee focuses on GIS education, national trends and proposed legislation that might affect GIS. Members are county elected officials, surveyors and planners, GIS directors and other county GIS leadership. The subcommittee will hear from national organizations and partners on relevant updates on current and future landscape of GIS policies and practices.

Immigration Reform Task Force Meeting

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8:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M. | 111-113, FIRST FLOOR

The Immigration Reform Task Force (IRTF) will hear from county officials, federal partners and policy experts to discuss the latest developments on immigration reform, learn about the impacts of immigration on local governments and communities, and share best practices in migrant services.

Resilient Counties Advisory Board Breakfast

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8:30 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. | 114-115, FIRST FLOOR

As our communities and national infrastructure are tested by extreme weather events, communicating risk is an increasingly critical responsibility of county governments. Pre-disaster, successful communication can motivate community members to harden their homes against storms, develop emergency plans, and take other steps to increase the likelihood of rapid and full recovery. During a disaster or emergency, local authorities must reach people to share accurate, timely and potentially life-saving information. Join NACo's Resilient Counties Advisory Board for a discussion on how county governments can best communicate risk and share emergency updates.

WIR Board of Directors Meeting

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8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. | BALLROOM A, FIRST FLOOR

The Western Interstate Region (WIR) is dedicated to the promotion of Western interests within NACo, including public land issues (use and conservation), community stability and economic development, and the promotion of the traditional Western way of life. WIR Board Members will discuss county involvement in energy production, balancing resource development needs and public access to federal lands and opportunities to grow rural Western economies.

Large Urban County Caucus Meeting

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9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. | BALLROOM C, FIRST FLOOR

NACo's Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) is the premier national forum for exchanging ideas and solutions that help urban counties address pressing issues. LUCC members will meet with

federal officials and national leaders on policy issues for urban counties, focused on six priority areas: Addressing the impacts of mental health and substance use; transportation/infrastructure and accessing resources from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; maternal and infant mortality; housing accessibility and homelessness; elections and voting rights; and health care access and equity.

Exhibit Hall Open

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9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. | EAST HALL, THIRD FLOOR

Rural Action Caucus Meeting

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10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | BALLROOM B, FIRST FLOOR

Join the Rural Action Caucus to discuss challenges and opportunities, share best practices and hear from stakeholders helping to shape policies and practices that impact the 70 percent of the nation's counties that are considered rural.

IT Standing Committee Meeting

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10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | 124-125, FIRST FLOOR

The Information Technology Standing Committee, which consists of elected officials and county IT leaders, will focus on national trends and policies that could impact county technologies. The

committee will hear from national organizations, partners and counties on a variety of topics including artificial intelligence, cloud adoption, data governance and cyber security.

Workshop Block One

Counties Preparing for and Recovering from Natural Disasters

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10:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 120-121, FIRST FLOOR

County leaders are on the front lines when it comes to preparing for and responding to natural disasters and other extreme weather events. Mitigating risks can help communities recover faster, reducing financial burden and saving lives. In this workshop, speakers will share tangible opportunities for intergovernmental collaboration to plan for and respond to disasters.

Navigating Personal Safety: Keeping You and Your Sphere Safe

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10:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 122-123, FIRST FLOOR

County officials bear substantial responsibilities in public service, which inherently entails facing potential risks. This workshop will provide proven strategies for enhancing personal safety, tailored to address potential threats county leaders may confront. Participants will acquire practical skills to navigate diverse scenarios with confidence, helping to ensure county officials can serve our communities while prioritizing personal safety.

No Place Like Home: Increasing Access to Child Care by Investing in Home-Based Providers

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10:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 118-119, FIRST FLOOR

Counties recognize the role child care plays in supporting local economies and are exploring strategies to grow and sustain child care supply. This workshop will focus on strategies for addressing the unique needs and leveraging the strengths of home-based child care providers. Participants will learn strategies for making investments and changing policies to grow the supply of home-based child care and better meet the needs of all families.

