

July 4, 2025



The Ninety-Three

Joint Public Hearing Postcard Reminder & Upcoming Webinar July 24th 3pm CST

NACO will host a webinar on July 24, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. central to discuss the Joint Public Hearing postcard and hearing process as well as provide walkthroughs on legislative changes in LB647 (Authority Computation in Budget (cap), growth harmonization and public safety notice on tax statement).

You can register for the webinar with the link below.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Yv-tTam_SMqu4LJtsrg2Wg

Email candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Local Governments Request DHS Transparency on Sanctuary Designations

NACo, the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the National League of Cities [sent a joint letter](#) to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of Justice urging clarity on how sanctuary jurisdictions are designated.

- **Flawed rollout:** DHS initially [released a list](#) of nearly 400 counties before removing it June 1, with no updates since.
 - **What counties want:** The coalition is requesting clear criteria, an appeals process and guidance on how existing court orders are considered in federal decisions.
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Call for Nominations: Nebraska Representative to

the NACo Board of Directors

With 100% membership in the National Association of Counties (NACo), the NACo Board of Directors is now accepting nominations for the second Nebraska Representative to the NACo Board of Directors.

The individual selected for this position will be responsible for attending NACo Board of Directors meetings and providing quarterly reports to the NACo Board during its regular meetings throughout the year as the Membership Ex Officio Director.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or would like to submit a nomination, please contact Candace Meredith at candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org or **402-540-4831**.

The deadline to submit nominations is July 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time.

NACo West Landing Page Now Features Fresh Photo & Video Content

The NACo West landing page on the NACo website has a new look! Now featuring professional photo and video content, the web page provides an immersive introduction to the space for those who want to learn more about booking their next event at NACo West. [Head to our website](#) to check out the great new photos and videos!



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Nebraska DHHS Opens Applications for Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Cash Fund Grant

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Behavioral Health is issuing a Request for Applications (RFA) for opioid use disorder (OUD) and/or substance use disorder (SUD) treatment infrastructure renovations, development, or expansion to enhance the Nebraska treatment system as outlined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-2492.

Entities eligible to apply for grant funds include OUD and/or SUD treatment facilities, public-private, nonprofit, and for-profit entities.

"With the distribution of these funds, communities that have never received funding to build or expand treatment facilities may have the opportunity to do so now," said Dr. Thomas Janousek, Division of Behavioral Health Director. "This funding gives local areas the financial support they need to build spaces to better serve residents and improve treatment in their community."

Applications are due August 1, 2025. Application materials and more information can be found at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Opioid-Treatment-Infrastructure-Cash-Fund-RFA.aspx>

Register for the NACO Institute of Excellence!

Don't miss your chance to connect with your peers and strengthen your leadership skills through the NACO Institute of Excellence program! The program is a great opportunity for county officials to collaborate, learn, and grow as leaders. [Click here to register!](#)

INSTITUTE OF EXCELLENCE

Building Leadership Skills to Move Your Nebraska County Forward

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The NACO Institute of Excellence is a professional development program for county officials. Participants will connect with peers from across the state as they strengthen their leadership skills in their official roles.



Registration Fee: \$200

Registration Deadline: Aug 1, 2025

Session Starts: Aug 7, 2025

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LEADING WITH YOUR STRENGTHS

Virtual
11am CT/10am MT

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DATA INFORMED DECISION MAKING

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11am CT/10am MT

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NAVIGATING CONFLICT

Virtual
11am CT/10am MT

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STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

In-person, Kearney
9am-12pm CT

Savi: Student Loan Collections Are Back—Here's What Borrowers Need to Know

As of May 5, the Department of Education has resumed collections on defaulted federal student loans. That means borrowers behind on payments could face wage garnishment, tax refund withholding, and more.

If you're unsure about your loan status—or know you're behind—you're not alone. Over 9 million borrowers are in default or serious delinquency.

Our partner Savi can help you check your status, avoid or recover from default, and take action fast. Join [our next webinar](#) to learn more, or [get started with an account today](#).

Understanding Medicare NACO Webinar July 10

We're excited to invite you to our free **Understanding Medicare** webinar—a helpful, no-pressure session designed to give you confidence as you transition to Medicare. Whether you're just getting started or looking to brush up on the basics, this session will provide valuable guidance for you and your family.

What You'll Learn:

- The different parts of Medicare
- How and when to enroll
- How to fill coverage gaps

The next webinar is Thursday, July 10 at either 12:00pm or 6:00pm central time.

Can't make it on the 10th? There will be more opportunities to participate in the coming months. Each date offers two time options: 12:00 pm or 6:00pm central time (your choice!):

Thursday, August 7

Thursday, September 11

This workshop is designed to be easy to follow and packed with practical tips—so you can make informed decisions and manage your retirement healthcare with confidence.

No registration needed! Just click the link below to join on the date and time that suits you best:

[Join the Webinar](#)

We look forward to having you with us!

Department of Health & Human Services 2025 Elder Justice Training August 13

Elder Justice Training is an all-day training to raise awareness of the issues facing Nebraska elders. This year's training is scheduled for August 13th from 8:30am to 4:15pm and will be live-streamed from Nebraska Public Media. The event is co-sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services State Unit on Aging, UNO Department of Gerontology, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Adult Protective Services, AARP Nebraska, and the Nebraska Association of Area Agencies.

The training is available via live-streaming, in person at Nebraska Public Media (**limited seating**), or at one of many live-streaming sites across the State of Nebraska. [Click here to](#)

[register.](#)

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Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO continue to 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 a complimentary exhibit booth at the County Board Workshop, discounts on sponsorships, and 15% off the cost of booking our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala.

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