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- JULY 9, 2014 **OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – REGION 6, OSU YOUTH DEVELOPMENT BUILDING, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)**
- JULY 11-14, 2014 **NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA**
- JULY 12, 2014 **OHIO CAUCUS RECEPTION (AT THE NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE), HILTON NEW ORLEANS RIVERSIDE, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA**
- JULY 15, 2014 **OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – REGION 5, HANCOCK CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, HANCOCK COUNTY (FINDLAY)**
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- JULY 22, 2014 **OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – REGION 3, WOODLAWN COMMUNITY CENTER, HAMILTON COUNTY (CINCINNATI)**
- JULY 22, 2014 **OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – REGION 4, WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (DAYTON)**
- JULY 24, 2014 **OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - REGION 1, VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION OF SUMMIT COUNTY, SUMMIT COUNTY (AKRON)**
- DECEMBER 7-9, 2014 **CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS**

ASSOCIATION NEWS



Please note that **CIDS will not be published next week** due to the July 4th holiday. Publication will resume on July 11, 2014. The CCAO office will be closing during the afternoon on July 3rd due to the massive crowd that gathers in downtown Columbus to celebrate “Red, White and Boom” and on July 4th. On behalf of the CCAO family, we wish you a happy and safe Independence Day weekend!

COUNTY WELLNESS PROGRAMS WEBINAR

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “County Wellness Programs” webinar on July 9 at 9:30 a.m. We recognize that the task of improving employee health and lowering healthcare costs isn’t getting any easier for the employer. That being said, we will cover some of the problems and solutions regarding worksite wellness programs. The specifics will include:

- Status and current data on chronic diseases and health risks.
- Initiatives that address behavior change, some of which can be implemented at no cost.
- Incentives and their tax implications.
- Wellness rules and regulations.
- Best practice communication methods.
- CEBCO’s wellness program: yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Participants in the webinar may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the power point presentation. To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/971282918> If you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and you wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org and provide her with your name, title, and email address. **Webinar participation on July 9 is limited to the first 100 to sign-on to the webinar that morning.** For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research at bcole@ccao.org. [Read more...](#)

STATE ACTIVITIES

WORKERS’ COMP PROSPECTIVE BILLING LETTER UPDATE

Recently, public employers may have received a letter from the Bureau of Worker’s Compensation (BWC) regarding the transition to a prospective billing system for premiums. Unfortunately, that letter – intended for private employers – included information that does not apply to public employers. [Click here](#) for the correct information and timelines for public employers. The transition from a retrospective billing system to a prospective billing system for public employers will begin to occur in January 2016 as previously announced. For more information, please contact Beth Miller, CORSA Claim and Litigation Manager, at (614) 220-7989 or emiller@ccao.org.

OHIO STATEWIDE TRANSIT NEEDS STUDY

As the demand for public transit increases and budgets shrink, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is working to develop a strategy to bring the most efficient and cost-effective improvements to transit riders and taxpayers. Travel trends show that there is a definite rise in the need for convenient, affordable public transportation in both urban and rural areas. Transit agencies are struggling to



fund this existing service, let alone meet the increased demand. Ohio supports a network of 28 urban and 33 rural transit systems designed to meet the needs of local communities. The Ohio Statewide Transit Needs Study will examine existing transit services, Ohio's demographics and travel trends to quantify transit changes that might be needed. [Read more...](#)

ONG REGIONAL MEETINGS TO SUPPORT TROOPS & FAMILY

The Ohio National Guard (ONG) invites county commissioners and social service agency experts to the Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committees (RISFAC) meetings in your area. The purpose of RISFAC is to connect military families with regional community resources and volunteer support. These meetings help build relationships between area military leaders and civilians who are interested in supporting the 17,000 soldiers and airmen who serve in the Ohio National Guard.



- **July 9 – Franklin County (Columbus)** – [Region 6](#) (*Delaware, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison & Union counties*). Time and location: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the OSU 4-H Youth Development Building, 2201 Fred Taylor Road, in Columbus.
- **July 15 - Hancock County (Findlay)** - [Region 5](#) (*Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot counties*). Time and location: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Hancock Chapter of the American Red Cross Chapter, 125 Fair Street, in Findlay.
- **July 16 – Ross County (Chillicothe)** – [Region 2](#) (*Athens, Belmont, Fairfield, Gallia, Guernsey, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington counties*). Time and location: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Camp Sherman Armory, 2154 Narrows Road, in Chillicothe.
- **July 22 – Hamilton County (Cincinnati)** – [Region 3](#) (*Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren counties*). Time and location: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Woodlawn Community Center, 10050 Woodlawn Blvd., in Cincinnati.
- **July 22 – Montgomery County (Dayton)** – [Region 4](#) (*Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby counties*). Time and location: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Wright State University, Student Union Hall-Endeavor Room, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Dayton
- **July 24 – Summit County (Akron)** – [Region 1](#) (*Ashland, Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, and Wayne counties*). Time and location: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Veterans Service Commission of Summit County, 1060 East Waterloo Road, in Akron.

