



# The Ninety-Three

01.23.2023

## Registration is Open for the 2023 County Chair Workshop

County Chair Workshop February 17, 2023 Younes Center South Kearney

[Click Here To Register](#)

## Upcoming Webinar with One Source

Join our Partners at One Source for an upcoming webinar on employee background screening.

Your New Background Screening Partner

Thursday, January 26th, 2023 | 10:00 am – 11:00 am CST

During this event, we will share:

- The history of One Source
- Details on our new partnership
- An overview of our TotalCheck Solutions & a la carte services
- A live system demo
- Q&A session

A confirmation email will be shared with registrants via email following signup.

[Register Here](#)

Interested, but can't attend? Sign up anyway. All registrants receive a recording following the event.

## NACO Scholarship Applications Are Now Open

Each year, the NACO Board endows 12 \$1,000 scholarships for high school seniors who are children of county officials and employees.

To be considered, students must complete the required application form, submit a seven-semester transcript from an accredited Nebraska high school and prepare a written essay on the importance of county government.

Scholarship recipients must plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution within the state of Nebraska and may use the NACO scholarship for any costs associated with their continuing education.

Applications are due March 15, 2023

[NACO Scholarship Information](#)

## Rural Nebraska Historic Preservation Program Grant Opportunity

The Rural Nebraska Historic Preservation (RNHP) program will provide grants to owners of historic properties in rural Nebraska communities. The program is funded through a competitive sub-grant program from the National Park Service. Nebraska was among eleven other recipients to receive funding from the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program. History Nebraska, through the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), was awarded \$350,000 to support the RNHP sub-grant program (P22AP01544). Of the initial award, \$328,000 will be made available for sub-grant awards.

The objective of the Rural Nebraska Historic Preservation Grant Program is to support the rehabilitation of historic structures at the national, state, and local levels of significance in order to rehabilitate, protect, and foster economic development in rural communities. This program will fund physical preservation projects, including architectural and engineering consultation (up to 20% of the total project cost) for historic sites located in Nebraska's rural communities with a population of less than 30,000.

[Apply Here](#)

## County Cybersecurity Cooperative

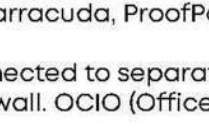
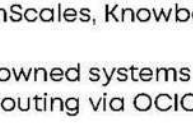
NACO and NIRMA, along with Applied Connective and Bytes, have entered into a cooperative to assist Nebraska counties with expertise to formulate best practices for ensuring a secure county government networking environment and provide channels of communication in sharing the knowledge of state and federal security funded programs. As part of the cooperative, the members created Managed IT and Cyber Service recommended guide for cybersecurity services for counties. If you are interested in learning more please feel free to reach out to [Jon Cannon](#) or [Candace Meredith](#).

### Managed IT and Cyber Services

The below services and recommendations are provided to serve as a guide to assess your IT and Cyber security preparedness. Further descriptions and solutions that meet the recommendations are provided on the backside as examples, other solutions may meet suggested criteria.

| SERVICES                                 | BASIC | BETTER | BEST |
|--|-------|--------|------|
| • .gov Email                             | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Email Security / CSAT                  | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • County Network (OCIO separation)       | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Wireless Networks                      | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Firewall - Licensed NGFW               | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Vulnerability Management - Perimeter   | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Endpoint Protection                    | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Patch Management                       | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • MFA (VPN and Email )                   | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Backup                                 | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Password Manager                       | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • County Network / System Authentication | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • M365 Backup and Archiving              | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Endpoint Protection - Advanced         | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Backup - Advanced                      | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • MFA - Advanced                         | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Vulnerability Management - Endpoint    | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Log Analysis (SIEM) w/ SOC Monitoring  | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Endpoint Protection w/ SOC Monitoring  | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • IT Services - Standard w/ Helpdesk     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • IT Services - Premium w/ Onsite        | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • IT Services - Internal IT Supplemental | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • IT Services - Quarterly Reviews vCIO   | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Centralized Network Environment        | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Secured Physical IT Environment        | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |
| • Temperature Controlled IT Environment  | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    |

Disclaimer: This document was approved by the County Network Security Cooperative and reflects current guidance which will be subject to periodic updates to reflect changes in the evolving cyber security environment.



