



DATES TO REMEMBER

- NOV. 9, 2016 **HELPING VETERANS ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN OHIO** – A CCAO
2ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
- NOV. 9, 2016 **CCAOSC GROUP RETRO MEETING**, CCAO OFFICES,
COLUMBUS
- NOV. 10, 2016 **CCAO DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**, CCAO
OFFICES, COLUMBUS
- NOV. 16, 2016 **CORSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, CCAO OFFICES,
COLUMBUS
- Nov. 17, 2016 **TOP GUN CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS SEMINAR**, THE
CONFERENCE CENTER AT OCLC, DUBLIN (*CCAO is a seminar
co-sponsor*)
- NOV. 18, 2016 **CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
- DEC. 4-6, 2016 **CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE**, HYATT
REGENCY, COLUMBUS
- DEC. 6, 2016 **PUBLIC RECORDS/SUNSHINE LAW TRAINING**, HYATT
REGENCY, COLUMBUS
- DEC. 9, 2016 **CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, CCAO OFFICES,
COLUMBUS
- FEB. 5-7, 2017 **NEW MEMBER TRAINING SEMINAR**, SHERATON COLUMBUS
HOTEL AT CAPITOL SQUARE, COLUMBUS
- FEB. 25-MAR. 1, 2017 **NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**, MARRIOTT WARDMAN
PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC
- JULY 21-24, 2017 **NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE**, GREATER COLUMBUS
CONVENTION CENTER, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Winter Conference – CCAO and affiliate programs published

Register today for the [County Commissioners' and Engineers Associations of Ohio \(CCAO/CEAO\) Annual Winter Conference and Trade Show](#) to be held Dec. 4-6 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. Join your colleagues to discuss innovative ways to enhance local government to better serve Ohio's counties. [Register here...](#)



Don't miss these events...

Music, dancing and caricature drawing with your colleagues at the opening conference trade show reception! - Join your friends. Dance to the music. Get a caricature drawn for your holiday cards...all at the opening reception at the trade show. After, you still have time to explore the Arena District and Short North for dinner with friends!

Spouse/Guest Brunch - Meet other registered spouses/guests of attendees at a brunch at the Hyatt Regency! Information will be available from Experience Columbus so that you can meet and organize your activities for the day! Transportation will not be provided.

Recognition of Members Not Returning to Office – CCAO will recognize county commissioners, county executives and council members that will not be turning to office in Jan. at the CCAO Annual Business Meeting on Monday, Dec. 5.

Monday Afternoon Ice Cream Social - Stop by the trade show after the luncheon and top off lunch with ice cream and toppings and a chance to say "thank you" to the exhibitors for participating in the conference.

Monday Reception and Banquet - You've had a busy day. Join your colleagues and enjoy a reception and dinner with a beautiful view of the Columbus skyline!

Monday Night Karaoke - Don't miss an evening of memorable musical performances to end a busy day. Start practicing with your favorite co-workers for a star-studded performance at the conference!

Click on the following links for the CCAO and CCAO/CEAO affiliate conference programs:

- [CCAO program](#)
- [CCAO/CEAO affiliate programs](#)
- CEAO program (available soon)

CCAO to host webinar on helping veterans – Nov. 9

CCAO is pleased to offer a 2nd Wednesday webinar on "Helping Veterans Achieve Success in Ohio" on Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m. The webinar will focus on achieving success through education and employment opportunities that are available in Ohio.

- The first part of the webinar will provide an overview of the state approving agency followed by on the job training and apprenticeship outreach to veterans.
- In the second part of the webinar, the speaker will discuss Ohio Means Veterans Jobs, veteran demographics and current initiatives to connect veterans to employment in your county.



Our speakers from the Ohio Department of Veterans Services will be Robert Breeckner, Deputy Director of Educational Programs, and Jonathon Field, Workforce Manager.

