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NACo E-News has a New Look...

Welcome to this updated version of *NACo E-News*. To view this new version in the proper format, make sure HTML and images are enabled on your computer!

Proposed Guidelines for Court-Appointed Counsel

As the result of a study by the Nebraska Supreme Court and Nebraska Bar Association's Minority and Justice Implementation Committee, the Nebraska Supreme Court is considering minimum standards for court appointed counsel in criminal and juvenile cases. Interested parties are invited to comment on the proposed new rules and appendix until June 1, 2011.

To view the full text of the proposed new rules and appendix and additional information regarding the comment period, click [here](#).

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Historic Preservation Survey

The Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the Nebraska State Historical Society needs input from you! Please take a few moments and become a preservation partner in creating a strategic new plan for how Nebraska can best preserve and enhance its rich history and culture. Your responses will help guide the SHPO's objectives for the future as we approach Nebraska's 150th anniversary of statehood in 2017.

Historic preservation can be a tool for community development, to enhance tourism, and to accomplish comprehensive and regional planning. The Nebraska State Historical Society is asking for the input of county officials, county development offices and planners in the efforts.

Make your views known and opinions count - Take our short 10 question survey available [here](#). You can also access the survey through the Nebraska State Historical Society's newly redesigned website at www.nebraskahistory.org under the "What's New" heading.

If you have any questions about the creation of the preservation plan or would like additional information, feel free to contact:

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Nebraska State Historical Society to Coordinate Workshops Across the State

The Nebraska State Historical Society is coordinating four regional workshops through an IMLS grant entitled "Connecting to Collections"

May 25, 2011 - 1:00 p.m.

[County Board of Equalization Workshop](#)
Kearney
May 26, 2011

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Education Foundation Memorial Program

A gift to NACO's Education Foundation ensures that the children of county officials and county employees are eligible to apply for scholarships to continue their education at Nebraska's higher learning institutions. Whatever their passion - history, art, music, science, education, sports - the NACO Education Foundation will provide them an opportunity to fund their education beyond the K-12 level. Memorial gifts to NACO's Education Foundation are tax exempt and a lasting legacy in honor of your loved one's commitment to educating the children of Nebraska's county officials and employees. For more information about how to make a memorial gift, please contact [Jon Edwards](#) / 402-434-5660 ext. 227.

in the month of April. For agendas and additional information, click [here](#).

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Grant Applications Deadlines

Nebraska Crime Commission

The deadline to apply for the Title V Delinquency prevention and Juvenile Accountability Block (JABG) Grants is April 15, 2011. The applications and instructions can be accessed on the Crime Commission's website [here](#).

Nebraska State Records Board

The deadline for county and municipal governments to apply for grant programs fund for the creation or enhancement of electronic access to public records is April 20, 2011. The requirements and application form are available [here](#).

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Walk For Your Life Challenge 2011

As spring is beginning to make an appearance, it is time to start preparing for this year's Walk For Your Life Challenge, which will run from June 1 to September 30, 2011. Last year, we decided to try something different and monitor reporting based on steps rather than miles walked as in the previous two year's WFYL Challenges. The majority of participants have indicated a preference of reporting miles rather than steps, so we will once again base our reports on miles walked. To accommodate those who prefer bicycling and/or swimming to walking, we will also allow for those activities this year.

Information has been sent out to county clerks and last year's team leaders. We encourage participation from all 93 counties. This is a fun challenge that will pay dividends on your health!

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News from NACo

NACo Announces Availability of Technical Assistance for Community Health Needs Assessments in Rural Counties

NACo is currently accepting applications from rural counties to receive technical assistance to assess their local health needs and improve and strengthen their health care delivery systems. Applications must be received by April 29, 2011. For additional information, click [here](#).

NACo's first Rail Conference to be held in April

It's not too late to register for the 2011 Rail Conference in DuPage County, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, April 27-29. The conference, "Moving Freight and Passengers in the 21st Century," will focus on the impact of freight and passenger rail on citizens, businesses, and county, city and state governments. Click [here](#) for additional information and to register.

Western Interstate Region Conference

NACo's Western Interstate Region Conference focuses on public lands and other issues critical to the western region of the United States. it provides

county officials with the opportunity to hear speakers, discuss legislation, and network with other officials to exchange information on those issues. For additional information and registration, click [here](#).

Register Now for NACo's 76th Annual Conference and Exposition

Plan to attend this year's even in Multnomah County/Portland, Oregon, July 15-19. Featured speaker will be Aron Ralston, the subject of the movie "127 Hours." For additional information and registration, click [here](#).

2011 County Courthouse Awards

The County Courthouse Awards Program is sponsored by Siemens and recognizes innovative governance by county elected officials from NACo member counties. Award winners will receive an engraved plaque that can display in their county, recognition at the 2011 NACo Annual Conference and a \$5000 college scholarship to present to a graduating high school senior. Awards will be given in three categories: rural, suburban, and urban. Applications must be received by April 29, 2011. For additional information and application form, click [here](#).

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NACo Web-based Education

Innovative Practices for County Leaders: Outreach to Returning Veterans

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Join this webinar to learn how NACo's Veterans Taskforce is helping counties reach out to returning veterans. Members of the taskforce will talk about the various programs that have been put in place to reintegrate veterans. Lastly, find out how Solano County, CA is using public-private partnerships to support their veterans. This is a members only webinar. You must sign in to the NACo Member Center to register.

Promoting County Public Health: Prevention and Wellness in Health Reform

Thursday, April 21, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Investing in prevention and health promotion has the potential to reduce costs of treating chronic diseases and lessen the burden on county health care safety net services. Join this webinar to learn about funding opportunities for prevention and public health and other aspects of the Affordable Care Act that can help improve your county's public health infrastructure and promote overall community health. Register [here](#).

Using County Health Indicators to Inform Local Policy Decisions

Thursday, May 5, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Many health data sources and tools exist that can help identify health assets and challenges within your community. Join us as speakers

demonstrate how your county can utilize community health and quality of life indicator information to help inform policy decisions and more effectively target local public health resources. Register [here](#).

For more information on these, other upcoming and previous webinars, visit the NACo [Web-based Education](#) page.

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