

August 30, 2024



The Ninety-Three

NACO District Meetings

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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- **Southeast District Meeting** - September 12 - Graduate Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln -
Deadline to Register - TODAY 8/30/24
- **Northeast District Meeting** - September 13 - Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk -
Deadline to Register - TODAY 8/30/24
- **Central District Meeting** - September 19 - The Leadership Center, Aurora - Deadline
to Register - 9/12/24
- **Panhandle District Meeting** - September 25 - Bridgeport Community Center,
Bridgeport - Deadline to Register - 9/18/24
- **West Central District Meeting** - September 26 - Quality Inn & Suites, Ogallala -
Deadline to Register - 9/19/24

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

[Register Here](#)

[District Meeting Agendas](#)

NACO Legislative Conference



NACO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024

NACO WEST, OGALLALA

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.

More information about the block at the Holiday Inn, Ogallala coming soon

Agenda Overview

Registration

Hotel Reservation Process for Annual Conference

The hotel reservation process for our annual conference is about to begin! The online form will be available on 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. You'll also need to register if you plan to attend (see registration details below).

Hotel Reservations:

1) The online reservation form will be emailed to ALL COUNTY OFFICIALS, made available on the NACO homepage and on the [conference webpage](#) on Wednesday, September 11th, at approximately 1:30 P.M. MT / 2:30 P.M. CT. To prevent any potential issues with double-booking hotels, please coordinate with your county regarding hotel arrangements before filling out the form.

2) For your preparation, the form will include the following questions:

-Contact Information

-Date of Arrival

-Date of Check Out

-Total Number of Sleeping Rooms

-Method of Payment

-Preferred Choice of Hotel #1

-Preferred Choice of Hotel #2

-Preferred Choice of Hotel #3

-Preferred Choice of Hotel #4

-Preferred Choice of Hotel #5

-Preferred Choice of Hotel #6

-Preferred Choice of Hotel #7

-Preferred Choice of Hotel #8

Hotels on the Younes Conference Center campus include Crowne Plaza, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn, LaQuinta, Comfort Inn, Fairfield Inn, Holiday Inn Express, and Candlewood Suites.

3) After you submit the form, the contact person listed on the form will receive an email in return with a copy of their submission.

4) Reservations will be made based on the order of form submission by the Younes Center. **The hotel's front desk staff will then reach out the contact person listed on the form by email to inform them which hotel your county has been placed in to take care of billing information, rooming lists, and confirmation numbers. Please note that your preferred hotel is not guaranteed.**

5) If you are reserving multiple rooms for your county, you must provide a rooming list with guest names and stay dates to the Younes Team by October 11th. Any unclaimed rooms after October 11th will be placed back into the general NACO block for other attendees/counties to reserve. Tip: If arrival times for your group are different, please select the maximum stay range for everyone on the form and let the hotel staff know of your date changes when presenting the rooming list.

Again, 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

Mark Your Calendars

2024 NACO Annual Conference

December 18th - 20th

Pre-registration Opens September 11th

[NACO Annual Conference Webpage](#)

September 2024 National Preparedness Month Toolkit

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The Ready Campaign's 2024 National Preparedness Month campaign hopes to empower all Americans to take action now to prepare for future risks and disasters.

Those launching the National Preparedness Month campaign in their community are encouraged to use the information in this toolkit to inform citizens on what simple, low and no cost preparedness actions they can take not only during the month of September, but throughout the year as well.

Preparedness materials in multiple languages can be accessed at Ready in Your Language | Ready.gov.

National Preparedness Month Toolkit



Frequently Asked Questions About the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act

[View the Document](#)

New Student Loan Benefit Available to NACO Health Insurance Pool Members



We get that student loans can be overwhelming. Let's change that. As an employee where the NACO Health Plan is offered, we're excited to give you and your family exclusive access to our new partner Savi - a straightforward financial wellness benefit to keep your student loans on track.

Student loan policy experts, advocates, and borrowers founded Savi to help solve our country's student debt crisis. Regardless of how much debt you have and where you are in your repayment journey, Savi will be there to walk you through every step of the process.

Through the first four days of the program, we have had \$240,657 of student loan debt managed with an average projected forgiveness of \$9,361 per user.

What can Savi do for you?