Please, RSVP your attendance prior to the meeting by contacting the Family Assistance Center Specialist listed on the RISFAC regional websites linked above. In addition, confirm your attendance by contacting Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

AUDITOR YOST UNVEILS SHAREOHIO.GOV

Auditor of State Dave Yost Thursday launched a website that will, at no cost to local governments, help communities share equipment to save taxpayer dollars. Share Ohio allows government officials to enter their entity's capital equipment into a database for the purposes of loaning to and borrowing from other nearby entities. Users also may track inventory within each department and facilitate internal sharing of equipment. Share Ohio gives entities the ability to track utilization rates of equipment and run corresponding reports. The Auditor of State's office provides Share Ohio users with a FEMA resources definitions handbook and sample shared services agreements to help streamline the process.

Auditor Yost began working with the Lake County governments in 2011 to find innovative ways for governments to “skinny down” while still maintaining vital services. A first-of-its-kind equipment utilization study of 24 local governments in Lake County was released on April 10, 2012 and found that some capital equipment is used as little as three percent of the time, or once a month. The results of the capital equipment utilization study led to the development of ShareOhio.gov. The Share Ohio application is available to all Ohio local governments seeking to borrow or loan capital equipment.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PERMANENT INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT PASSES HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

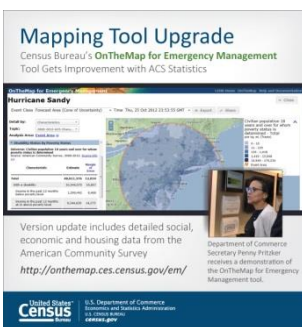
On June 18, the House Judiciary Committee marked up and passed H.R. 3086, the Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act (PITFA), by a vote of 30-4. The measure seeks to permanently extend the temporary moratorium first established in the Internet Tax Freedom Act (ITFA), which essentially prohibits state and local governments from taxing Internet access (typically, the subscription fee for accessing the Internet). NACo opposes PITFA in part because it would establish a precedent of permanently preempting state and local taxing authority over a particular industry.

ITFA, first enacted in 1998, was originally intended to protect the emergent Internet industry and give it a chance to develop. It has since been extended three times; the most recent extension will expire November 1, 2014. NACo, along with other state and local government groups, argue that the Internet is no longer an emergent industry needing protection and express concerns with the potential impact to county budgets given the rate at which the technology continues to develop. [Read more...](#)

SENATE CHIP REAUTHORIZATION BILL INTRODUCED

On June 11, Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.) introduced [S.2461 - Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\) Extension Act of 2014](#). The legislation, set to expire September 30, 2014, would extend CHIP until September 30, 2019. The bill would give states several new options to strengthen their CHIP programs by enrolling CHIP-eligible children who remain uninsured, increasing access to dental care and improving services that specifically benefit pregnant women. CHIP covers children and pregnant women who do not qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford private insurance and might otherwise have to rely on county clinics and hospital emergency rooms for care. [Read more...](#)

CENSUS BUREAU EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MAPPING TOOL ADDS IMPROVEMENTS



Tuesday, the U.S. Census Bureau released updates to the OnTheMap, an emergency management tool. This public data tool provides online access to view the potential effects of disasters on the U.S. workforce and population. Search and retrieve reports containing detailed workforce, population and housing characteristics for hurricanes, floods, wildfires, winter storms, and federal disaster declaration areas. The updates include an addition of detailed social, economic and housing statistics from the American Community Survey (ACS); customizable reports that can be generated for specific communities for regional, local and comparative analyses; improved event search tool and dashboard interface; new linkable maps and reports for easier sharing; and charts. [Read more...](#)

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

FAILURE TO REGISTER A DOG: PENALTIES & CITATION AUTHORITY

Ohio Attorney General Opinion [2014-25](#) issued this week addresses the penalty and degree of the misdemeanor for failure to register a dog and the authority of a county dog warden to issue citations. Any person that owns, keeps, or harbors a dog older than three months must register the dog. If the dog is not registered, the fine for the first offense is between \$25 and \$150 or a fine between \$75 and \$250 and possible imprisonment for up to 30 days for each subsequent offense. For the first offense, the county dog warden is required to issue a citation for failure to register the dog, which is a minor misdemeanor. The county dog warden has no statutory authority to issue a citation for an unclassified misdemeanor in lieu of an arrest for subsequent violations.



