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### DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 5, 2014	CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014	<b>LEVERAGING NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE &amp; PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN SERVICES – A CCAO 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY WEBINAR</b>
SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2014	CORSA BOARD RETREAT, ATWOOD LAKE RESORT, CARROLL COUNTY (SHERRODSVILLE)
SEPTEMBER 12, 2014	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2014	CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING, <b>FRANKLIN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JFS</b> , NORTHLAND VILLAGE, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014	CCAO SMALL COUNTIES AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2014	<b>CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT &amp; OPERATIONS COMMITTEE</b> , CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2014	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY & BOTANICAL GARDENS, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014	CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2014	CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2014	CCAO JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014	<b>CCAO TAXATION &amp; FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> , CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
DECEMBER 7-9, 2014	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### LEVERAGING NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE & PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN SERVICES

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “Leveraging Non-Profit Assistance and Public Resources for Children Services” webinar on September 10, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. Given Ohio’s heavy reliance on local funds for child welfare, CCAO is fortunate to have John Fisher, a leader in human service planning, share his ideas for maximizing opportunities for public and private resources in support of children services, including non-profit assistance for the benefit of children services. This webinar is an excellent opportunity for commissioners and leaders in the human services field to learn some of the best ideas for improving resources and programming for at-risk youth.

Topics to be addressed include:

- Expanding Adoptive Recruitment Activities—Wendy’s Wonderful Kids
- Community Support Teaming—Family & Children First Council
- Expanding Alcohol & Drug Case Management Services
- Utilizing TANF/PRC funds to serve families & maintain family units

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/975872870>. 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](mailto:ajones@ccao.org) and provide her with your name, title, and email address. **Webinar participation 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](mailto:bcole@ccao.org). [Read more...](#)

## STAFF NEWS

### MIKE KINDELL TO JOIN CEBCO STAFF

Please join the staff with a warm CCAO welcome for Mike Kindell, CEBCO’s new benefits specialist. Mike brings more than 20 years’ experience in the health insurance industry to CEBCO. Most recently, Mike was the director of group marketing at May Insurance Services, a marketing consultant with Cornerstone Broker Insurance Services, and an account executive with Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield. Mike is a graduate of Miami University with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing. You can contact Mike at (614) 220-0645, (888) 757-1904 or [mkindell@ccao.org](mailto:mkindell@ccao.org).



### CCAO WELCOMES NEW INTERN ELIZABETH VARANESE

CCAO has been approved into the The Ohio State University masters level social work field practicum programs. Elizabeth Varanese will be working with us as an intern for approximately 16 hours per week

through mid-April. Most recently, Elizabeth has been a program assistant at OSU Extension for the College of Education and Human Ecology. Elizabeth can be reached at (614) 220-0653, (888) 757-1904 or [intern@ccao.org](mailto:intern@ccao.org). Please join the staff for a warm CCAO welcome for Elizabeth.

## **AFFILIATE NEWS**

### CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING – FRANKLIN COUNTY – SEPTEMBER 12

The County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) will hold the last of three regional training sessions on September 12, 2014, at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. Jenny Griffin, Office Manager, Pickaway County Engineer, is hosting the meeting. RSVP your attendance to Jenny at (740) 474-3360 or [jgriffin@pickawayengineer.org](mailto:jgriffin@pickawayengineer.org). [Read more...](#)

All the county commissioners' and engineers' office support staff members are encouraged to attend. These regional meetings and the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference are excellent opportunities for networking. The topics discussed at the regional meetings vary from the daily operations of the office to recent legislative updates. All meetings will be held on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch is provided by CCAO/CEAO.

Information about the CCC/EAPA is available at [www.ccc-eapa.org](http://www.ccc-eapa.org) and there is also a Yahoo group that is a resource for questions and answers. You can sign up at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC\\_EAPA](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC_EAPA). For more information, please contact 2014 CCC/EAPA President Linda Reigle, Administrative Coordinator, Union County Engineer's Office, 233 West Sixth Street, Marysville, OH 43040, (937) 645-3018 or [lreigle@co.union.oh.us](mailto:lreigle@co.union.oh.us).

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### NEW AREA CODE OVERLAY APPROVED FOR 740 AREA CODE

Over the past decade, the importance of technology in everyday life has increased tremendously. Multiple phone lines are required for homes, cell phones, and Internet access. Businesses also require more phone lines and fax machines. Other technologies, such as pay-at-the-pump gas stations and automatic teller machines (ATMs), each requiring phone numbers, have become common conveniences.

To ensure a continuing supply of telephone numbers, the new 220 area code overlay will be added to the 740 area code region. The 740 area code region covers a significant portion of southeastern Ohio and parts of central Ohio. The new 220 area code will serve the same region currently served by the existing 740 area code.

**How to dial calls within the 220/740 area code** – All calls in the 220/740 area code will need to be dialed using the area code + telephone number or 1 + area code + telephone number.

**When will the change begin?** –

- Effective **September 20, 2014**, new dialing procedures should be used with all calls placed within the 740 area code. If you forget and just dial seven digits, your call will still be completed.
- Beginning **March 21, 2015**, you must use the dialing procedures, as described above for all calls. After this date your calls will not be completed and you will be instructed to hang up and dial again.