Second-Chance Hiring: Presented by NACo's HR Workforce Network

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10:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 116-117, FIRST FLOOR

Join the Workforce Network to explore the challenges, best practices and solutions of Fair Chance Employment (Second-Chance Hiring), which centers on the hiring of people with criminal records. County governments employ more than 3.6 million workers. In 2020, the local government workforce experienced significant disruptions, underscored by more than 1.3 million jobs lost. The impact on the local government workforce remains significant. This discussion will focus on new and inclusive talent pipelines, driving positive economic and social impacts, county procurement, and model employment practices.

NACo Nominating Committee Meeting

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11:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 301-302, THIRD FLOOR

Mental Health Commission Business Meeting

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Open to members of NACo's Mental Health Commission.

12:00 P.M. – 1:15 P.M. | 101, FIRST FLOOR

Membership Standing Committee Meeting

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12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. | 111-113, FIRST FLOOR

The Membership Standing Committee advises and supports NACo's membership recruitment and retention efforts while championing county engagement in NACo.

NCCAE Luncheon & Business Meeting

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Open to executive directors of state associations of counties.

12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. | 303-304, THIRD FLOOR

Technology and AI Demo Day in the Exhibit Hall

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12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. | EAST HALL, THIRD FLOOR

Healthy Counties Luncheon and Forum

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12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. | BALLROOM A, FIRST FLOOR

Join us for a series of discussions on local strategies for increasing access to aging services and family caregiver supports, strengthening public health infrastructure, and advancing strong maternal health systems to improve outcomes for residents and achieve health equity.

Veterans and Military Services Committee Meeting

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1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. | 118-119, FIRST FLOOR

NACo's Veterans and Military Services Committee will discuss opportunities to recruit and retain veterans and transitioning service members into the county workforce and explore successful partnerships between military installations and county governments improve the well-being of active-duty members of the military and their families. The Committee will also learn about innovative practices in veterans services and opportunities to county policy priorities for veterans and military services during the upcoming Congressional August recess.

NACo Board of Directors Forum

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1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. | BALLROOM D, FIRST FLOOR

Introducing the County Toolkit on Artificial Intelligence, Hosted by the AI Exploratory Committee

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1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. | 124-125, FIRST FLOOR

NACo's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Exploratory Committee concludes its year-long study of the ranging potential that generative AI presents for county governments, debuting its final report. This session will feature an overview of key identified trends, practices, policy recommendations and other topics in the report.

State Policy Trends: Navigating County Impacts

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1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Join us for an insightful workshop delving into the landscape of state policy trends and their impacts on counties nationwide. Through comprehensive analysis and engaging discussions, participants will gain a deep understanding of the evolving regulatory frameworks shaping local governance. Discover strategies to navigate and leverage these trends effectively, fostering stronger, more resilient communities.

Arts as a Blueprint Forward: Hosted by the NACo Arts and Culture Commission

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1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. | 114-115, FIRST FLOOR

Counties can leverage cultural assets to drive tourism and enhance conditions for economic development. Learn from county leaders who have successfully built a hospitality industry around unique local cultural assets.

Gulf States Counties and Parishes Caucus Meeting

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1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. | 116-117, FIRST FLOOR

Congressional and federal agency partners will join the Gulf States Counties and Parishes Caucus (GSCPC) to discuss pressing federal issues impacting Gulf Coast communities. Caucus members will also discuss legislative priorities and strategize for future GSCPC efforts. Caucus membership is open to all county and parish officials from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Listening Session on Youth Justice

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Invitation Only

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Hosted in partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, this invitation-only session will provide an opportunity for select county leaders to provide insights into challenges and opportunities for youth involved in, or at risk of becoming involved in, the juvenile justice system.

Next Generation Network Business Meeting

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1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. | 101, FIRST FLOOR

The Next Generation (NextGen) Network's mission is to recognize and support new county officials and their staff, promoting educational and professional development needs. NexGen provides a platform for sharing talents, ideas and expertise.

DCR Advisory Committee Meeting

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Open to members of NACo's DCR Advisory Committee.