[Click here](#) to register. If you experience difficulty in registering, please contact [Curt Pratt](#), CCAO Administrative Assistant, and provide him with your name, title, employer and email address. For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact [Brad Cole](#), CCAO Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981 or (888) 757-1904. [Read more...](#)

All members welcome to attend CCAO Board of Directors meeting

This is a reminder that all county commissioners, county executives and county council members are welcome and invited to attend the CCAO Board of Directors meetings. The next CCAO Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. at the CCAO Offices, 209 E. State Street, in Columbus. The Board will focus on addressing our Legislative Priorities for the 132nd General Assembly during this board meeting. So that we have adequate meeting space and an accurate lunch count, please RSVP your attendance to [Kathy Dillon](#), Office Manager & Boards' Liaison, on or before Monday, Nov. 14. Also, please feel free to contact Kathy should you have any questions.

CCAO Deferred Compensation Committee accepting nominations

Established in 1985, the [CCAO Deferred Compensation Program](#) serves the needs of county officials and employees in deferring additional money to supplement their retirement income. Operating as one of the CCAO Service Corporation (CCAOSC) programs, the Deferred Compensation Plan serves all 88 counties with tens of thousands of county employee members and hundreds of millions invested under the Ohio plan.



The CCAO Deferred Compensation Committee oversees the CCAO Deferred Compensation Program and its program administrator, Empower Retirement. The committee also reviews the performance of various investment options and annually recommends changes to those investments. Emphasis is placed on service to the individual to help achieve a comfortable and secure retirement for county employees.

Due to some committee members not returning to office next year, CCAO is accepting nominations from five commissioners, county executives and county council members. It is preferred that committee members have a financial or investment background or interest. Submit your name for consideration by Nov. 30 to CCAO Managing Director of Operations [Keith Blosser](#) at (614) 220-7978.

2017 county holiday schedule

HOLIDAY	LEGAL HOLIDAY
New Years Day	January 2
Martin Luther King Day	January 16
Presidents Day	February 20
Memorial Day	May 29
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 4
Columbus Day	October 9
Veteran’s Day	November 10
Thanksgiving Day	November 23
Christmas Day	December 25

Advocate for CCAO’s top policy issues!

CCAO’s 2016 [Candidates’ Briefing Guide](#) is designed to educate candidates on county government and the policy issues that are important to counties, emphasizes the importance of strengthening the partnership between the state and counties to make a stronger Ohio.

The top policy issues included in this year’s guide include:

- **Replace revenue lost from the elimination of the Medicaid managed care sales tax**
- **Partner with counties to replace voting equipment**
- **Protect the county/state sales tax base**



- **Enhance the delivery of public safety services**
- **Address growing pressures caused by the opiate epidemic**
- **Modernize infrastructure funding**

The guide also recommends partnership opportunities between the state and counties, notes recent successes and shares information on county revenue sources and the many important functions that counties perform.

Candidates, county commissioners, executives and councilmembers were mailed copies of the Candidates' Briefing Guide.

As a member of CCAO, you are our most powerful advocate. We hope this will provide a valuable tool that supports your advocacy efforts with current and future state lawmakers over the coming months.

STATE ACTIVITIES

Free cyber security resources from Homeland Security

The Secretary of State's office has informed the boards of elections about cyber security resources available from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to assist local government with managing cyber security threats. The following cost-free resources can assist local government with managing cyber security threats.

- The **Cyber Hygiene (CH)** assessment is a no-cost, voluntary, technical assessment encompassing configuration error and vulnerability scanning. Based on findings, DHS offers recommendations on remediating the vulnerabilities. This assessment is conducted remotely and on a recurring basis.
- The **Cyber Resilience Review (CRR)** measures and enhances the implementation of key cybersecurity capacities and capabilities of critical infrastructure and SLTT (state, local, tribal, and territorial) governmental entities. This no-cost, voluntary, non-technical assessment which helps the assessed organization to develop an understanding of their operational resilience and ability to manage cyber risk to critical services during normal operations and times of operational stress or crisis.

