



# NACO E-News

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## 2011 Officers

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## Upcoming Events

[Central District Meeting](#)  
Grand Island, March 17, 2011

[Northeast District Meeting](#)  
Norfolk, March 18, 2011

[NWCA Spring Training](#)  
Hastings, March 29-30, 2011

[Counties' Legislative Day](#)  
State Capitol, Lincoln, April 7, 2011

[NAEM Conference](#)  
Kearney, April 8-10, 2011

[West Central District Meeting](#)  
North Platte, April 13, 2011

[Panhandle District Meeting](#)  
Alliance, April 14, 2011

[2011 NJJA Conference](#)  
Kearney, May 12-13, 2011

[WIR Conference](#)  
Wenatchee, WA, May 18-20, 2011

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



Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 13th at 2:00 a.m. local time...

**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!**

## Make Plans to Attend Counties' Legislative Day April 7th

County officials will have an opportunity to view the Legislature while in session as well as meet with state senators. Lunch will be served at the Cornhusker Marriott and all senators have been invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to discuss issues affecting county government with your senator. View the program [here](#). There is no fee to attend, however, [registration](#) is required.

## Nebraska State Records Board Grant Announcement

The Nebraska State Records Board has announced that grant program funds are once again available to county and municipal governments for the creation or enhancement of electronic access to public records. The application deadline is April 20, 2011. Click [here](#) for requirements and the application form, or visit the State Records Board website at [www.staterrecordsboard.ne.gov](http://www.staterrecordsboard.ne.gov).

## Nebraska Crime Commission Grant Applications Deadline

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 at <http://www.ncc.ne.gov>.

## 2011 Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Conference

The 2011 NJJA Conference will be held in Kearney May 12-13. NJJA is looking for those individuals that go above and beyond for the 2011 Service to Youth Award. A new future this year for NJJA is a call for Research Posters in the field of Juvenile Justice. Click [here](#) for additional information.

NJJA is also pleased to announce a free preconference training in cooperation with UNO Juvenile Justice Institute on the Diversion Case Management System and Community Planning. This will take place Wednesday, May 11, prior to the conference. Click [here](#) for the registration form.

## Webinar to Address Youth Suicide Prevention

On March 23 and 29, 2011, at 2:00 PM CTS, Well Aware will host two Webinars on youth suicide prevention. The first Webinar, "Generation Wired," discusses using social networking to engage youth in suicide prevention. The second, "Cyberbullying & Suicide," examines bullying in the digital age and describes how schools can work to protect students and districts from the effects of cyberbullying. Click [here](#) for registration information.

**MIPS Inc.**  
Technology Services Division of NACO



**Take Advantage of NACo's Web-based Education...**



**Innovative Practices for County Leaders: Promoting County Government in Your Community**

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Engaging your residents in the practice of local governance begins with showing them the scope and the impact of county government. Hear from NACo President Glen Whitley, staffer Kathryn Murphy and County Manager Randall Reid of Alachua County, FL about programs, services and activities that promote county government through outreach in the community. NACo Research Director Jacqueline Byers will moderate. This is a NACo members only webinar.

**Rural Counties and Health Reform: Community Health Needs Assessment**

Thursday, March 24, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

County officials and local health departments can be actively engaged in community health needs assessments, which the Affordable Care Act requires nonprofit hospitals to conduct to demonstrate they are taking on uncompensated care in their communities. Learn the basic principles of community health needs assessments, how to ensure that the local health care safety net burden is shared and about a new template designed specifically for rural areas to meet the law's requirements. To register, click [here](#).

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

**NACo Accepting Applications for the 2011 County Courthouse Awards**

Applications for the 2011 NACo County Courthouse Awards program are now available at <http://www.naco.org/programs/recognition>. 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 they 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 out in three categories: rural, suburban and urban. All NACo members are encouraged to apply. Applications must be received by April 29, 2011. Contact: Dalen Harris or Erik Johnston at (202) 393-6226 or [dharris@naco.org](mailto:dharris@naco.org) or [ejohnston@naco.org](mailto:ejohnston@naco.org).



This year's Western Interstate Region Conference will take place May 18-20 in Chelan County/Wenatchee, Washington, and will focus 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. Save by registering before April 6! For additional information and registration, click [here](#).



National County Government Month (NCGM) is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. The 2011 theme is "Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces and Their Families."

For additional information and to get useful tools in promoting this year's NCGM, click [here](#).



Register now for NACo's 76th Annual Conference and Exposition. Plan to attend this year's event in Multnomah County/Portland, Oregon, July 15-19. Featured speaker will be Aron Ralston, the subject of the movie "127 Hours," who amputated an arm to free himself when trapped by a boulder while hiking. For additional information and registration, click [here](#).

**Education Foundation Memorial Gift 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 education 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 county employees.

For more information about how to make a memorial gift, please contact [Jon Edwards](#) / 402-434-5660 ext. 227.



*If you are aware of any news that may be of interest, please let us know*

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