

February 14, 2025



The Ninety-Three

NACO District Meeting Registration

Southeast - Thursday, March 13th - Southeast Community College Career Academy, Lincoln

Northeast - Friday, March 14th - Northeast Community College Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

Central - Thursday, March 20th - Younes Conference Center South, Kearney

Panhandle - Wednesday, March 26th - Prairie Winds Community Center, Bridgeport

West Central - Thursday, March 27th - NACO West - Ogallala

General Agenda for District Meetings

8:00-9:00 AM - Registration

9:00-10:15 AM - Business Meeting

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

12:00 - 1:00 PM - Lunch

[District Meeting Registration](#)

2025 NACO Scholarship Application Available Now

The NACO scholarship application is available now. The scholarship program is open to graduating seniors whose parent, step-parent, or grandparent is a current county official or employee. 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 scholarship for any costs associated with their continuing education.

Application deadline: March 15, 2025

[Click Here for the Application and More Info](#)

2025 County Board Handbook Order Form

The 2025 County Board Handbook is available for \$80.00. Please fill out the form linked below if you would like to order a County Board Handbook.

[Order Form](#)

Congratulations to NACo Leadership Academy Graduates

We congratulate the December graduates of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Leadership Academy from Nebraska. Joining a distinguished network of over 10,000 alumni, these leaders have successfully completed the 12-week online program. This program equips current and emerging county leaders with the knowledge and skills to excel and better serve their communities.

- Binod Tripathee, Client Relationship Manager, Douglas County
- Cody Learned, Technical Support Services Supervisor, Douglas County
- Deanna Hughes, Client Experience Manager, Douglas County
- Debora Faga, Administrative Assistant Supervisor, Douglas County
- Jacque McQuillan, Service Management Manager, Douglas County
- Jessica Turner, Policy Coordinator, Douglas County
- Jessica Woodard, Compliance Officer, Douglas County

Elevate your leadership in 2025!

Invest in your team's future by developing their leadership potential. Our dynamic program empowers your workforce to become effective leaders, both today and tomorrow. Cohorts begin in January, April, August, and September.

[Click Here to Learn More and Enroll](#)

Developed by General Colin Powell, the Professional Development Academy and NACo, the High Performance Leadership Academy is an online 12-week program that helps your workforce develop fundamental, practical leadership skills to deliver results for counties and our residents.

Cyber Security Key Point January: Artificial Intelligence

CYBER SECURITY KEYPOINTS

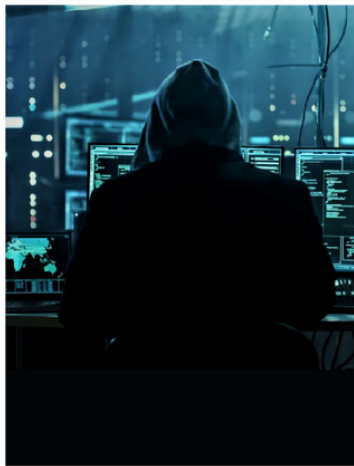
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What to Know About ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

AI is lauded for enhancing efficiency, customer service, cost savings, threat detection, fraud detection, risk assessment, investment management, regulatory compliance, etc. However, it's important to be conscientious of best practices.



Understand Privacy Settings

On AI platforms, take the time to review what data is collected and how it's used. Then adjust privacy settings to your comfort level.

Don't Overshare

Keep in mind that what you share could be stored or used to improve AI responses, so never enter personal, proprietary, or sensitive information. However, paid AI services generally offer better data privacy than free services, so do your homework on how user data is collected, stored, and used with every option.



Distinguish the Official from the Artificial

At present, certain markers and indicators can help us recognize AI-generated content (whether that be text/email, audio, video, etc.), but as it continually advances, it may become more difficult to distinguish AI from reality. That means phishing emails, calls, and other scams could become harder and harder to spot. Stay aware and think critically.



Think Critically

Remember that these systems can make mistakes. AI can provide accurate information, but don't blindly trust. Fact-check, cross-reference with credible sources, and engage your mind before accepting AI-generated outputs as fact.

Stay Informed

Stay abreast of the latest advancements and developments in AI in order to better understand its capabilities, limitations, and potential risks. This will empower you to make informed and responsible choices.

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Savi Available to NACO Benefit Services Groups



Looking for support navigating your student loans?

As a Nebraska County employee, you and your family now have access to Savi - a straightforward financial wellness benefit to keep your student loans on track.*

Create your free account at nacobenefits.bysavi.com to see if you qualify for a lower monthly payment or student loan forgiveness

*To receive your coupon code for Savi Essential (typically \$70), please email candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org. Coupon codes are available exclusively to Nebraska County employees.

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2026 Office of Violence Prevention Grant

The **Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice** is pleased to announce the availability of the **2026 Office of Violence Prevention [OVP]**. The Request for Application [RFA] outlines general guidelines, eligibility, funding requirements, and application instructions. You are encouraged to distribute and post this announcement. Please read the RFA thoroughly to ensure all requirements are met in the application.

The attached documents are also located at the following website:

<https://ncc.nebraska.gov/grant-apps>

2026 OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION: \$616,160.00

All applicants applying for the **2026 Office of Violence Prevention [OVP]** shall submit an application using the below link through Amplifund.

<https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/f8092924-bfc1-4c83-b86e-a246bb535653>

Applications are accepted electronically by completing the application and submitting all required documents to AmpliFund's online application system (see applicable announcement for more information and instructions; announcements are attached and accessible in AmpliFund; announcements will be on the NCC website by the end of the next business day)

For assistance or questions regarding the SFY 2026 OVP please contact Chris Carlile, Director of Justice Programs at (402) 417-3673 or christine.carlile@nebraska.gov.

For assistance with AmpliFund, reach out to Nebraska AmpliFund Support at (844) 735-0239 or support@ne-amplifund.zendesk.com. Applicants may also access resources and chat with AmpliFund Support staff through the AmpliFund Customer Support Portal at <https://ne-amplifund.zendesk.com>.

EMAIL APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

PAPER APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

For instructions on how to submit an application through Amplifund, please refer to the video guide found here: <https://streamlinksoftware.wistia.com/medias/2j9ul4o1kx>

Application Deadline: February 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. CST

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ELITE MEMBERS



PREMIUM MEMBERS



Interested in becoming a 2025 NACO Business Member?

Connect your company with county officials across Nebraska and apply today!

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