- Save you money on your monthly payments
- Create a clear path to apply for student loan forgiveness programs
- Provide answers to all of your student loan questions through educational webinars and customized support
- Keep you updated on new programs and policy changes

Savi has three different Support Plans - DIY, Essential, Pro. If you or your dependents are eligible for the NACO Health Pooled plan, you can receive Savi Essential for FREE (a \$70 value!).

To receive your coupon code, please email candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org.

Interested?

Create an Account or **Log In to your existing Account** by going to nacobenefits.bysavi.com

Register for one of Savi's next Student Loan Webinars:

[Wednesday, September 4th @ 3 PM CST](#)

[Wednesday, October 2nd @ 3 PM CST](#)

Interested and not in the NACO health insurance pool? We can still coordinate services for you!

Please contact any of the NACO Benefit Services team members with questions:

Mike Boden – mike.boden@nebraskacounties.org

Judd Allen – Judd.allen@nebraskacounties.org

Gregg Mooney – Gregg.mooney@nebraskacounties.org

Candace Meredith – candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org

Western Interstate Region (WIR) Ex Officio Director Nominations

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

This position is the Nebraska Representative on 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.

2024 Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Tuesday, September 17

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**.

[Registration and Information](#)

[Governance and Policy Agenda](#)

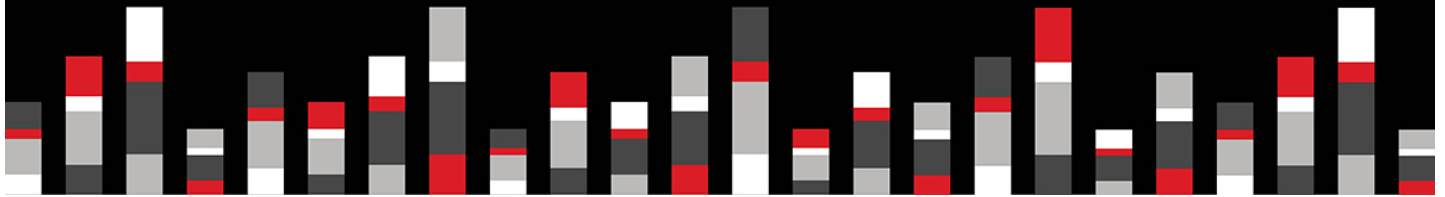
UNO CPAR Data and Research Series for Community Impact



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

CENTER FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS RESEARCH

Data and Research Series for Community Impact



We invite you to join the University of Nebraska at Omaha Center for Public Affairs Research for the [Data and Research Series for Community Impact](#) on September 26 and December 19. The professional development series is for anyone who uses – or wants to use – data to understand and affect change in our communities.

Part One | Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 9 A.M.-12 P.M. | In-person, Virtual, or Recording

Part One is designed to empower government and nonprofit professionals to access, analyze, and disseminate valuable insights from the U.S. Census Bureau. Then learn from experts in the field on best practices to work with and share your data.

Registration is OPEN!

Part Two | Thursday, December 19, 2024 from 9:30 A.M.-12 P.M. | Virtual or Recording

Part Two will follow the release of the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 5-year estimates. This rich resource provides demographics, social, economic, and housing data for various geographies in Nebraska.

Registration will open at a later date.

Learn more and register: cpar.unomaha.edu/series

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](#)

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.

Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Program NOFO

The [Low-Carbon Transportation Materials \(LCTM\) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) has been posted. This NOFO is open to non-State Department of Transportation (DOT) eligible recipients including local governments, political subdivisions of a State, US territories, Federally recognized tribes, Federal Land Management Agencies, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function. State DOTs were eligible to apply for this funding through a Request for Application (RFA) that closed on June 10, 2024.

The LCTM Program was authorized in Section 60506 of the Inflation Reduction Act with the purpose of increasing the use of materials that have “substantially lower levels of embodied greenhouse gas emissions” as described by the Environmental Protection Agency. FHWA will award up to \$800 million to eligible non-State DOT entities through the NOFO.

Application materials from eligible non-State DOT entities must be submitted through [grants.gov](#) by November 25, 2024, at 11:59 p.m., EDT. You may find additional information on the NOFO and the LCTM Program here: [Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants Program](#).

The FHWA Office of Infrastructure will host the following informational webinar:

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM ET – [Register HERE!](#)

The purpose of the webinar is to provide general information on the LCTM program, including the application process and program requirements.



NACO West Update

NACO letters are in place, and preparations for landscaping and ceiling tiles begin.







THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 NACO BUSINESS MEMBERS

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