

August 16, 2024



The Ninety-Three

District Meeting Registration Open Now

Upcoming Fall District Meetings

September 12 - Southeast District Meeting
Graduate Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln

September 13 - Northeast District Meeting
Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

September 19 - Central District Meeting
The Leadership Center, Aurora

September 25 - Panhandle District Meeting
Prairie Winds Community Center, Bridgeport

September 26 - West Central District Meeting
Quality Inn & Suites, Ogallala

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8:00-9:00 AM - Registration

9:00-10:15 AM - Business Meeting

10:15 AM-12:00 PM - Affiliate Breakout Meetings

12:00-1:00 PM - Lunch

Affiliate breakout session agendas coming soon.

[Register Here](#)

Hotel Reservation Process for Annual Conference

The hotel reservation process for our annual conference is about to begin! This year, the reservation form will go live on **Wednesday, September 11th** at **2:30 PM Central/1:30 PM Mountain time**.

You will be able to access the form via email sent to all county officials, our website, and our Facebook page at that time.

Please start discussing your hotel arrangements with your county now and determine who will be responsible for filling out the form for your group. You will need to know how many rooms your county will need and your hotel preferences. The names of those staying will be collected at a later date.

Hotels on the Younes Conference Center Campus:

- Crowne Plaza
- Hampton Inn
- Holiday Inn
- LaQuinta
- Comfort Inn
- Fairfield Inn
- Candlewood Suites

Stay tuned and prepare to secure your accommodations for a fantastic conference experience!

Mark Your Calendars

2024 NACO Annual Conference

December 18th - 20th

Pre-registration Opens September 11th

Legislative Conference Registration Opens Soon



Registration opens Monday, August 19th at 8:00 AM CST.

[Registration](#)

Nebraska Legislature Special Session

Special session is in full swing. Follow along with the session using the links below.

[View the list of introduced legislation here](#)

[View the Legislative Calendar here](#)

[Watch on Nebraska Public Media here](#)

Contact your state senator to share your county story.

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NACO Benefit Services to Roll Out Student Debt Solution



Coming soon: NACO Benefit Services is partnering with Savi, a tool that will help take the stress out of student loans. As an NACO Benefit Services member, you'll get access to Savi for free to check your eligibility for loan forgiveness program, see if you can lower your monthly student loan payment, and more. This benefit will be available starting August 19th.

In the meantime, register for one of Savi's Student Loan Webinars and be on the lookout for additional communications from NACO Benefit Services on how you can get started with Savi on August 19th.

Savi Student Loan Webinar Registration

National Association of Counties (NACo) County Economies: 2024 Profiles

Explore the map that illustrates the GDP change between 2020 and 2024.

[County Economies Map](#)

Western Interstate Region (WIR) Ex Officio Director Nominations

NACO Board of Directors is seeking nominations for the newly added position of the WIR Ex Officio Director.

This position is the Nebraska Representative of the WIR (Western Interstate Region) Board of Directors and would be responsible for attending WIR Board of Directors meetings, participate in occasional fly ins to Washington D.C to testify on a variety of issues facing counties as well as providing the NACO Board of Directors quarterly reports.

If you are interested in learning more about the WIR please reach out to Candace Meredith at candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org.

Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES)

The Department of Transportation has curated resources specifically for rural counties, including information and tutorials to help them make their case for funding. Toolkits and online information sources are available to help applicants access grant fund on the U.S. Department of Transportation's website linked below.

Read more about ROUTES here: [DOT helps rural counties find funding, with deadlines approaching | National Association of Counties \(naco.org\)](#).

Browse the toolkit and more information here: [Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success \(ROUTES\) | US Department of Transportation](#)

National Association of Counties (NACo) Steering Committees

If you are interested in getting involved on one of NACo's ten policy steering committees, please contact Candace Meredith for more information.

Learn more about the steering committees here:

[NACo Steering Committees](#)

Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program - Application Links Now Open

The 2024 [Reconnecting Communities Pilot](#) (RCP) Program Application portal has opened. The RCP Program focuses on improving access to daily needs such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature, and recreation, and foster equitable development and restoration, and provide technical assistance to further these goals.

Applications are separated into two types – planning and construction. The application window closes September 30th.

Please use the follow the links to begin your application:

[Capital Construction](#)

[Community Planning](#)

NDOT Launches Nebraska Infrastructure Hub

The Nebraska Department of Transportation launched the Nebraska Infrastructure Hub, the state's first-ever intergovernmental entity focused on empowering state and local public agencies in competing for federal discretionary grants.

Through technical assistance from NDOT, the Hub will support communities from initial application through project administration, ensuring compliance with federal requirements and deadlines. The Nebraska Infrastructure Hub offers comprehensive resources and expert guidance to help communities navigate the competitive grant application process.

