

September 27, 2024



# The Ninety-Three

## Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference Recap



On September 17th, NACO sponsored a Governance and Policy education track at the 2024 Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference.

Thank you to Arabella Pluta-Ehlers; NACo Senior Program Manager, Children, Youth & Families National; Brooke Puffer, Chair for the Little Eagles Learning Center in Overton; Mike Feeken, FirstFive Nebraska Strategic Partnerships Advisor; and Micaela Wuehler, Lincoln County Commissioner, for presenting during the sessions.

Linked below is the Role of Counties in Early Childhood presented by Arabella Pluta-Ehlers.

[The Role of Counties in Early Childhood Presentation](#)

# 2024 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 18-20 | YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER NORTH, KEARNEY



## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register at [www.nebraskacounties.org](http://www.nebraskacounties.org)  
Registration Deadline: November 22, 2024



**JOIN US IN DECEMBER**

## Annual Conference Registration Now Open

Conference registration is now open! The cost is \$160.00 per attendee and \$100.00 per guest. A spouse is considered a guest.

The registration deadline is November 22, 2024 at 11:59 pm CST.

All cancellations after November 22, 2024 are subject to a \$50.00 administrative fee.

[NACO Annual Conference Webpage](#)

## Annual Conference Agenda Overview

### Wednesday, December 18th

- Registration Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Exhibit Hall Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Affiliate Group Sessions may start as early as 8:00 A.M. and end as late as 4:00 P.M. County Board session starts at 10:00 A.M. and ends at 3:00 P.M.

- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes South in the evening.
- Shuttle will be available for pick up and drop off at hotels on and around the Younes campus from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

## Thursday, December 19th

- Registration Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Breakfast Buffet at 7:30 A.M.
- Exhibit Hall Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Opening Session starts at 8:30 A.M.
- Breakout Sessions from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Lunch Provided)
- NACO Business Meeting at 3:15 PM (New this year! Moved from Friday)
- Door Prizes during Business Meeting between 3:15-4:30 PM
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes Center South in the evening.
- Shuttle will be available for pick up and drop off at hotels on and around the Younes campus from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

## Friday, December 20th

- Breakfast & NACO Legislative Forum (New this year!) from 7:00-9:00 AM

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# Hotel Reservation Form Now Available

The hotel reservation process for our annual conference is about to begin! The online form is available starting Wednesday, September 11th at 1:30 P.M. MT/ 2:30 P.M. CT until Friday, October 11th at 5:00 PM CT.

All hotel reservations must be made using this online form. Reservations will not be accepted by calling the front desk. Please read over the following information carefully to ensure a smooth hotel reservation process. Please note that the hotel reservation form is NOT your registration as an attendee for the annual conference.

Please be sure to coordinate hotel arrangements with your county. If you have questions about hotel reservations, please call 308-237-8813 or email [youneshotels@gmail.com](mailto:youneshotels@gmail.com)

[County Official Hotel Reservation Form](#)

[More Information on Hotel Reservation Process](#)

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# Submit Your Award Nominations Now

Nomination forms for the 2024 County Official of the Year Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, and Next Generation Award are available for submission.

Attach supporting documentation as necessary and please email all submission forms and backup documentation to [candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org)

The deadline to submit your award nominations is Friday, October 18th.

Announcement of the 2024 recipients will be made at the Annual Conference.

[46th Annual County Official of the Year Nomination Form](#)

[2024 Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

[2024 Next Generation Award](#)

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## NACO Legislative Conference



Registration Fee: \$55 in Advance, \$65 Walk-in

Registration Deadline: 10/4/2024

Cancellation Policy: Registrants must submit written cancellation before 10/4/2024 deadline to be eligible for a full refund. Registrants who do not submit written cancellation prior to 10/4/2024 deadline, do not attend and did not pay will be charged a \$20 administrative fee (includes No Shows). REGISTRATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERRABLE.

[NACO Hotel Block at the Hotel Inn Express, Ogallala](#)

[Registration](#)

[Agenda Overview](#)

## Legislative Conference Zoom Link

County officials who are unable to attend in person may register to attend the Legislative Conference via Zoom.

[Zoom Registration](#)

## NACO West Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR NEW WESTERN OFFICE

# RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH  
12:00-1:00 PM MT



102 DIAMOND SPRINGS TRAIL  
OGALLALA, NE 69153

NACO invites county officials to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new NACO West office in Ogallala on Thursday, October 10th, at noon Mountain time.

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# Frequently Asked Questions About the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act

[View the Document](#)

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## MIPS GO Roadshow Assessor Training Sessions



Join the MIPS team for hands-on **Assessor** training designed to enhance your skills and knowledge.

Sessions run from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, with a lunch break from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM.

**October 9th - MIPS Office, Main Conference Room, 1335 H Street, Lincoln**

**October 23rd - North Platte Community College, North Campus, Room WW202, 1101 Halligan Dr, North Platte**

**October 30th - Webinar**

Registration deadline is September 20th. Sign up now!

[Registration](#)

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## **NACo AI Leadership Academy**

# NACo AI Leadership Academy

Empowering County Government Leaders for the Future

## About the Program

The NACo AI Leadership Academy is an innovative program designed to equip frontline county government leaders with the knowledge and tools to understand and utilize AI, enhancing operational efficiency, organizational effectiveness, and value for their constituents.

## Six Practical Modules

**Introduction to AI:** Explore AI's history, technologies, societal impact, and an AI playbook for leaders.

**The Promise & Peril of AI:** Understand AI's unique opportunities and challenges in the digital transformation era.

**Your AI Roadmap:** Navigate AI's potential and pitfalls, set expectations, and measure stakeholder impact.

**Leading People & AI:** Lead digital transformation by focusing on people, not just technology.

**AI Optimization, Meaning & Purpose:** Ground AI optimization in ethical awareness, regulatory compliance, customer safety, and workforce impact.

**What's Next - Three Horizons:** Plan, operationalize, and leverage projects, programs, and progress over three horizons.

## Program Features



**Expert Leadership Coaches:** Keeps participants on track.



**World-Class Faculty:** Includes prominent leaders from public, private, and academic sectors.



**Practical, Actionable Insights:** Immediate application to real-world challenges.

## Enhance Your Leadership

November 4th - December 20th

Demystify AI with practical cases, frameworks, and tools. Increase your confidence to lead with AI for good governance.

This program offers lessons from highly effective government leaders, proven industry executives, researchers, professors from top universities, and subject matter experts. An online Leadership Coach will guide participants through pressing issues such as understanding the power of AI, mitigating its risks, and navigating the complexities of change brought by AI.

- ✓ 6 Weeks Long
- ✓ Fully Facilitated Online
- ✓ Made for Current and Emerging Leaders

## Enroll Today

Visit [NACo AI Leadership Academy](#) or email [lukea@pdleadership.com](mailto:lukea@pdleadership.com)

Transform your leadership and your county with NACo's AI Leadership Academy.

The NACo AI Leadership Academy is an innovative program designed to equip frontline county government leaders with the knowledge and tools to understand and utilize AI, enhancing operational efficiency, organizational effectiveness, and value for their constituents.



## **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.

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## **NACO West Update**

Cubicles have been installed in the NACO office suite. Halo lights are up in the Jack Mills Training Center, and appliances are installed in the caterer prep kitchen.







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