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- .gov Email: Microsoft Exchange online or Google Workspace - required for all County Staff and Supervisors.
- Email Security / CSAT (cyber security awareness training): Suggested platforms include scanning and anti-phishing functionality. Suggested vendors: IronScales, KnowBe4, Barracuda, ProofPoint, etc
- County Network (OCIO separation): All County owned systems connected to separate County LAN, VLAN segregation of CJIS, proper State application routing via OCIO firewall. OCIO (Office of the Chief Information Officer - State of Nebraska)
- Wireless Networks: Secure and separate guest and private networks. Cloud managed platform with portal login or frequent password rotation.
- Firewall - Licensed NGFW (next generation firewall appliance) with cyber licensing. Suggested vendors: Fortinet, WatchGuard, SonicWALL, Cisco Meraki, Palo Alto
- Vulnerability Management - Perimeter: Perimeter network scanning. Suggested vendors: CISA CyHy, Qualys.
- Endpoint Protection: Managed commercial endpoint protection. Portal management and enforcement. Suggested vendors: BitDefender, Webroot, Cylance, SentinelOne, Defender, ESET, Sophos.
- Patch Management: Enforced and frequent patching of OS and critical 3rd party softwares: WSUS, RMM (ie: Ninja RMM, ConnectWise Control, Atera).
- MFA (multi factor authentication): Enforcement of MFA on all remote access and County email platforms.
- Backup: Minimum onsite disk rotation backup (ie: Shadow Protect by MIPS). Backup of all critical data.
- Backup - Advanced: Automated cloud backup system with onsite/cloud storage. Monitored. Includes business continuity features. Suggested vendors: Acxiom, Veeam, Datto.
- County Network / System Authentication: User of local Microsoft active directory services or Azure active directory for County desktops, laptops and servers.
- Endpoint Protection - Advanced: Advanced endpoint protection with detection/response features. Suggested vendors: SentinelOne, CylancePROTECT, CrowdStrike, Huntress.
- Password Manager: Managed commercial password manager for all County staff. Suggested vendors: LastPass, Keeper, BitWarden.
- M365 Backup and Archiving: Backup of cloud hosted email and document systems. Suggested vendors: DropSuite, x360 Cloud.
- MFA - Advanced: Managed advanced commercial MFA platform. MFA on key infrastructure: Servers, Firewalls. Suggested vendors: DUO.
- Vulnerability Management - Endpoint: Internal network and endpoint vulnerability scanning and assessment. Suggested vendors: CISA, Qualys.
- Log Analysis (SIEM) w/ SOC Monitoring: Managed log analysis for servers, Azure, firewall and optionally endpoints. Suggested vendors: EventTracker, ConnectWise SIEM.
- Endpoint Protection w/ SOC Monitoring: Managed endpoint protection to include security operations center monitoring, alerting, response and remediation services.
- Centralized Network Environment: Ethernet cabling home run to centralized IT rack(s) to allow for proper network VLAN (virtual LAN) and LAN segregation (ie, private county, private state, CJIS, public networks) via managed network switching and firewall equipment.

## New 2023 County Board Certification Program

### NACO COUNTY BOARD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

30 CREDIT HOURS EVERY TWO YEARS

ELIGIBLE TO LEVEL UP CERTIFICATION EVERY TWO YEARS TO SUPPORT A PATH OF LIFELONG LEARNING

#### CREDIT HOURS OFFERED:

- COOL NETWORK
- INSTITUTE OF EXCELLENCE
- COUNTY BOARD ORIENTATION
- COUNTY BOARD WORKSHOP
- COUNTY CHAIR WORKSHOP
- NACO DISTRICT MEETINGS
- NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- NACO WEBINARS
- OTHER AFFILIATE/ENTITY EVENTS

NACO'S COMMITMENT TO THIS PROGRAM IS TO BRING A BALANCE OF CORE AND SPECIALIZED TOPICS THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO THE WORK THAT COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS PERFORM EVERY DAY TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM.