Key components of the Hub include:

- Grant Pairing Portal: Matches projects with suitable grants.
- Project Development Support Team: Two full-time members provide personalized assistance and feedback on draft proposals.

- Technical Support: On-call consultants available to enhance proposals.
- Ongoing Monitoring and Evaluation: Ensures compliance and success of grant-funded projects.
- Partnerships and Networking Opportunities: Facilitates collaboration among stakeholders.

Learn more by visiting the Nebraska Infrastructure Hub:
[Nebraska Infrastructure Hub](#)

2024 Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

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8:00 AM - 3:00 PM CT

Younes Conference Center North, Kearney

Registration Deadline: September 9

NACO will be hosting an education track regarding **Governance and Policy** at this year's Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference. The conference brings together hundreds of community leaders from across Nebraska to continue building momentum around quality early childhood education and its connection to economic development and community vitality.

Register at the link below before September 9th.

Toolkit Now Available: Operation Green Light for Veterans

Operation Green Light for Veterans will take place November 4–11, 2024.

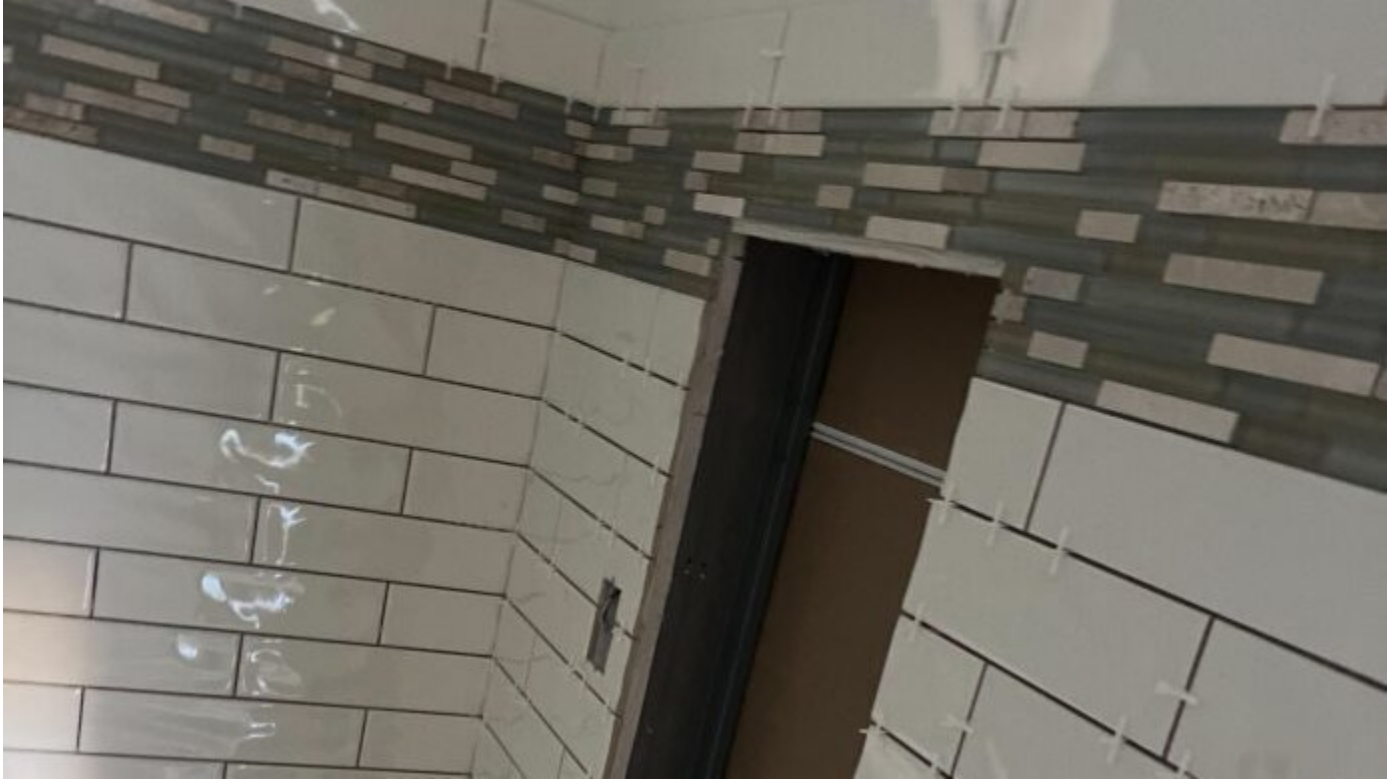
A [toolkit](#) is now available, with press release, resolution, and social media templates, among other resources to support county participation.



NACO West Update

Gravel for the overflow parking lot has been delivered this week, and the bathrooms are being tiled.





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