



NACA News Update – April 2017

April is National County Government Month (NCGM)!

NCGM, held each April, is an annual celebration of county government. This year's theme will be "Brilliant Ideas at Work." Since 1991, NACo has encouraged counties to actively promote county services and programs. NCGM is an excellent opportunity to highlight effective county programs and raise public awareness and understanding about the many services provided to the community. [Check out NACo's Toolkit here.](#)

Congratulations to the 2017 ICMA EPLI Scholarship Recipients

With the generous support of [ICMA-RC](#), NACA is pleased to have offered scholarships to the ICMA Emerging Professionals Leadership Institute (EPLI) to the following individuals:

- Midwest: Justyn Miller, Assistant to the County Administrator, Boone County, Illinois
- Southeast: Marsheka Dunn, Student, Tennessee State University
- Mountain Plains: Meghan Pierce, MPA Candidate, Fels Institute of Government, University of Pennsylvania

NACA Member in the News

Last month, we featured Al Vanderberg, County Administrator, Ottawa County, Michigan, who was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to serve on the Child Lead Exposure Elimination Commission. [Click here to read more about this featured member.](#)

If you or another NACA member have been featured in the news, whether locally or nationally, in print or online, let us know at NACA@icma.org so that we can share your accomplishments and stories with your colleagues.

What are the Benefits of being a NACA Member?

We've written an explanation of NACA member benefits and created a [downloadable handout](#). Our most recent benefit comes from [eCivis](#), a [Friend of NACA](#), who offers *eCivis for NACA*, a program developed in collaboration with NACA members and designed to help counties protect and increase their federal funding by addressing the critical issues common to recipients of federal awards. [Check it out!](#)

Answer the Call for Speakers!

ICMA is looking for the best combination of speakers to share their experience and expertise for previously selected sessions at the 2017 ICMA Annual Conference in San Antonio/Bexar County, Texas, October 22-25. Detailed descriptions of individual sessions and an application form are available at icma.org/callforspeakers. Submit an application by e-mail to callforspeakers@icma.org by **April 21, 2017**.

Apply for NACo Presidential Committee Appointments

NACo welcomes county administrators and managers to join committees! The application period for the 2017-2018 NACo presidential committee appointments is now open. If you are interested in joining a NACo policy steering committee, or being appointed as Chair or Vice Chair of any NACo committee, a member of the NACo standing committees, ad-hoc committees, or task forces, please apply **by June 2, 2017**. [Click here to learn more and apply](#).

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Events

- [Registration is open](#) for the [2017 ACS Data Users Conference](#), being held in Alexandria, Virginia from **May 11-12, 2017**. There is **no registration fee** for the conference, though space at the conference is limited and registration is on a first come/first served basis. **The deadline for registration is Friday, May 5.**
- The [schedule of events](#) is now available for the [2017 NACo Annual Conference & Exposition](#) being held in Columbus/Franklin County, Ohio, from **July 21 - 24, 2017**. [Register here](#).
- The 2017 ICMA Annual Conference will be held in San Antonio/Bexar County, Texas, from **October 22-25**. [Click here to learn more and stay up to date with developments](#).

Rethinking Child Protective Services

Hennepin County, Minnesota, has been working towards an overhaul of its child protective services for the past few years, hoping to create a model for other counties across the country. [Read more here](#).

Revolutionary First Responder Network Moves Closer to Reality

The Department of Commerce has awarded a 25-year, \$6.5 billion contract to AT&T to build the First Responder Network, the nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to first responders. This high-speed network will be deployed for public safety users in all 50 states, five U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. [Read more here](#).

NACo Launches Updated Civic Education Resources

As part of NCGM, NACo launched updated and expanded versions of their civic education tools. The County Solutions curriculum and the Counties Work online game teach young people how local governments operate and how they can get involved. [Learn more here](#).

Cyber Security: Developing Threats

Emergency sirens in Dallas were hacked and activated for over an hour after midnight last week. The hack caused alarm for local officials and residents, and resulted in over 4,000 calls to 911. Local officials are working with the FCC to find out how the hack occurred. [Read more here.](#)