

# 2023 NACo Annual Conference & Exposition

Schedule as of: 05/16/2023

## Thursday, July 20, 2023

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*Jul. 20*  
7:30 am to 5:00 pm

Conference Registration Open

*Jul. 20*  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

FEMA Workshop

*Jul. 20*  
9:00 am to 10:00 am

CIO Technology Speed Sharing

*Jul. 20*  
10:30 am to 5:15 pm

NACo's 2023 CIO Forum

This year's annual CIO Forum is focused on moving beyond being successful and making an impact by building resiliency through neurodiversity and skills training for IT, as well as developing short term and long-term strategies that bring innovation and transformation and keeps pace with the changing landscape of technology. Technology areas that will be covered include workforce, cybersecurity collaboration, change management, criminal justice and innovative opportunities.

*Jul. 20*  
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

NACo Ambassadors Meeting

*Jul. 20*  
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

CIO Forum Reception

## Friday, July 21, 2023

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*Jul. 21*  
7:00 am to 6:30 pm

Conference Registration Open

*Jul. 21*  
**8:00 am to 9:30 am**

### **First-Time Attendee Orientation**

All first-time attendees are welcome to join us to learn about NACo and how to make the most of the Annual Conference. Due to limited space, this session is open to county officials and staff attending their first NACo conference. This event is invite only.

*Jul. 21*  
**8:30 am to 9:15 am**

### **Policy Coordinating Committee Meeting #1**

*Jul. 21*  
**9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

### **Community Economic and Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee (Offsite Meeting)**

Community, Economic and Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee members will travel to the Austin Community College Highland Campus to discuss critical issues and policy priorities on all matters pertaining to economic and workforce development, public works, and increasing and preserving affordable housing. Members will also consider and vote on policy resolutions that will be used to guide NACo's advocacy efforts.

*Jul. 21*  
**9:30 am to 4:30 pm**

### **Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee Meeting**

Join NACo's Agriculture & Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee to learn about the diverse challenges facing rural America today, as well as key insights and innovations that may provide county leaders with tools to help their rural communities thrive. Committee members will hear from leading thinkers and decisionmakers from across the agriculture sector and rural development space, including nationally renowned policy experts, stakeholders, and federal partners. The committee will also participate in discussions on the 2023 Farm Bill and its impact on counties, and consider resolutions to shape NACo's advocacy on agriculture and rural policy.

*Jul. 21*  
**9:30 am to 4:30 pm**

### **Environment, Energy and Land Use Policy Steering Committee**

Federal partners and national policy experts will join the Environment, Energy and Land Use Policy Steering Committee to discuss committee policy priorities including the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; recycling and waste management; the status of the Waters of the U.S. regulation; addressing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances; and building resilient water infrastructure.

*Jul. 21*  
**9:30 am to 4:30 pm**

### **Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Steering Committee**

NACo's Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Steering

Committee meeting will discuss a wide range of matters of importance to counties related to county revenues and fiscal management, federal tax reform, pension and retirement benefits, municipal bonds, the intergovernmental partnership and the balance of federalism, elections, and more. The committee will also hold its business meeting to consider policy resolutions related to relevant federal actions and updates to our platform.

*Jul. 21***9:30 am to 4:30 pm**

### **Health Policy Steering Committee**

NACo's Health Policy Steering Committee will be joined by national experts and thought leaders to discuss timely health policy issues relevant to counties, and will consider and vote on policy resolutions that will be used to guide NACo's advocacy efforts before Congress and the administration during the 2023 – 2024 term.

*Jul. 21***9:30 am to 4:30 pm**

### **Human Services and Education Policy Steering Committee**

National experts, county leaders and policymakers will join the Human Services and Education Policy Steering Committee to discuss policy priorities and best practices for strengthening the child care workforce, combating hunger through the 2023 Farm Bill, and implementing federal child welfare reforms. The committee will also reflect on lessons learned from county investments in programs for children and families using ARPA Recovery Funds.

*Jul. 21***9:30 am to 4:30 pm**

### **Justice and Public Safety Policy Steering Committee**

Justice and Public Safety Policy Steering Committee members will be joined by Congressional and federal agency officials to discuss critical issues, including addressing mental health in the criminal justice system, disaster mitigation and response, and the outlook for the committee's policy priorities in the 118th Congress.

*Jul. 21***9:30 am to 4:30 pm**

### **Public Lands Policy Steering Committee**

Join the Public Lands Policy Steering Committee for discussions with federal land management agencies on implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, species conservation efforts, wildfire mitigation, energy and mineral development and improving recreation-based economies.