[Click here](#) to view DHS's listing of no-cost resources. To request these resources directly, email SLTTCyber@hq.dhs.gov (CC Neil.Jenkins@hq.dhs.gov and antonio.enriquez@hq.dhs.gov).

Additional resources are available at no-cost through the DHS-grant funded [Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center \(MS-ISAC\)](#). To learn about these resources, please contact the MSISAC at info@msisac.org.

To request automated vulnerability scans through the Cyber Hygiene program, please email SLTTCyber@hq.dhs.gov and CC Neil.Jenkins@hq.dhs.gov, and the DHS team will work with you to provide the service.

Share this information with your internal and county network administrators, including your county's data center administrator and voter registration system vendor.

Anti-human trafficking education guide available

Ohio Attorney General's [Human Trafficking Commission](#) and the [University of Dayton's Human Rights Center](#) have released a free online manual that can be used by schools, youth counselors, after-school programs and anti-human trafficking organizations to assist in developing anti-human trafficking education for children.

The [Human Trafficking Prevention Education Guidance for Implementation of Youth Programs](#) manual, aimed at middle and high school students, can be presented in one or two hours or class periods depending on the setting. Not included as a part of state curriculum standards, these guidelines, resources and best practices for anti-human trafficking can be woven into most classes. [Read more...](#)

Nine counties awarded funds to help prevent underage drinking, reduce prescription drug misuse

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has awarded funding to Champaign, Coshocton, Hardin, Holmes, Mercer, Seneca, Tuscarawas, Warren and Wayne counties to help prevent underage drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse



among youth and young adults. Each county will each receive \$80,000 to implement Ohio's [Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnership for Success \(SPF-PFS\)](#) initiative, a five-year grant awarded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (SAMHSA/CSAP) and administered by OhioMHAS.

As sub-grantees, counties will be expected to establish community stakeholder teams to select evidence-based programs, practices, policies and strategies that address the prevention or reduction of underage drinking for ages 12 to 20, and the reduction of prescription drug misuse and abuse for ages 12 to 25. Grant funds may be renewable for up to two additional years, dependent on the availability of federal funds and on demonstrated progress toward outcomes. [Read more...](#)

ODSA funds community improvement projects in 28 counties

The Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) has awarded grants totaling more than \$11.6 million through the Community Development Critical Infrastructure, Downtown Revitalization and Neighborhood Revitalization Competitive Set-Aside programs. Thirty-three communities, including 28 counties, across Ohio will receive grants to revitalize neighborhoods and downtown business districts. The grants will improve streets, sidewalks, bridges, public



facilities, and infrastructure as well as rehabilitate buildings in a community's Central Business District. [Read more...](#)

Administrator of a home rule township also may serve as a member of a county planning commission

SYLLABUS: [2015-035](#)

1. The position of administrator of a home rule township is not a "public office," as that term is used in R.C. 713.22(C).
2. A person may serve simultaneously as administrator of a home rule township and member of a county planning commission provided that no contract exists between the county planning commission and the township, and provided that, as a member of the county planning commission, the person abstains from discussing, deliberating, negotiating, or voting on a contract between the commission and the home rule township in which he serves as administrator. An administrator of a home rule township that serves simultaneously as a member of a county planning commission may not present the tax budget of the township to the county budget commission or explain to the county budget commission the financial requirements of the township, as reflected in the township's tax budget.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

2020 Census – collaboration leads to success!

The Census Bureau is gearing up for the 2020 Census and wants to make counties aware of two current activities:



- **Local Update of Census Address** - In Jan. 2017, the highest elected official of each jurisdiction will be mailed a [Local Update of Census Address \(LUCA\)](#) program notification. The LUCA Operation provides an opportunity to review and improve the address lists and maps used to conduct the 2020 Census. This operation supports the Census Address List Improvement Act of 1994 ([Public Law 103-430](#)). County commissioners, county executives and county councils should watch for the notice. Also, in 2017, the Census Bureau expects to hold informational workshops and webinars about LUCA for local governments.
- **Boundary and Annexation Survey** - The 2017 [Boundary and Annexation Survey \(BAS\)](#) for local governments begins in Dec. 2016. The BAS is conducted annually to collect information about selected legally defined geographic areas. It is used to update information about the legal boundaries and names of all governmental units in the United States. The Census Bureau uses the boundary information collected in the BAS to tabulate data for the decennial and economic censuses, and annual estimates and surveys such as the [Population Estimates Program](#) and the [American Community Survey](#).