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. | 301-302, THIRD FLOOR

NACo's Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee acts as an advocate for counties and their employees who participate in the NACo Deferred Compensation Program. The DCR Advisory Committee will discuss the NACo/Nationwide program performance numbers, including assets,

participants and county jurisdictions. This session will also include an update on the latest retirement services initiatives for counties and employees.

Programs and Services Standing Committee Meeting

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2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. | 120-121, FIRST FLOOR

The NACo Programs and Services Standing Committee will receive updates on NACo's programs and services and generate recommendations for the NACo officers and the board of directors on future programming. This meeting is open to all conference attendees.

General Session

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3:15 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. | WEST & CENTRAL HALLS

NACo Second Vice President Candidates Forum

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4:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. | WEST & CENTRAL HALLS

Arts & Culture Reception and Women of NACo Reception

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5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

The NACo Arts and Culture Commission and Women of NACo are pleased to host a joint reception. Join us for an evening of refreshments and art exploration. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Healthy Counties Advisory Board Reception

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5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

The NACo Healthy Counties Advisory Board is pleased to host a reception for members of the board and partners. Join us for refreshments and conversation.

NACo Board of Directors Reception

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Open to members of NACo's Board of Directors.

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. | OFFSITE

Sunday, Jul. 14

Non-Denominational Worship Service

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7:45 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. | 305-306, THIRD FLOOR

Registration Open

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8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. | REGISTRATION TERRACE, SECOND FLOOR

Credentials Committee Meeting

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8:45 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. | 301-302, THIRD FLOOR

The NACo Credentials Committee supervises the NACo elections and credentialing process, ensuring the credibility of the election resolving disputes about election issues.

Workshop Block Two

Building Equity into Governance

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8:45 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. | 124-125, FIRST FLOOR

Counties are increasingly seeking opportunities to advance equity in all areas of governance – from hiring a diverse workforce to budgeting for equity tools. This workshop will serve as a platform for county officials to collaborate on fostering inclusive decision-making processes that benefit all community members. Through dynamic discussions and immersive case studies,

participants will learn how to champion equitable governance, ensuring that every resident's voice is heard and valued in shaping the future of our communities.

Enhancing County Mental Health Crisis Response

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8:45 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. | 114-115, FIRST FLOOR

Counties are addressing behavioral health crises through a range of strategic initiatives. Forging interdisciplinary partnerships between law enforcement, mental health professionals and community organizations can enhance these efforts and amplify their impact. In this workshop, participants will delve into proven practices and collaborative approaches to enhance crisis intervention programs.

Financial Management 101: Unveiling the Essentials of County Budgeting and Financial Management for Elected Officials

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8:45 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. | 122-123, FIRST FLOOR

Crafting a robust budget necessitates close collaboration between elected officials and county staff to allocate resources effectively. This session will provide essential tools and strategies to seamlessly collaborate in this critical process. Participants will gain invaluable insights into constructing budgets that prioritize community well-being and ensure fiscal integrity and accountability.

Home for All: Equity Considerations and State Legislative Trends in County Housing Affordability

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8:45 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. | 116-117, FIRST FLOOR

Counties are looking for innovative ways to address the growing urgency of the nationwide housing affordability crisis. Join this session for an engaging discussion and expert insights on the state policy trends shaping county authority to address the crisis and strategies to embed equity into housing decisions.

Job Ready! How Counties Support Career Pathways

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8:45 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. | 120-121, FIRST FLOOR

Counties play a critical role in our nation's workforce development system. As natural conveners, counties can connect education and workforce development providers to a breadth of stakeholders – from businesses and employers to nonprofits and human services programs. Join this workshop to learn how counties build career pathways that not only meet local industry needs, but also provide wraparound support to county residents who face barriers to education and employment.

The County Cyber Fortress: Building Unbreakable Digital Foundations

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8:45 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. | 118-119, FIRST FLOOR

Empower your county with the knowledge, skills and tools necessary to defend against the digital threats of today and tomorrow. Learn about the the current landscape and how to grow your digital foundation while future-proofing your cyber defenses.