*Jul. 21***9:30 am to 4:30 pm**

### **Telecommunications and Technology Policy Steering Committee**

The Telecommunications & Technology Policy Steering Committee will discuss topics including broadband infrastructure funding, internet affordability and adoption measures at the local level, rural cellular initiatives, next-generation 911 funding support, cybersecurity initiatives at the local level, and more. The committee will also hold its business meeting to review and vote on policy resolutions proposed before the committee for consideration.

*Jul. 21*  
**9:30 am to 4:30 pm**

### **Transportation Policy Steering Committee**

Join the Transportation Policy Steering Committee to learn more about how counties are working together with our intergovernmental partners, as well as one another, to rebuild and modernize our nation's infrastructure. During this meeting, we will hear from subject matter experts who will discuss various aspects of the significant role counties play in transportation and infrastructure. The committee will also vote on policy resolutions during this meeting.

*Jul. 21*  
**4:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

### **Exhibit Hall Opening and Welcome Reception**

*Jul. 21*  
**5:00 pm to 5:45 pm**

### **Policy Coordinating Committee Meeting #2**

*Jul. 21*  
**5:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

### **County Talks, Presented by NACo**

*Jul. 21*  
**5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**

### **Affiliate and State Association Meetings**

*Jul. 21*  
**6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

### **Affiliate and State Association Receptions**

## **Saturday, July 22, 2023**

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*Jul. 22*  
**6:30 am to 8:00 am**

### **NACo E-Bike Ride, Sponsored by BikeTexas**

*Jul. 22*  
**7:30 am to 5:00 pm**

### **Conference Registration Open**

*Jul. 22*  
**8:00 am to 9:30 am**

### **County Executive Roundtable Breakfast**

*Jul. 22*  
**8:00 am to 9:45 am**

### **NACo GIS Subcommittee Meeting**

The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Subcommittee of the Information Technology Standing Committee focuses on GIS education, national trends and proposed legislation that might affect GIS. Members are county elected officials, surveyors and planners, GIS directors and other county GIS leadership. The subcommittee will hear from national organizations and partners on relevant

topics on current and future landscape of GIS policies and practices including uncrewed vehicles.

*Jul. 22***8:00 am to 10:00 am****Gulf States Counties and Parishes Caucus Meeting**

Hear from policy experts on pressing federal issues impacting Gulf Coast counties and parishes. Caucus members will also discuss federal legislative priorities and strategize for future GSCPC events and initiatives. Caucus membership is open to all NACo county and parish government officials from Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida.

*Jul. 22***8:30 am to 9:30 am****Military Communities Breakfast***Jul. 22***8:30 am to 9:45 am****Curbing the Crisis: County Recommendations to Advance Housing Affordability**

Navigate the complex landscape of county authority and housing affordability. Hear from NACo Housing Task Force members on specific policy recommendations and best practices that can be tailored and implemented in your community.

*Jul. 22***8:30 am to 9:45 am****Supporting the County Government Workforce**

County governments are critical to the nation's workforce, employing more than 1 in every 50 American workers. Join this workforce development summit to explore solutions and innovative approaches for applying skills-based practices to hiring and investments for improving the county government workforce. All county administrators and human resource and benefit professionals are encouraged to attend this workshop and become a part of NACo's new Workforce Network.

*Jul. 22***8:30 am to 10:00 am****Mental Health Commission Meeting**

NACo's Commission on Mental Health and Wellbeing will meet to conduct business, including recommendations for policy and programmatic best practices.

*Jul. 22***8:30 am to 10:00 am****Resilient Counties Advisory Board Meeting and Breakfast**

Join RCAB's members to learn how counties can plan for preventative measures to reduce loss of life and property resulting from severe weather conditions. In addition to plan development to prepare for disasters, presenters will provide specific building code options to prevent structural damage and disaster housing for displaced residents following disasters.

*Jul. 22***Exhibit Hall Open**

**9:00 am to 3:00 pm***Jul. 22***10:00 am to 12:00 pm****Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Business Meeting**

NACo's Large Urban County Caucus meeting will feature conversations with national and local leaders on topics of importance to urban counties, including transportation and infrastructure, urban development, and workforce.

*Jul. 22***10:00 am to 12:00 pm****NACo IT Standing Committee**

The Information Technology Standing Committee, which consists of elected officials and county IT leaders, will focus on national trends and policies that could impact county technologies. Topics will cover cyber security resiliency, technology best practices, cloud vendor checklists. An overview of NACo pilots will be shared with members as well.

