

August 23, 2024



The Ninety-Three

NACO Welcomes New Team Member

WELCOME TO THE TEAM



Shelly Reil

Sales and Marketing Coordinator

NACO is excited to announce that Shelly Reil has joined the team as the Sales and Marketing Coordinator. Shelly will support our team from the NACO West office in Ogallala where she will provide coordination for our new training space, and work closely with our business partners.

Prior to joining NACO, Shelly worked for the Nebraska Public Power District for 14 years, and more recently, she spent 12 years working at the Gerald Gentleman Station Power Plant in Sutherland. She grew up in Ogallala, attended the University of Nebraska Kearney, where she majored in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing.

After living in Lincoln for 12 years, she moved back to Ogallala to raise her boys. Her son Parker, 25, lives in Lincoln and works for Relentless Merch, as well as doing freelance work in the film production industry. Her other son, Hunter, 23, also lives in Lincoln and works for his dad at Reil Logistics. Shelly is a member of the United Methodist Church and serves on the Missions Outreach Committee. She is looking forward to getting more involved in the community now that she is working back in Ogallala!

District Meeting Registration Open Now

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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Mark your calendars! Fall district meetings are coming up!

- Southeast District Meeting - September 12 - Graduate Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln
- Northeast District Meeting - September 13 - Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk
- Central District Meeting - September 19 - The Leadership Center, Aurora
- Panhandle District Meeting - September 25 - Bridgeport Community Center, Bridgeport
- West Central District Meeting - September 26 - Quality Inn & Suites, Ogallala

8:00-9:00 AM - Registration

9:00-10:15 AM - Business Meeting

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

[Register Here](#)

Hotel Reservation Process for Annual Conference

The hotel reservation process for our annual conference is about to begin! This year, the reservation form will go live on **Wednesday, September 11th** at **2:30 PM Central/1:30 PM Mountain time**.

You will be able to access the form via email sent to all county officials, our website, and our Facebook page at that time.

Please start discussing your hotel arrangements with your county now and determine who will be responsible for filling out the form for your group. You will need to know how many rooms your county will need and your hotel preferences. The names of those staying will be collected at a later date.

Hotels on the Younes Conference Center Campus:

- Crowne Plaza
- Hampton Inn
- Holiday Inn
- LaQuinta
- Comfort Inn
- Fairfield Inn
- Candlewood Suites

Mark Your Calendars

2024 NACO Annual Conference

December 18th - 20th

Pre-registration Opens September 11th

[View Agenda Overview](#)

Legislative Conference Registration Open Now

SAVE THE DATE

NACO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024
NACO WEST, OGALLALA

[Registration](#)

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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.

If you are interested in learning more about the WIR please reach out to Candace Meredith at candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org.

Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES)

The Department of Transportation has curated resources specifically for rural counties, including information and tutorials to help them make their case for funding. Toolkits and online information sources are available to help applicants access grant fund on the U.S. Department of Transportation's website linked below.

Read more about ROUTES here: [DOT helps rural counties find funding, with deadlines approaching | National Association of Counties \(naco.org\)](#).

Browse the toolkit and more information here: [Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success \(ROUTES\) | US Department of Transportation](#)

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](#)

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.



NACO West Update

Work progresses on the overflow parking lot, bathroom tiles, and the facade.







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