NACo ACTIVITIES

OHIO CAUCUS RECEPTION AT THE NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE – JULY 12



Ohio attendees to the [NACo Annual Conference](#) should mark your calendars and plan to attend the **CCAO Reception** to be held on **Saturday, July 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside in the Belle Chase Room (3rd floor)**. Ohio will hear from the NACo 2nd Vice President candidates [Allan F. Angel](#), Kent County (DE) Commissioner, and [Bryan Desloge](#), Leon County (FL) Commissioner, early during the reception. After hearing from the candidates, Ohio NACo-member counties will caucus to decide who to support in the annual election held on Tuesday, July 14. For more information about the NACo Conference or Ohio reception, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

NACo RELEASES NEW GUIDELINES FOR PARADE SAFETY PLANNING

Parades are a great way for communities all across the country to come together and celebrate holidays, festivals, special commemorations and other events. Proper planning to ensure that these events are safe and fun for all is complex, requiring collaboration and communication between city and county staff, parade participants, transportation and rail officials, and emergency personnel. Following a tragic accident in 2012 when a freight train crashed into a parade float, the National Transportation Safety Board recommended that NACo, the National League of Cities (NLC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) provide recommendations for how to put together a written safety plan that addresses risk mitigation, contingency planning and communication channels for all involved in the event. [Click here](#) to download a copy of the “Top 12 Things to Include in Parade Safety Plans.”

GRANTS

USDA GRANTS FOR BROADBAND, RURAL DISTANCE LEARNING & TRANSITION TO DIGITAL TV

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Utility Service is accepting applications for grants to enhance telecommunications and broadcast services in rural areas. The USDA will fund three programs: the [Community Connect Grant Program](#), the [Distance Learning and Telemedicine \(DLT\) Program](#) and the [Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program](#). Counties are eligible to apply for the Community Connect Grant Program and the DLT Program. Public television stations that serve rural areas are eligible for the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant. Application deadline: July 7, 2014. [Read more...](#)

GRANTS TO ADDRESS HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AVAILABLE

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families announced grant availability for five-year projects to address human trafficking in the child welfare system. This funding is designed to continue the development of child welfare systems' response to human trafficking through infrastructure building, as well as a multi-system approach with local law enforcement, juvenile justice, court systems, runaway and homeless youth programs, child advocacy centers and other necessary providers. Counties, particularly child welfare agencies, are eligible grantees. Grantees would have to coordinate with other entities such as law enforcement, juvenile justice and court systems. Application deadline: July 22, 2014. To view the grant information, [click here](#).

EARLY HEAD START EXPANSION GRANTS ANNOUNCED

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families announces the availability of \$500 million to expand services and establish Early Head Start partnerships with child care providers. County governments, current Early Head Start and Head Start grantees, public housing agencies, public institutions of higher learning and independent school districts are eligible applicants. Application deadline: August 20, 2014. [Click here](#) for the grant application.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

SOCIAL MEDIA FOR NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE & RECOVERY

The Miami County EMA is sponsoring a National Disaster Preparedness Training Center (NDPTC) course, PER-304 - Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery. The NDPTC is one of several training partners through which the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA National Preparedness Directorate develops and delivers training to state and local responders. [Click here](#) for the course flyer.

This course will be held at the Miami County Communication Center, 210 Marybill Drive, in Troy. The same session will be presented twice: Friday, July 11, 2014 and Saturday, July 12, 2014. Registration: 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Sessions: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You must complete the full-day course. There is **no charge to attend the course**. Meals are on your own. Space is limited. [Click here](#) for important registration information.

CLASSIFIEDS

CCAO/CORSA ANNOUNCES JOB POSTING FOR CLAIMS TECHNICIAN

The [County Risk Sharing Authority](#), a property-liability risk sharing pool established by the [County Commissioners Association of Ohio](#), is seeking a claims technician who will be responsible for receiving new claims, evaluating coverage, set-up and entry into claims information system, generating reports and managing electronic claim files. Under general supervision, the claims technician will also investigate and adjust routine claims.

Requirements: high school diploma or equivalent and 3-5 years' experience providing administrative or technical support in an insurance setting, or 1-2 years' adjusting personal lines claims. Excellent verbal and written communication. Must be flexible, team-oriented, and committed to customer service. Proficient with claims information systems, Word, and Excel.

CCAO is an equal opportunity employer. Salary is commensurate with experience. CCAO offers an excellent benefits package and is located in the heart of downtown Columbus with on-site parking. Please send resume and cover letter, with salary requirements, to Elizabeth Miller, CORSA Claim and Litigation Manager, at

emiller@ccao.org on or before July 7, 2014. No calls, please. To view the complete job description, [click here](#).

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Investigator 1	Clark County July 1, 2014
Eligibility/Referral Specialist 2	Clark County July 1, 2014
Eligibility/Referral Specialist 1	Clark County July 10, 2014
Solid Waste Coordinator	Medina County July 11, 2014
Regional Planning Commissioner Director	Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Open until filled