*Jul. 22***10:00 am to 12:00 pm****Rural Action Caucus (RAC) Business Meeting**

NACo's Rural Action Caucus will discuss issues important to rural America and to hear from guest speakers who are helping to shape policies important to rural communities.

*Jul. 22***12:00 pm to 1:15 pm****CORE Justice Network + SJC Site Luncheon**

This invite-only luncheon will host SJC site counties & County officials advancing Racial Equity (CORE) justice network members. Participants will have the opportunity to hear about MacArthur's Safety+Justice Challenge updates focusing on initiatives to advance racial equity throughout the criminal legal system and hear about the role and voice of lived experience in this work. Counties will have the opportunity to share their current challenges and goals to advance racial equity.

*Jul. 22***12:00 pm to 1:15 pm****Hold for State Association and Affiliate Lunches***Jul. 22***12:00 pm to 1:15 pm****Membership Standing Committee Meeting**

The Membership Standing Committee advises and supports NACo's membership recruitment and retention efforts while championing county engagement in NACo.

*Jul. 22***12:00 pm to 1:15 pm****National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE) Business Meeting & Luncheon***Jul. 22***Healthy Counties Luncheon & Forum**

**12:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Successful efforts to address health inequities require cross-systems collaboration. Learn from national experts and county leaders about opportunities (e.g., funding, partnership models) for multi-sector stakeholders to address the most pressing public health challenges, such as maternal health, mental health and others.

*Jul. 22***1:00 pm to 3:00 pm****Veterans and Military Services Committee Meeting**

The Veterans and Military Services Committee will hear from county officials, advocates, federal experts and those with lived experience on the challenges and opportunities facing women in the veteran and military community and children and youth in military families. Committee members will also discuss federal policy priorities and the relaunch of Operation Green Light for Veterans as avenues for better serving our veterans, service members and their families.

*Jul. 22***1:30 pm to 3:00 pm****Arts as a Vehicle for Change: Hosted by the Arts & Culture Commission**

County leaders and community partners are deploying the arts as a vehicle for advocating for change. Learn how to address pressing priorities through creative expression, including music, public art and performance.

*Jul. 22***1:30 pm to 3:00 pm****DCR Advisory Committee Meeting***Jul. 22***1:30 pm to 3:00 pm****Economic Development on the Border: Hosted by the International Economic Development Task Force**

In today's global economy, local economic development often does not stop at the county, state or even national lines. Rather, international trade and business partnerships can help drive local economies forward. In this session, learn from county peers located on or near our northern and southern borders about the value of North American trade and managing economic relationships with our Canadian and Mexican counterparts. Hosted by the International Economic Development Task Force, this session is open to all attendees.

*Jul. 22***1:30 pm to 3:00 pm****Immigration Reform Task Force Meeting**

The Immigration Reform Task Force (IRTF) will meet to discuss the latest developments on immigration reform, the impact of federal immigration policy on local governments and communities, and hear from policy experts.

*Jul. 22***1:30 pm to 3:00 pm****NACo Programs and Services Committee Meeting**

The NACo Programs and Services Standing Committee will receive updates on NACo's programs and services and generate recommendations for the NACo

officers and the board on future programming. This meeting is open to all conference attendees.

*Jul. 22*  
**1:30 pm to 3:00 pm**

### **Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board of Directors Meeting**

The Western Interstate Region (WIR) is dedicated to the promotion of Western interests within NACo, including public land issues (use and conservation), community stability and economic development, and the promotion of the traditional western way of life. WIR Board Members will discuss county involvement in energy production, balancing resource development needs and public access to federal lands and opportunities to grow rural Western economies.

*Jul. 22*  
**1:45 pm to 3:00 pm**

### **NACo Board of Directors Forum**

*Jul. 22*  
**3:15 pm to 4:30 pm**

### **General Session #1**

*Jul. 22*  
**4:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

### **NACo 2nd Vice President Candidates Forum**

*Jul. 22*  
**5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**

### **Affiliate and State Association Meetings**

*Jul. 22*  
**5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

### **Healthy Counties Advisory Board Reception**

*Jul. 22*  
**5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

### **Reception for Graduates of NACo's Leadership Program**

*Jul. 22*  
**5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

### **Workforce Development Reception**

*Jul. 22*  
**6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

### **Affiliate and State Association Receptions**

*Jul. 22*  
**6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

### **NACo Board of Directors Reception**

## **Sunday, July 23, 2023**

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*Jul. 23*  
**7:30 am to 8:15 am**

## **Non-Denominational Worship Service**

*Jul. 23*  
**8:00 am to 5:00 pm**

## **Conference Registration Open**

*Jul. 23*  
**8:45 am to 10:00 am**

## **Cutting-Edge County Solutions: New Programs for Procurement and Employee Voluntary Benefits**

*Jul. 23*  
**8:45 am to 10:00 am**

## **Evaluating Clean Energy Opportunities in Your County**

Resources from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act are available for clean energy initiatives that reduce emissions, invest in infrastructure and purchase equipment. Panelists will highlight pathways for preparing your county for alternative energy generation, including solar and agrivoltaics, distributed wind, electric vehicle charging networks, and geothermal technology. Panelists will touch on site and permits, installation and workforce, and state preemption as well as partnership and funding opportunities. This workshop will include the Solsmart program's technical assistance resource for local governments to expand affordable solar energy.

*Jul. 23*  
**8:45 am to 10:00 am**

## **Implementing New ARPA Guidance: Understanding Eligible Uses and Reporting Requirements**

Championed by U.S. Sens. John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), the bipartisan State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act grants additional latitude to county governments in investing resources from the American Rescue Plan's (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, which allocated \$65.1 billion directly to every county, parish and borough. The new flexibility includes allowable investments in infrastructure, community development, and disaster response. Participants will hear an overview of the U.S. Treasury Department's new Interim Final Rule that outlines the updated eligible uses under the Cornyn/Padilla amendment, the coinciding reporting requirements, and how counties are implementing this new rule ahead of the December 31, 2024 deadline.

*Jul. 23*  
**8:45 am to 10:00 am**

## **Improving Economic Stability for Young Children Through Two-Generation Strategies**

Learn from county officials who have successfully implemented two-generation approaches to improve economic stability and well-being for young children. The session will explore how working with children and the adults in their lives can support economic mobility.

*Jul. 23*  
**8:45 am to 10:00 am**

## **Leaving a Lasting Legacy through the Power of a Strong Leadership Model**

County leaders have the opportunity to shape our communities for years to come. But how can you ensure your impact lasts beyond your time in office? This workshop, powered by NACo's High Performing Leadership Academy, will supply you with tools to create a legacy by harnessing a leadership motto. More than just a catchy phrase, a leadership motto is a guiding principle that informs your every action. In this workshop, learn how to identify and develop your own powerful leadership motto and strategies for integrating your motto into your leadership style and decision-making.

*Jul. 23*  
**8:45 am to 10:00 am**

### **Reducing Recidivism and Improving Outcomes after Incarceration**

Counties nationwide operate 90 percent of all local jails and provide services to people leaving jails and on community supervision. People leaving jails often face a variety of challenges – from housing and employment to behavioral health treatment and recovery services. Additionally, the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP) results in higher rates of recidivism, increased health care costs and poorer health outcomes. During this session, attendees will hear from national experts and county leaders on the latest trends in re-entry and community supervision.

*Jul. 23*  
**9:00 am to 10:30 am**

### **The Workforce Network Advisory Council (WNA Council) Meeting**

*Jul. 23*  
**9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

### **Exhibit Hall Open**

*Jul. 23*  
**9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

### **NACo Board of Directors Meeting**

*Jul. 23*  
**10:30 am to 11:45 am**

### **Building the Future: Strategies for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Implementation**

This session will explore ways county leaders can apply for funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to build a foundation for long-term sustainability. The workshop will highlight county programs, including broadband deployment, transportation projects, energy efficiency, and water and sewer improvements.

*Jul. 23*  
**10:30 am to 11:45 am**

### **Deploying Resources from the Department of Defense and other Federal Partners for Environmental Stewardship**

This workshop will bring together officials from the U.S. Department of Defense's Readiness & Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program and leaders from counties that neighbor military installations to discuss partnerships to advance climate resiliency. Participants will learn about the REPI Program's

critical role in strengthening local capacity to build resiliency and discover opportunities to leverage REPI funding to match other federal funds.

*Jul. 23***10:30 am to 11:45 am**

## **Fireside Chat: Improving Services and Optimizing Revenue and Cost-Savings**

In our electoral system, the nation's county governments typically administer and fund elections at the local level, including overseeing polling places and voting systems, and coordinating poll workers for federal, state and local elections. The specifics of election administration align with federal standards but vary from county to county and state to state, resulting in a variety of approaches to ensure safe, secure and fair elections. During this session, participants will hear from county election officials on the basics of election administration and will walk away with an understanding of key authorities and themes that are common and unique to counties across the country.

*Jul. 23***10:30 am to 11:45 am**

## **Navigating Crisis Communication**

Join the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) for robust discussion and Q&A focused on crisis communications and today's uniquely challenging news landscape. More than ever, county officials are navigating the world of "fake news" and communicating in the face of natural disasters and other crises. Learn key tips for rapid response communications, remaining calm under pressure, and adhering to a strong sense of audience and objective.

*Jul. 23***10:30 am to 11:45 am**

## **NCCAE Continuing Education Discussion Session**

*Jul. 23***10:30 am to 11:45 am**

## **Revitalizing County Health, Public Safety and Legal Systems**

Examine how counties are strengthening our health, public safety and legal systems to make real the promise of ensuring justice for all. Learn about key resources counties are leveraging to center the experiences of underserved populations and address social determinants of health. This session will highlight county strategies for improving health equity within, and across, our health, human services and criminal legal systems.

*Jul. 23***10:30 am to 11:45 am**

## **Understanding Lessons Learned and Trends in Elections**

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*Jul. 23*  
**12:00 pm to 2:00 pm**

## **NACo Achievement Awards Lunch & General Session #2**

The Achievement Awards Luncheon & General Session will feature best-in-category winners of NACo's Achievement Awards program and a keynote speaker. This luncheon is open to all conference attendees.

*Jul. 23*  
**2:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

## **Advancing Prosperity: Summit on Economic Mobility Opportunities for Residents**

County policies, programs, partnerships and funding can create pathways to improved financial prosperity for our residents. This capstone to NACo's multi-year partnership with the Gates Foundation will focus on three key policy areas to support inter-generation wealth-building, including equitable access to broadband, community development, workforce development and financial security.

*Jul. 23*  
**2:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

## **Enhancing Wellbeing: Summit on Mental Health**

In response to increasing mental health caseloads across the country, county officials are partnering with local and state leaders to develop behavioral health continuums of care. NACo's Mental Health Commission will lead a discussion of best practices around intergovernmental partnerships that support the 988 Lifeline and crisis response, the entry point to behavioral health systems of care; bolster the increased need and resulting shortage of a behavioral health workforce; and to address exclusionary policies that often preclude effective behavioral health care options that can reduce recidivism and other cyclical service utilization patterns.

*Jul. 23*  
**2:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

## **Safeguarding Our Counties: Summit on Disaster Resiliency**

As the frequency, severity and cost of natural disasters increases, this summit will provide attendees with an overview of federal resources available to help bolster community resiliency, including strengthening local energy grids, critical infrastructure and households. This session will also highlight innovative county solutions that have been implemented to safeguard against future disasters.

*Jul. 23*  
**2:30 pm to 5:30 pm**

## **Mobile Workshop: 911 Emergency Communications and STAR Flight Mobile Tour**

CTECC (Combined Transportation, Emergency & Communications Center) improves emergency response coordination and cooperation by providing a centralized public safety facility sustaining the operations of shared, critical emergency communications and transportation management for the region. CTECC is jointly owned by Travis County, the City of Austin, Texas Department of Transportation and the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority. STAR Flight is the only 24/7 aerial emergency medical service in Texas that performs highly specialized emergency response services, including emergency medical transport, still and swift water rescue, search and rescue, high angle rescue, fire suppression/aerial reconnaissance, and law safety assistance. STAR (Shock

Trauma Air Rescue) Flight is owned and operated by Travis County and serves 19 counties in central Texas.

*Jul. 23***2:30 pm to 5:30 pm****Mobile Workshop: Community First! Village Mobile Tour**

Community First! Village is a 51-acre master planned community that provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for the disabled, chronically homeless in Central Texas. Since 2005, this transformative residential program has been a staple of Mobile Loaves & Fishes and has become the largest community-based model in the country lifting homeless men and women up off the streets into community and home.

*Jul. 23***3:00 pm to 5:00 pm****NACo Credentials Meeting***Jul. 23***5:30 pm to 6:30 pm****Affiliate and State Association Meetings and Receptions***Jul. 23***5:30 pm to 6:30 pm****Pew Charitable Trust Reception**

Hosted by The Pew Charitable Trusts, this networking reception will offer opportunities to meet Pew researchers and talk county priorities.

*Jul. 23***7:00 pm to 9:00 pm****Large Urban County Caucus and Rural Action Caucus Joint Reception**

## Monday, July 24, 2023

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*Jul. 24***8:00 am to 9:15 am****Affiliate and State Association Meetings and Breakfasts***Jul. 24***8:00 am to 5:00 pm****Conference Registration Open***Jul. 24***9:30 am to 11:45 am****NACo Annual Business Meeting**

Join the Annual Business Meeting of the National Association of Counties where county members will consider policy resolutions, elect a slate of officers for the 2023-2024 term, and conduct other business as necessary.

*Jul. 24***12:00 pm to 1:30 pm****Conference Break (Lunch on Your Own)**

*Jul. 24***2:00 pm to 2:45 pm****Central Region Caucus Meeting**

All attendees from the Central Region are invited to learn more about NACo and what is happening in the region. The Central Region includes the following states: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Wisconsin.

*Jul. 24***2:00 pm to 2:45 pm****Northeast Region Caucus Meeting**

All attendees from the Northeast Region are invited to learn more about NACo and what is happening in the region. Northeast Region includes the following states: Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia.

*Jul. 24***2:00 pm to 2:45 pm****South Region Caucus Meeting**

All attendees from the South Region are invited to learn more about NACo and what is happening in the region. The South Region includes the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas.

*Jul. 24***2:00 pm to 2:45 pm****West Region Caucus Meeting**

All attendees from the West Region are invited to learn more about NACo and what is happening in the region. The West Region includes the following states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

*Jul. 24***2:30 pm to 3:45 pm****Making the Most of August Recess: Advocacy Tips for County Officials***Jul. 24***2:30 pm to 3:45 pm****Nationwide Workshop: Social Security, Efficient Retirement Plan Distributions and Lifetime Income***Jul. 24***3:00 pm to 4:15 pm****Breaking the Stigma: Empowering Mental Health Champions**

County elected officials and staff play a critical role as the front-line service providers during trying times. This pressure and exposure to trauma can have a lasting impact on elected officials and county employees alike. This workshop will feature a training from the National Council on Mental Wellbeing's Mental Health First Aid program, equipping attendees with strategies for identifying and responding to mental health issues in the workplace, techniques to identify team

members facing mental health or substance abuse challenges, and how to build a culture and organization that supports wellbeing.

*Jul. 24***3:00 pm to 4:15 pm**

### **Dreaming Big in Coal Country**

Innovation is underway in coal counties across the U.S. This workshop will showcase inventive, forward-looking and locally led projects that are driving economic opportunity and community vitality. Join coal community leaders and learn about available federal resources to pursue your local economic diversification strategies. Dream big and walk away more inspired by the potential within your community.

*Jul. 24***3:00 pm to 4:15 pm**

### **Robert's Rules 101: Crash Course**

Robert's Rules can help you run an efficient meeting. But how do you run an effective meeting? This workshop is a crash course in Robert's Rules where we will deliver tools to minimize meeting disruptions, define proper procedures and apply Robert's Rules to real-life parliamentary examples.

*Jul. 24***3:00 pm to 4:15 pm**

### **The Opioid Epidemic in Rural America: Creating Justice System Pathways to Care**

While no corner of the country has been untouched by the opioid epidemic, the overdose crisis has hit rural America particularly hard. Between 1999 and 2015, overdose deaths increased 325 percent in rural counties. Additionally, people with substance use disorder are often routed into the legal system and incarcerated, which may disrupt treatment and increase overdose risks. Hear from members of NACo's Opioid Solutions Leadership Network and the Reaching Rural Initiative about how rural counties are adopting solutions to the persistent challenges in addressing substance use disorder.

*Jul. 24***3:00 pm to 4:15 pm**

### **Trends in Federal and State Preemption**

County authority and responsibility is granted by state constitutions and statutes, and states are increasingly passing laws that preempt county authorities and limit local policymaking in a range of issues. This session will explore county authority in revenue generation and land use planning, state preemption of county authority to manage, protect and tax local land, and point participants toward solutions that can be tailored for unique local circumstances.

*Jul. 24***3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

### **Enacting Policies and Service Delivery that Benefit All**

Hear how we as leaders can make decisions in policy and service delivery to improve the trajectory of our communities regardless of our function in county government. Learn about the unique opportunities that face us and how we can leverage resources to ensure equity is central to our governance.

*Jul. 24*

### **NACo New Board of Directors Orientation Meeting**

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

*Jul. 24*

6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

**NACo All-Conference Closing Reception**