



The Ninety-Three

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Registration is Now Open for NACO District Meetings

- Southeast District - March 16th - Lincoln, Southeast Community College Career Academy
- Northeast District - March 17th - Norfolk, Lifelong Learning Center
- Central District - March 23rd - Aurora, The Leadership Center
- Panhandle District - March 29th - Gering, Gering Civic Center
- West Central District - March 30th - North Platte, Mid-Plains Community College North Campus

Agendas will be available later this month.

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Grow Professionally with the Institute of Excellence



INSTITUTE OF EXCELLENCE



TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR CAREER AS A NEBRASKA COUNTY OFFICIAL

March (in-person): Getting Strategic About Your County and Region

Sessions will be held immediately following day two of NACO District Meetings from 1pm-5pm.

May (online): Exploring Adaptive Leadership

Wednesday, May 10, 2023
10am MST/11am CST
1 hour session

July (online): Navigating Leadership Transition

Wednesday, July 19, 2023
10am MST/11am CST
1 hour session

September (in-person): Engaging Others in the Work of the County

Sessions will be held immediately following day two of NACO District Meetings from 1pm-5pm.

December (in-person): Certificate Ceremony

IOE graduates will be recognized during the NACO Annual Conference in Kearney in December 2023.

Designed by Nebraska Extension, the NACO Institute of Excellence is a program of professional development for county officials. Participants will network with peers across the state as they grow leadership capacities in the roles they serve. This year the in-person sessions will be split by district and held in conjunction with the NACO District Meetings. Online sessions will include the entire group.

Registration: go.unl.edu/NACIOE

TOPICS EXPLORED WILL INCLUDE:

- Getting to Know Your County and Region Through Data
- Priority Planning for Community Leaders
- Adaptive Leadership
- Leadership Transition
- Engaging Stakeholders and Community on County Priorities
- Working More Effectively with Others

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New Opioid Settlement Information

NOTICE OF NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS AND UPCOMING ACTION NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE

There are now five companies that are an **additional** Defendant group that has entered into National Opioid Settlements ("2022 National Settlement(s)"). Nebraska is an eligible state to participate in these National Settlements. To participate, a political subdivision must execute and submit a participation form for each settlement it wants to participate in. Participation forms must be executed and submitted on or before **April 18, 2023**, for subdivisions to be considered an "Initial Participating Subdivision" in a settlement. County contacts that were designated for the first opioid settlement, will be notified via email by Rubris (the national clearinghouse on the prior settlements).

[Frequently Asked Questions about the National Opioid Settlement](#)

[FAQs – Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens & CVS](#)

Catch Up with the Legislative Report

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Registration Closing Soon for County Chair Workshop

Be sure to register for the County Chair Workshop before February 10th to reserve your spot.

County Chair Workshop - February 17, 2023 - Younes Center South Kearney

[County Board Workshop Agenda](#)

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NACO Scholarship Applications Are Now Open

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](#)

County Cybersecurity Cooperative

NACO and NIRMA along with Applied Connective and Bytes have entered into a cooperative to assist Nebraska counties with channels of communication in sharing the knowledge of state and federal security funding programs, and the expertise to formulate best practices for ensuring a secure county government networking environment. 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 - Internal 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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NACO RESOURCES

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