Exhibit Hall Open

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9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | EAST HALL, THIRD FLOOR

NACo Board of Directors Meeting

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9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | BALLROOM D, FIRST FLOOR

Workshop Block Three

Creating Sustainable Policies through Justice System Collaboration

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10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 124-125, FIRST FLOOR

Efforts to enhance local justice systems often face challenges in long-term sustainability, adaptability and maintaining momentum. This session will delve into examples of collaborative initiatives within county justice systems. By exploring innovative methods through partnerships, community engagement and diverse approaches to funding, we'll uncover strategies to drive meaningful improvements while fostering equity, resilience and lasting impact.

Fostering Civility in Public Discourse

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10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 122-123, FIRST FLOOR

Embark on a transformative journey as we dive into the "Bridging Divides Toolkit" and apply its strategies to real-world challenges. Part of President Mary Jo McGuire's ForwardTogether theme and in partnership with the Convergence Center for Policy Resolution, this interactive session will equip participants with practical solutions to build bridges, overcome division and foster civility.

Landscapes in Focus: County Leadership in Federal Public Lands Management

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10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 116-117, FIRST FLOOR

Public lands county economies depend on a balanced federal land management approach. This session explores successful models of advancing county-to-federal intergovernmental coordination and collaboration to facilitate stewardship of publicly owned land.

Planning for Prosperity: Start Your County's Strategy for Economic Mobility Today

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10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 120-121, FIRST FLOOR

Learn from county leaders and economic development experts about successful economic mobility and diversification, including in rural and coal communities. Then jumpstart the planning process in your own community using tools designed for county leaders. This

workshop will equip you with actionable strategies to strengthen your county's approach to economic development, enhancing opportunities for individuals and families to move out of poverty. Communities interested or involved in NACo's Building Resilient Economies in Coal Communities Initiative and Counties for Economic Mobility are encouraged to participate.

Robert's Rules 102: Advancing Your Meeting Mastery for Effective Governance

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10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 111-113, FIRST FLOOR

This is an intensive workshop tailored for county officials seeking to deepen an understanding of parliamentary procedure. This session offers a comprehensive exploration of Robert's Rules, providing participants with advanced insights into managing meetings effectively. Whether you're a seasoned practitioner or new to the realm of parliamentary procedure, this workshop offers a unique opportunity to refine your procedural abilities.

Turning the Tide of the Opioid Epidemic

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10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 114-115, FIRST FLOOR

Counties are adapting to the evolving opioid epidemic by ensuring our systems, services and policies meet the needs of our communities. By coordinating care across service systems and investing in innovative programs, counties are pursuing local solutions to this changing epidemic. This session will explore how counties are investing opioid settlement funds to implement high-impact interventions designed to meet the needs of community members at greatest risk of overdose.

Who Wants to be an EDGE Millionaire?

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10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 118-119, FIRST FLOOR

When it comes to people, purchasing and performance, NACo EDGE has the lifeline you need to enhance your county's outcomes, innovation and efficiency. In this interactive workshop, we will test your knowledge of NACo EDGE solutions and how those solutions address common challenges. Don't be afraid to phone-a-friend before locking in your final answer as you compete for the grand prize!

NACo Achievement Awards Lunch and General Session

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12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. | WEST & CENTRAL HALLS, THIRD FLOOR

The Achievement Awards Lunch and General Session will feature best-in-category winners of NACo's Achievement Awards program and keynote speakers. It is open to all conference attendees.

SPEAKERS

Hon. Mary Jo McGuire

NACo President; Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.

NCCAE Educational Workshop

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Open to executive directors of state associations of counties.

2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 303-304, THIRD FLOOR

Educational Summits

Charting the Path Ahead: A Blueprint for Economic Prosperity

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2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. | BALLROOM B, FIRST FLOOR

The future of counties is the future of our nation. As a county leader, you can shape this future reality now. This dynamic session will explore the evolving landscape of economic growth and decline factors, which you can leverage to foster resiliency and innovation in the decades ahead. Discuss key strategies with experts and fellow county leaders to bolster your workforce, strengthen local industries and develop effective planning mechanisms for sustainable business growth. Join us in shaping the blueprint for our nation to thrive from the ground up.