Defiance County is storm ready!

Defiance County has been recognized by the National Weather Service as being the latest Ohio county to be StormReady. The StormReady process is meant to show emergency managers any gaps in their disaster plan or implementation, so that when severe weather strikes, those issues have already been addressed. Twenty-eight Ohio counties have been designated StormReady.

To be considered for the StormReady certification, a county must:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center
- Have more than one way to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts and to alert the public
- Create a system that monitors weather conditions locally
- Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars
- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

[Click here](#) to see if your county is StormReady. [Read more...](#)

LEAP pilot program accepting grants

In an effort to reduce the cost of delivering highway projects, the Federal Highway Administration has announced that the [Local Empowerment for Accelerating Projects \(LEAP\)](#) is accepting five pilot project applications until Nov. 25. Included in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), the LEAP program will allow local governments to submit projects such as the design, construction or maintenance of major collector roads under formula criteria for direct funding. This program, which is to be carried out over five years, requires an agreement between local public agencies and respective state departments of transportation. Projects will be subject to federal oversight. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

U.S. Communities: data, analytics and fraud detection solutions

The [U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance](#) has expanded the program to include [Experian](#) to provide data, analytics and fraud detection services. This contract was awarded through a competitive solicitation process conducted by the lead public agency, Fairfax County, VA. Experian offers solutions and expertise through solutions such as:

- **Child support enforcement:** Provides up-to-date contact data for noncustodial parents
- **Collections:** Maximizes recovery efforts with flexibility and minimal cost



- **Contractor responsibility:** Delivers essential data for vetting of potential vendors and contractors
- **Data breach:** Benefit from consumer credit monitoring and call center support for citizens impacted by a data breach
- **Data cleansing:** Verify and update best addresses for voter registration list hygiene
- **Eligibility:** Verify applicant identity and validate financial data for benefits determination, real-time monitoring of credit and financial data, and for continued benefits eligibility
- **Online authentication/ Identity management:** Authenticate new constituents for eServicing, online reauthorization of already registered constituents of eServicing and using knowledge-based out-of-wallet questions
- **Tax return fraud:** Improve detection of identity theft–based income-tax fraud

Join U.S. Communities for a **30-minute webinar** on one of the following dates to learn more about Experian and this new contract:

- Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 11 a.m. or Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 1 p.m. [Register here...](#)

CCAOSC Cyber Security Assessment Program

Just a reminder that the CCAO Service Corporation (CCAOSC) has endorsed HG Consulting, LLC (HGC) to carry out our [Cyber Security Assessment Program](#). HGC addresses cyber security by offering counties a vulnerability scan and a follow-up report. The program is an opportunity for counties to inexpensively stay current on their internet security needs. For more information, please contact [Keith Blosser](#), Managing Director of Operations, at (614) 220-7978 or (888) 757-1904 or [Hamilton Gottschall](#), President, HG Consulting, LLC, at (614) 259-8798.



NACo's new headquarters in Washington

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has moved to their new headquarters – co-locating with the National League of Cities (NLC) - located at **660 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20001**. This co-location of NACo and NLC promises to foster collaboration between the organizations in advocating local government priorities.

On the street level, the organizations will be sharing a nearly 5,000-square-foot state-of-the-art conference center. Together, NACo and NLC will occupy three floors of the energy efficient building, certified LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) gold by the U.S. Green Building Council. NACo will occupy nearly 40,000 square feet of the 200,000-square-foot building, located at North Capitol and G Streets NW, six blocks north of the U.S. Capitol.



