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| SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 | CCAO SEMINAR: OHIO'S STATE BUDGET, OCASEK GOVERNMENT BUILDING, SUMMIT COUNTY (AKRON) |
| SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 | VOICES FOR OHIO'S CHILDREN – 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES, CCAO OFFICES, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS) |
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| SEPTEMBER 22, 2011 | CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE, CCAO OFFICES, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS) |
| SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 | CCAO SEMINAR: OHIO'S STATE BUDGET, ALLEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES, ALLEN COUNTY (LIMA) |
| SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 | CCAO SEMINAR: OHIO'S STATE BUDGET, CCAO OFFICES, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS) |
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| SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 | CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, BELMONT HILLS COUNTRY CLUB, BELMONT COUNTY (ST. CLAIRSVILLE) |

OCTOBER 28, 2011

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, JOHNNY APPLESEED METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT, ALLEN COUNTY (LIMA)

DECEMBER 11-13, 2011

CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

COUNTY ADVISORY BULLETIN ON HOUSE BILL 86 - SENTENCING REFORM AND "JUSTICE REINVESTMENT - NOW AVAILABLE ON THE CCAO WEB SITE

CCAO has now completed and placed on our web site a County Advisory Bulletin (CAB) regarding HB 86 – Criminal Sentencing Reform and Justice Reinvestment. The Act, which will be effective on September 30 of this year, is a major revision of Ohio’s criminal sentencing practices that is designed to ease state prison overcrowding and reverse the practice of placing low-level, non-violent offenders with more serious offenders in prison, where their chances of rehabilitation are slim.

The Act focuses on three critical principles of sentencing reform: reducing the prison population by keeping low and moderate level offenders out of prison; using a single risk assessment tool throughout the state to evaluate offenders to assure a more uniform application of sentencing and treatment options; and improving the management of probation departments by applying the concepts of best practices to their operations.

CAB 2011-01 discusses these principles, examines the major issues that will be faced by the counties in implementing HB 86, and concludes with several recommendations for commissioners to help their county successfully implement the provisions of the Act. View a copy of CAB 2011-01 at www.ccao.org> Publications>County Advisory Bulletins. For more information contact John Leutz, Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7994, (888) 757-1904 or jleutz@ccao.org

2nd WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES: VOICES FOR OHIO’S CHILDREN: RAISING THE VOICE FOR OHIO’S CHILDREN

Ohio’s tomorrows depend on today’s children being our top priority. Every child should be afforded the basic building blocks of a good life – quality health care, an excellent education, a safe environment, and a stable system of loving care. Sadly, data for Ohio’s nearly 3 million children, in the recently released KIDS COUNT data book, showed steady increases in both unemployment and child poverty rates, with Appalachian counties having the highest rate of child poverty. Eight Appalachian counties have child poverty rates over 30%, and rural Non-Appalachian counties have been hardest hit by the recession and had the highest rate of increase in child poverty in years.

As a result, far too many of Ohio’s children lack good health care, safe environments, and access to quality education. This is especially true in a difficult economy, with financial security out of reach for so many parents. On September 14th, the staff and partners of Voices will provide information on key indicators of child well-being, provide summaries of participant feedback and reports from regional children’s briefings, and also recommend some policy improvements needed for early childhood, juvenile justice, youth development and child health.

The 2nd Wednesday sessions are design to be very interactive, allowing ample opportunity for attendees to ask questions and have dialogue directly with the speakers. All sessions are free and parking is available in the lot adjacent to the CCAO offices. Program details are attached to this issue of CIDS and posted at www.ccao.org Coffee will be served during the morning and lunch will be on your own. Best of all, no registration fee will be charged!

To register, contact Tanya McComas, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at tmccomas@ccao.org Please include the name and title of those attending and the county, agency or company they represent.

CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14

Paula Prentice, Summit County Councilmember and CCAO Health and Human Services Committee Chair, has scheduled a committee meeting for **Wednesday, September 14 at 12:30 p.m.** at the CCAO offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. Agenda items will include:

- Help Me Grow program changes, and CCAO involvement on the Part C Early Intervention Workgroup established in the budget;
- Work participation rates that must be met by county JFS departments in the next federal fiscal year, or the state/counties will face a federal financial penalty;
- An update on JFS cross-county collaboration efforts; and
- A recap of the Summit for Kids recently held in Summit County.

In order to help members maximize the trip to Columbus, the committee meeting has been scheduled to follow the CCAO 2nd Wednesday Seminar (see story above) being held that day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Confirm your attendance by contacting Tanya McComas, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627 or tmccomas@ccao.org no later than Friday, September 9. **Lunch will be served at the start of the meeting**, so the confirmation of your attendance is important.

Please note that you are always welcome to ask your Director of Job and Family Services or other staff, such as your Family and Children First Council coordinator or Help Me Grow program administrator, to attend these meetings with you. For more information, please contact Laura Abu-Absi, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7996 or labu-absi@ccao.org

SEPTEMBER CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED

The September 15th CCAO General Government & Operations Committee meeting has been cancelled due to our regional seminars on the state budget (see story in this issue of CIDS). Members are encouraged to attend these sessions. Registration materials are posted at www.ccao.org

The next Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 20, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. More information will be available at a later date.

OHIO'S STATE BUDGET: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNTIES

Join CCAO for one of five regional seminars on "Ohio's State Budget: Challenges & Opportunities for Counties" that will be held in September. Registration materials are posted on our website at www.ccao.org

SEMINAR TOPICS

How the State Budget Impacts Counties (revenue sources, criminal justice, human services, and other budget provisions)

OSU Extension Update (restructuring overview, menu of educational services, implementation timeline, and future OSU Extension/Commissioner events) – presented by Keith Smith, Ph.D., Director of OSU Extension

Implementing New Budget Tools in Challenging Times (centralized services & intergovernmental agreements, quarterly allotments, and other budget tools to help counties manage with limited revenues)

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Sept.12, 2011 - Athens County

Rocky Shoes & Boots, 45 Canal Street, Nelsonville

Sept.13, 2011 - Summit County

Oliver Ocasek Government Building, 161 S. High Street - Auditorium, Akron

Sept. 26, 2011 - Allen County

Allen Co. Dept. of Job & Family Services, 1501 S. Dixie Highway, Lima

Sept. 27, 2011 - Franklin County

CCAO Offices, 209 E. State Street, Columbus

Sept. 30, 2011- Montgomery County

Madison Lakes Training Center, 581 Olive Road, Dayton

CCAO AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

2011 CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

The County Commissioners' Clerks and Engineer's Administrative Professional Association of Ohio (CCC/EAPA) has scheduled regional meetings to share information and network with other clerks. CCC/EAPA is comprised of county commissioners and engineers' office staff. All commissioners' clerks and engineers' administrative professionals are welcome to network with this most informative organization. The board works hard to provide educational workshops and training opportunities at conferences.

Regional information and networking luncheon meetings are a priority with CCC/EAPA. Topics will vary at each meeting and are held on Friday's beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. CCAO/CEAO sponsors the lunch.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2011 - OTTAWA COUNTY

Ottawa County Courthouse, 315 Madison Street, Ottawa County (Port Clinton)

Rhonda Slauterbeck, Ottawa County Commissioners, (419) 734-6720 or rslauterbeck@co.ottawa.oh.us

SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 - BELMONT COUNTY

Belmont Hills Country Club, 47080 National Road, Belmont County (St. Clairsville)

JoAnn Sikorski, Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Athens County Commissioners, (740) 592-3219 or jsikorski@athenscountygovernment.com

OCTOBER 28, 2011 - ALLEN COUNTY

Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District, 2355 Ada Road, Allen County (Lima) **(Note address change!)**

Kelli Singhaus, Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Allen County Commissioners, (419) 228-3700 ext 8827 or ksinghaus@allencountyohio.com or Laura Redick, Account Clerk and Receptionist, Allen County Engineer's Office, (419) 228-3196 or lredick@allencountyohio.com

Please email suggestions for agenda items to Carolyn Hauenstein, Clerk, Erie County Commissioners at (419) 627-7675 or chauenstein@eriecounty.oh.gov or Rhonda Slauterbeck, Clerk, Ottawa County Commissioners at (419) 734-6720 or rslauterbeck@co.ottawa.oh.us Bring any forms to the meeting that may be useful to share with other counties.

To obtain additional information about the CCC/EAPA, or if you are interested in serving on one of the committees, please contact CCC/EAPA President - Gail Crossen, Clerk, Ashland County Commissioners, at (419) 282-4220 or gcrossen@ashlandcounty.org or www.ccc-esao.org

STATE ACTIVITIES

ODOT I-71/670 PROJECT INFORMATION

Starting in September, the ODOT I-71/670 project will get underway in Franklin County (Columbus), but to those of us that represent the 19,000 motorists that travel over the Third Street Bridge each day...it started this week. This major interstate construction project that when complete, will more safely move people, goods and services through Columbus and to the downtown neighborhoods. Some road closures will start in September, while the biggest impact to traffic will occur in November. Click on www.odot71670.org or call (877) 381-7071 for more information before you travel. This information is also posted on our website at www.ccao.org

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PORTMAN SEEKS OHIOANS' ADVICE ON DEBT REDUCTION

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman is asking Ohioans to share their ideas on how to get the nation's budget deficit and debt under control. Portman, who has been selected to serve on the Deficit Reduction Committee, has established a page on his website that will take public opinion on the matter. "During my time in public service I have always looked to constituents for good ideas," he said in a release. "This is no different. Your input will play a crucial role in the committee's work to rein in spending, grow the economy and create jobs." To submit your suggestions, go to <http://portman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/reduce-the-deficit>

2012 CENSUS OF GOVERNMENTS

Conducted since 1840, the Census of Governments is a complete census of all state and local governments that includes organizational, employment and finance data. The voluntary census, authorized by the United States Code, Title 13, Section 161, is conducted every five years for years ending in "2" and "7". It is exempted by the Title 13 confidentiality protections.

Currently, the Census Bureau is preparing to conduct the 2012 Census of Governments. The following three dates are important:

- **October 2011 – Organization Component (Government Units Survey) Mail Out**
Classifies and identifies all 90,000 local governments
Provides information on the number of governments by state and type
Collects location, characteristics, and limited financial data
- **March 2012 – Employment Component Mail Out**
Collects the number and payroll of full-time and part-time employees
Includes all federal, civilian, state, and local employees
Reference period is the pay period that includes March 12
- **October 2012 – Finances Component Mail Out**
Collects revenue, expenditures, debt, pensions, cash, and securities
Includes all state and local governments
Refers fiscal years ending between July 1 and June 30

For more information, contact Outreach and Education Branch, Governments Division, U.S. Census Bureau, (800) 242-2184 or govs.cms.inquiry@census.gov

SEMINAR/WEBINAR

TOP GUN CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS SEMINAR

Learn about important contract language, best practices for project documentation, risks of differing site conditions, delay and lost productivity claims, and the design professional's standard of care at the "2011 Top Gun Construction Claims Seminar" to be held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at The Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Dublin. Other topics include: understanding damages and claims; learn to analyze, preparing for and defending against claims for additional compensation or damages; and learning how to manage and resolve construction claims efficiently. CCAO is a co-sponsor of this 9th annual seminar.

Tuition: \$199 (early bird registration through November 1 or for CCAO members or other sponsoring organizations) or \$239 (after November 1). For more information, contact Amy Abbey at (614) 227-4989, (800) 750-1525, aabbey@bricker.com or www.bricker.com/seminars

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2011-032

The board of health of a general health district may not enter into a contract with a hospital whereby the services of the health commissioner of the district are leased to the hospital in exchange for a fee.

CLASSIFIEDS

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Warren County is in search of a Director of Emergency Services. This position will direct, plan, manage, organize and coordinate the department consisting of emergency management, police and fire communications (911-PSAP), and LEPC, Local Emergency Planning Council.

Any combination of training and experience equivalent to successful completion of course work from an accredited college or university in Liberal Arts, Business, Public Administration, Emergency Management, or an associated field and ten years of increasing responsible experience in the supervision and management of public employees. Experience in emergency dispatching operation and supervision of professional staff. Ability to pass full police background investigation. Licensure and certification: high school diploma or equivalent, valid Ohio drivers license, and eligible for L.E.A.D.S. certification after hire.

Submit county application and resume to: Warren County Administration Building, Susan Spencer, Personnel Officer, 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. This position is subject to a post-offer drug screen and a background check. EOE.

PROJECT ENGINEER

Assist the Lucas County Sanitary Engineer/Assistant Sanitary Engineer in all technical aspects of the department. Supervisor of the Design/Drafting and Survey/Inspection/OUPS Divisions. Provides technical assistance to the Maintenance, Solid Waste Management District and Wastewater Treatment Divisions. Project Engineer for major capital improvement projects and assessment projects. Coordinate all project and subdivision drawing for review, approval and constructability.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering (B.S.C.E) from four-year accredited college or university; four years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience; State of Ohio Professional Engineers license required; and valid Ohio Driver's license with driving privileges in the State of Ohio.

Apply on-line (www.co.lucas.oh.us) or submit a cover letter, resume and professional references to the Lucas County Human Resources/Personnel Department, One Government Center, Suite 450, Toledo, OH 43604. Application deadline: **Friday, September 16, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.** EOE.

CLASSIFIED ADS

CCAO publishes the County Information and Data Service (CIDS) weekly. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will run for two weeks if space is available. Ads will also be published on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. When submitting your ad to CCAO please provide a link to the job posting online and a deadline. Please provide a copy of the classified ad by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday of each week. Transmit the copy to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, by e-mail at mjneiman@ccao.org