Investing in the Future of Our Youth

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2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. | BALLROOM A, FIRST FLOOR

From prenatal care to joining the workforce, counties provide resources to families and youth at every point of their lives. Yet, too many young people still fall through the cracks, and counties are looking for opportunities to engage youth in decision making to break this cycle. This

summit will offer practical approaches for supporting youth of all ages and increasing the likelihood that they become lifelong advocates in shaping the future of our communities.

Navigating Current Global Trends across Western Democracies

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2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. | BALLROOM C, FIRST FLOOR

Gain insights into the complexities and trends of democracy in Western nations during this essential summit. Through expert keynotes and panel discussions, we will delve into the challenges facing democratic systems across the globe, including misinformation and disinformation, erosion of public trust and misaligned incentives for political polarization. Participants will explore strategies to bolster effective public engagement, align community values, improve civic education and build trust in the public sector.

Mobile Workshop: Apollo Beach Nature Preserve

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This tour is primarily outdoors and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

2:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. | CONVENTION CENTER PARKING CIRCLE

The 63-acre Apollo Beach Nature Preserve, located along the eastern shore of Tampa Bay, was acquired by Hillsborough County in 1996 through its Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program. The county and its partnering agencies restored native habitats, including estuarine marsh, tidal creeks, beach dunes and upland islands. Recreational amenities include nature trails, picnic pavilions, beach access and an ADA-accessible observation tower that provides panoramic views of Tampa Bay, downtown St. Petersburg, downtown Tampa, and Florida's amazing sunsets.

Mobile Workshop: Center for Advanced Medical Learning & Simulation (CAMLS) and International Economic Development

Hosted by the IED Task Force, this tour is open to all conference attendees on a first-come, first-served basis.

2:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

The University of South Florida's Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLS) is one of the world's largest, free-standing simulation facilities exclusively dedicated to training healthcare professionals. CAMLS is also a key player in the development of the region's economy, bringing workers from around the world to train at the center and even attracting some businesses to locate nearby. Join the International Economic Development Task Force as we learn more about how CAMLS helps bolster Hillsborough County's burgeoning health sector and grow the regional economy.

Mobile Workshop: Waste-to-Energy Facility

This tour is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

2:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. | CONVENTION CENTER PARKING CIRCLE

The Hillsborough County Resource Recovery Facility is an award-winning waste-to-energy facility that serves the community with reliable and sustainable waste management, processing up to 1,800 tons a day. It incinerates garbage to produce renewable energy to power adjacent Hillsborough County infrastructure, with the excess power sold back to the grid. In addition to the energy and financial benefits, processing waste via the Resource Recovery Facility reduces the county's greenhouse gas emissions compared to landfilling.

Equity + Governance Reception

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5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. | LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

The NACo Equity + Governance Task Force is pleased to host a reception for NACo members and partners. Join us for an evening of refreshments and community building.

Meet the Researchers: Counties and Pew Reception

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5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Hosted with The Pew Charitable Trusts, this networking reception will offer opportunities to meet with Pew researchers and discuss county priorities.

Reception for Graduates of NACo's Leadership Programs

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Hosted by the NextGen Network.

5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Attendees who have completed or are interested in NACo's leadership development programs are invited to gather to reconnect and share updates on their leadership journeys. Invited attendees include County Leadership Institute, High Performance Leadership Academy alumni and County Leadership Curriculum participants.

LUCC/RAC Reception

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Open to members of the LUCC and RAC caucuses.

6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. | OFFSITE

Monday, Jul. 15

Rural Leaders for Economic Mobility Workshop: Use of Data for Project Planning

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Open to participants in NACo's Counties for Economic Mobility program.

7:45 A.M. - 9:15 A.M.

NACo's Rural Leaders for Economic Mobility (RLEM) and the Leadership Advisory Council members will meet as part of NACo's Counties for Economic Mobility (C4EM) programming, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Participants will be introduced to the project's economic mobility resources. In collaboration with data resource developers, participants will create funding proposals that support their local government capacity to equitably move individuals and families out of poverty.