National Association of Counties – new headquarters in Washington, DC

Achievement Award Program – brilliant ideas that work!

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is accepting submissions for the [2017 Achievement Awards](#) program. For 47 years, NACo has recognized innovation in county government through the Achievement Awards Program. The awards provide an excellent opportunity for counties to promote their successes to a larger audience, as well as share best practices with partners and peers across the nation.



As a non-competitive awards program, each application is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received. Awards will be presented in 18 categories during the [2017 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition](#) to be held in Franklin County (Columbus), O-H-I-O. All steps in the application process must be completed and application fees must be paid in full by the Mar. 27 deadline. [Click here](#) for more information or email awards@naco.org if you have any questions.

As part of the 2016-2017 Presidential Initiative of NACo President Bryan Desloge, the association is launching [Counties Matter Challenge: Brilliant Ideas that Work](#), a friendly competition to identify and share 100 examples of visionary county leadership that highlights county innovation at its best. Your entry in the Achievement Award program will be in the running for the Challenge.

EDUCATION

Construction Claims Seminar – Nov. 17

Join the law firm of Bricker & Eckler LLP for the 14th annual [Top Gun Construction Claims Seminar](#) on Thursday, Nov. 17 at The Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Dublin. Topics focus on Transgender Issues for Construction, Beginning a Project – Decision Points, Strategies for Minimizing Claims, Specific Claims, Financing Corrective Work Prior to Recovery and Dispute Resolution.

Tuition: \$199 by Nov. 4 and CCAO members or \$239 after Nov. 4. CCAO is a seminar co-sponsor. Approval of 7.5 CLE and AIA credits is pending. [More information...](#)

Medicaid and the jail population webinar – Nov. 30

Join the Ohio Department of Medicaid, the Stepping Up Initiative and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for an informational webinar on [Medicaid and the Jail Population](#) on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 1 p.m. Learn about Medicaid's changes and the implications for the jail population. OhioMHAS has a webpage to stay up to date on resources, webinars and technical assistance opportunities to help reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails. [Read more...](#)

Public records/sunshine law training – Dec. 6

The Sunshine Laws Certification Training, provided by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, is a three-hour certification training session provided to all elected officials, and/or their appropriate designees, as well as members of the general public.

ORC Section 109.43(B) states:

The attorney general shall develop, provide, and certify training programs and seminars for all elected officials or their appropriate designees in order to enhance the officials' knowledge of the duty to provide access to public records as required by section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The training shall be three hours for every term of office for which the elected official was appointed or elected to the public office involved.

Each session includes an in-depth analysis of Ohio's Public Records Act, with a brief discussion of Ohio's Open Meetings Act.

CCAO/CEAO have scheduled a session during the Winter Conference on **Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 12 noon to 3:15 p.m.** You do not need to register for the conference if you are **ONLY** attending the public records training. There is no charge to attend this training. **Approval of Continuing Legal Education for 3.00 total hours of instruction is pending.**

[Register here](#) on the Ohio Attorney General's website to reserve your place for this special training. By registering for the public records training, you are not automatically registered for the conference.

Webinar focuses on women in the justice system – Dec. 8

Join NACo on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. for a webinar on "Effective Programs and Practices for Women in the Justice System". While the overall jail population in the U.S has increased nearly five-fold since 1970, the number of women in jails has increased fourteen-fold, making women the fastest-growing population in jails. Webinar attendees will hear from the Vera Institute of Justice and two counties about what is driving the increase in women's incarceration and ways that counties can reverse the trend. [Register here...](#)

CLASSIFIEDS

CCAO publishes classified ads on our [website](#) free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will be published until the application deadline. When submitting your ad to CCAO, please provide a link to the online job posting and a deadline date. Email your classified ad to [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate.