

May 15, 2026



The Ninety-Three

Lessons in Resilience from the 2026 NACo Western Interstate Region Conference

Last week, Jon Cannon, Bill Tielke, Josh Skavdahl, Valery Bell, and Candace Meredith had the honor of attending the 2026 WIR Conference in Maui. Head to our blog to read Candace's reflections from the conference.





NACO Blog

DEADLINE APPROACHING: Register for County

Board Workshop & Land Use Forum

Land Use Permit Forum

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 - 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: Younes Conference Center North, Kearney

Registration Fee: \$0

Deadline: 5/27/2026 at 11:59 pm

County Board Workshop

Dates: Wednesday, June 3 – Thursday, June 4, 2026

Location: Younes Conference Center North, Kearney

Registration Fee: \$125 in Advance, \$150 at the door

(Registration includes dinner on 6/3, breakfast and lunch on 6/4)

Guest dinner ticket for 6/3: \$35

Registration Deadline: **5/27/26 at 11:59 pm CST**

Cancellation Policy: Registrants who submit a written cancellation prior to the 5/27/2026 deadline are eligible for a full refund. Registrants who do not submit a written cancellation prior to the 5/27/2026 deadline, do not attend, and did not pay are subject to a \$50.00 administrative fee, including No Shows. Registrations are non-transferable.

Submit cancellation notices to peggy.brass@nebraskacounties.org.

NACO Hotel Block at Crowne Plaza, \$149.95, 308-238-7000

County Budget Prep Refresher Webinar — May 28, 2026

You are invited to register for a Zoom webinar!

When: May 28, 2026, 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: County Budget Prep Refresher

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Gw6L3cvnQ4WS8eFRIZ-5EA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

"We Are Nebraska Counties" - Douglas County



"We Are Nebraska Counties" is NACO's contribution to the "We Are Counties" campaign led by the National Association of Counties. Telling the county story showcases the people and places that make Nebraska unique and highlights the important role that county governments play nationwide.

[Head to our blog](#) to read Douglas County's contribution.

Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and it is an opportunity to highlight the importance of mental well-being, educate the public, reduce stigma, and promote support for those affected by mental health. NACo EDGE is proud to continue celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month and promoting mental well-being for our county members and workforces.

[Make the Pledge with NACo EDGE](#)

Turn your pledge into action by doing things like bringing your voice to lawmakers, expanding behavioral health workforce training, and teaching neighbors how to be there for each other. Take the pledge to help make mental well-being a reality for everyone, everywhere.

The NACo Edge Mental Health First Aid program is an NACO-endorsed partnership. Mental health first aid is evidence-based mental health training available for U.S. county workers.

Hear directly from your colleagues in county government and learn more about Mental Health First Aid at Work, a skills-based training that teaches people how to identify, understand, and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges in our peers.

[More About Mental Health First Aid](#)

Joint Public Hearing Refresher Webinar

Join us on **July 24 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time** for a refresher webinar reviewing new legislation, preparing the pink postcard, and conducting the joint public hearing.

Candace Meredith will follow up with County Clerks in the next couple of weeks regarding printer designation and estimated postcard costs for counties interested in working through NACO.

[Register Here](#)

News Release: DED and DHHS Announce Public Comment Period, Public Hearing on State's

Proposed Use of Federal Housing and Community Development Funds

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) are soliciting public comments on the *Proposed 2026 Annual Action Plan (AAP)*. Public comments will be accepted from May 15, 2026, until 12:00 p.m. CT on June 15, 2026.

The proposed action plan describes how DED and DHHS will use annual federal funding pertaining to the following programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- National Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA)
- Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund (HSATF)

[Click here](#) to read the full release and learn more about the opportunity to provide comment.

Registration Open for Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference

Registration is now open for the Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference!

Big conversations. Even bigger ideas. Join hundreds of people working for Nebraska's future.

This conference brings together people from across Nebraska who know that thriving communities don't happen by accident. They happen when educators, child care providers, business leaders, health professionals, advocates, nonprofits, and local champions come together to focus on Nebraska's most pressing early childhood challenges.

This year will feature inspiring speakers, practical breakout sessions, real stories from Nebraska communities, and plenty of opportunities to connect with others doing meaningful work in early childhood across the state.

Here's what to know:

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026

Younes Conference Center North

Kearney, Nebraska

Even better? It's free to attend.

Visit the [conference website to register](#).

2026 NACO Business Members

Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO expand our educational programming for Nebraska county officials. Business members enjoy a number of benefits, including features on our website and social media pages. We also offer our business members discounts on sponsorships and 15% off the cost of booking our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala.

2026 business memberships are still open. Click the button below to learn more.

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