#### CORE TOPIC EXAMPLES:

- COUNTY GOVERNMENT FINANCE
- COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW
- PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, APPRAISALS & TAXATION
- PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
- ROADS AND BRIDGES
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- ETHICS
- HUMAN RESOURCES
- LEADERSHIP

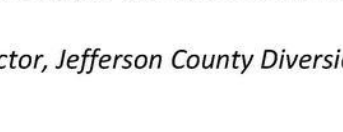
#### SPECIALTY TOPICS EXAMPLES:

- CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT
- COUNTY MANAGEMENT/OPERATIONS
- INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
- REVENUE AND FINANCE
- QUALITY OF LIFE AND SOCIAL ISSUES
- STRATEGIC PLANNING
- COUNTY INSURANCE AND RISK MGMT
- CITY-COUNTY RELATIONS
- LAND USE AND PLANNING
- FEDERAL AND STATE RELATIONS

"AN INVESTMENT IN CONTINUED EDUCATION WILL RETURN DIVIDENDS IN THE FORM OF BETTER-INFORMED DECISIONS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS WHO PURSUE EXCELLENCE THROUGH LEARNING."

NACO STAFF WILL TRACK ATTENDANCE AT NACO EVENTS. IF YOU ATTEND OTHER EVENTS AND WOULD LIKE CREDIT HOURS, PLEASE CONTACT CANDACE MEREDITH. ONCE THIRTY CREDIT HOURS ARE EARNED WITHIN TWO CALENDAR YEARS, A CERTIFICATE WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

## Galloway selected as Fellow on Reaching Rural Initiative Collaborative



### Local person selected to participate in national initiative to help rural communities find substance use and misuse solutions

**Media Contact:** Peggy Galloway, Director, Jefferson County Diversion & Pretrial Services, 402.587.5459 [diversionsservices@jeffconebarska.us](mailto:diversionsservices@jeffconebarska.us)

Fairbury, Nebraska, (January 4, 2023) — The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) announced Peggy Galloway, Director of Jefferson County Diversion and Pretrial Services in Reaching Rural: Advancing Collaborative Solutions. Program fellows will learn how to adopt bold solutions to the persistent challenge of substance use in rural communities. They'll work closely with innovators who have established successful programs in other rural communities.

The participants were selected through a competitive process. "I am very excited to be part of this initiative," said Galloway. "This is a great opportunity for finding programs that work in other rural communities so that we can develop similar programs here in Jefferson County."

The year-long program, which kicked off in December, will have a strong focus on creating engagement across rural communities and sectors. Over the course of the year, participants will benefit from virtual and in-person learning opportunities which include coaching, skill-building workshops, and local and regional asset mapping. The program will demonstrate how diverse systems with different missions can engage with one another to serve justice-involved individuals more effectively with substance use or co-occurring disorders.

#### About The Reaching Rural Initiative

The Reaching Rural: Advancing Collaborative Solutions initiative is a collaborative project providing training to a class of over 65 fellows working to adopt bold solutions to the persistent challenge of substance use and misuse in 81 rural communities across 15 states. The fellows include elected county leaders, county and tribal judges, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, public defenders, public health and behavioral health practitioners, emergency management professionals, reentry coordinators, and individuals working in community nonprofits.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State Justice Institute (SJI), with support from the Institute for Intergovernmental Research co-sponsor the project. The National Association of Counties (NACo) is a key partner. To learn more, visit <https://rural.cossapresources.org/reachingrural>.

#### About Peggy Galloway

Peggy Galloway is the Director of Diversion and Pretrial Services for Jefferson County Nebraska. She is a member of the National Association of Pretrial Service Agencies, Advancing Pretrial Policy and Research Community, the Wellbeing Initiative's Consumer Family Advisory Committee and the Reaching Rural Collaborative with Rulo Strategies. Spending the majority of her life in rural communities, Ms. Galloway is passionate to finding solutions to bring positive change to rural communities.

## NACO RESOURCES

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