Listening Sessions with Hawai'i Officials and Department of Defense

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Open to county officials from the state of Hawai'i.

8:00 A.M. - 9:15 A.M.

This session is open to all city and county leaders from the state of Hawai'i to meet with representatives from the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) as part of NACo's partnership with the DOD's Readiness and Environmental Protection (REPI) Program.

Registration Open

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8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. | REGISTRATION TERRACE, SECOND FLOOR

NACo Annual Business Meeting

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9:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. | WEST & CENTRAL HALLS, THIRD FLOOR

The National Association of Counties Annual Business Meeting is where county members will consider policy resolutions, elect a slate of officers for the 2024-2025 term and conduct other business as necessary.

Central Region Caucus Meeting

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2:00 P.M. - 2:45 P.M. | 111-113, FIRST FLOOR

All attendees from the Central Region are invited to learn more about NACo and regional trends. The region includes: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

Northeast Region Caucus Meeting

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2:00 P.M. – 2:45 P.M. | 118-119, FIRST FLOOR

All attendees from the Northeast Region are invited to learn more about NACo and regional trends. The region includes: Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

South Region Caucus Meeting

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2:00 P.M. – 2:45 P.M. | 114-115, FIRST FLOOR

All attendees from the South Region are invited to learn more about NACo and regional trends. The region includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

West Region Caucus Meeting

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2:00 P.M. – 2:45 P.M. | 116-117, FIRST FLOOR

All attendees from the West Region are invited to learn more about NACo and regional trends. The region includes: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Workshop Block Four

Cohesive Governance: Roundtable for County Row Officers and Administrative Officials

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3:00 P.M. – 4:15 P.M. | BALLROOM A, FIRST FLOOR

Effective governance includes county operations beyond county executives and legislators. Simply put, the duties performed by county constitutional or row officers and department heads are essential to the everyday operation of county governments and basic services. Engage in a discussion about current issues row officers and administrative officials face, such as workforce limitations, emerging technologies and other challenges to efficient service delivery.

Exploring Generative Artificial Intelligence in County Governance

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3:00 P.M. – 4:15 P.M. | 124-125, FIRST FLOOR

Generative artificial intelligence (AI) is poised to transform the way businesses and governments operate. Join this workshop for an exploratory conversation on how best practices are emerging for utilizing generative AI for county governance functions and services. Explore the benefits and risks of introducing this novel technology in your community.

Media Relations Mastery: Navigating Press Interactions

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3:00 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

In times of crisis, effective communications can be the difference between chaos and clarity. This workshop will offer insights and practical strategies for navigating press interactions during natural or man-made crises. Designed as an interactive session, participants will leave feeling equipped with the proper tools and skills to articulate critical messages confidently and compassionately.

Partnering with the Department of Defense and the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership to Create Resilient Counties

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3:00 P.M. – 4:15 P.M. | 122-123, FIRST FLOOR

By partnering with the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), counties with military installations can conserve natural resources, support agricultural working lands and strengthen military readiness. Learn how defense counties partner with the DOD's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, Sentinel Landscapes Partnership and over 30 local partners to collaboratively form the Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape in south central Florida. Since 2016, this sentinel landscape has worked to protect nature-dependent rural economies, preserve the area's biodiversity, establish conservation easements and enable landowners to keep their land in perpetuity for future generations.

Responding to Emergencies in Rural Counties

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3:00 P.M. – 4:15 P.M. | 120-121, FIRST FLOOR

Counties invest more than \$100 billion in community health and hospitals each year. Meanwhile, recent trends in the closing of rural hospitals and changes in authority related to ambulance services have left many counties with few options for responding to medical emergencies. In this workshop, counties will discuss strategies for addressing changing roles and responsibilities related to ambulance and other EMS services.

NACo New Board of Directors Organizational Meeting

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4:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. | 111-113, FIRST FLOOR

NACo Conference-Wide Closing Reception

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6:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. | THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM



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