- Beginning **April 22, 2015**, new telephone lines or services may be assigned using the new 220 area code.

[Click here](#) for an area code map. [Read more...](#)

## OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION ISSUES UPDATED CY 2015 LGF AND PLF DISTRIBUTION AMOUNTS

The Ohio Department of Taxation has issued revised and updated Calendar Year distribution amounts for each of the 88 County Undivided Local Government Funds (CULGF) and the County Public Library Funds (PLF). The updated amounts represent a revision to the numbers published by the Ohio Department of Taxation on July 25, 2014. The Department of Taxation issued a similar update of LGF numbers on September 6, 2013, for CY 2014 estimates.

Existing law requires the Ohio Department of Taxation to issue estimates for LGF and PLF in July of each year for the following calendar year. However, during the past few years due to changes in Ohio's tax law it takes the Department of Taxation approximately an additional month to recalculate the numbers in order to provide more accurate estimates of revenue distributions for the following year.

Local government officials are encouraged to check the [Revenue Accounting](#) area of the Department of Taxation website.

If you have questions concerning the CULGF, please contact either Johnathan Heckert of Revenue Accounting at (614) 466-7150 for payment questions or Ernest Massie of Tax Analysis at (614) 466-0694 for questions on the forecast.

## DETAILS FOR 2014 ABSENTEE MAILING

Ohio voters will begin receiving absentee ballot applications for November's General Election around Labor Day.

Voters looking to cast their vote via an absentee ballot should complete the application and return it to their county board of elections. Ballots will then be mailed to them and they will have up to four weeks to cast a ballot.

Applications will be sent to all eligible voters in Ohio with a current address, only the second time that has happened since the law was adopted in 2006. The first mailing was sent prior to the 2012 Presidential Election, which saw a record-setting 1.87 million voters casting a ballot before Election Day.

The statewide mailing will be sent in two parts.

- Part 1: Sent to more than six million people, the mailing will cover active voters as well as voters who cast ballots in 2010 or 2012 statewide elections. A voter must have a current address on file with the board of elections, as of August 1 of this year.
- Part 2: The mailing will be sent in early October to those who register to vote or update their voting information after August 1.

Applications will be personalized to each registered voter at the voting address on file. Voters must complete the forms by providing valid identification (either their driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number or by returning a copy of a qualifying form of identification), their birth date and signature before returning the ballot request form to their county board of elections in the provided return envelope.

To vote by mail, voters must complete and mail or drop off their applications to their local board of elections no later than noon on Saturday, November 1, 2014. The application provided in the mailing may also be dropped off at the voter's board of elections to vote early in person from the start of absentee voting through the Monday before the election. If they change their mind or go to the polls after having requested an absentee ballot, they will have to vote provisionally.

### 'ANOTHER BILLION BACK' PROGRAM GIVES A BILLION BACK TO EMPLOYERS

Citing strong fiscal management and a well-executed investment strategy, Gov. John Kasich this week joined Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Administrator/CEO Steve Buehrer to announce a \$1 billion rebate to Ohio's private and public sector workers' compensation customers as well as a new investment in worker safety research and training.

The "Another Billion Back" program will offer eligible public employers, including counties, a rebate equal to 60 percent of premiums paid for the 2012 policy year (January through December 2012), which were paid in 2013. Should the BWC Board of Directors approve the proposal, BWC could begin issuing checks as early as October.

It is crucial that counties who opted to pay half their premium in May pay the remainder on-time by Sept. 2, 2014, in order to qualify for the rebate. Most of the parameters around the announcement remain the same as last year, but the dates have changed. Public employers must be in an active or reinstated status as of Sept. 5 to qualify for the rebate. This date provides three days following the premium due date (Sept. 2) to come into compliance.

Buehrer said the reductions will bring average rates for public employers down to the lowest level in at least 30 years.

"Counties appreciate the BWC's sound investment and asset management strategy, resulting in the Administration's recommendation to responsibly return the taxpayer dollars used by counties to pay premiums back to their local jurisdictions," said Laura Abu-Absi, policy analyst for the County Commissioners Association of Ohio.

Additionally, "Another Billion Back" will offer several initiatives to improve the safety, health and wellness of Ohio's workforce, including special safety training to help reduce injuries among firefighters.

For more information about the program, click [here](#) or contact CCAO Policy Analyst Laura Abu-Absi at [labu-absi@ccao.org](mailto:labu-absi@ccao.org).

## ROAD SALT PRICES SKYROCKET!

“Road Salt a Bargain this Winter” was a headline last October in the *Columbus Dispatch* that won't be repeated in 2014. In fact, the price of road salt is skyrocketing!

For two years in a row, members of the state's purchasing cooperative saw a price decrease. On average, the price for road salt was around \$35 or \$37 a ton in 2013, down from \$40.91 in 2012. In 2011, the average was \$54.02 a ton.

This year the price is dramatically higher. To view pricing, click [here](#).

According to Fred Pausch, Executive Director of CEO, county engineers are working with their local partners in the county, municipalities, and townships to assess the situation and explore options. “This year we're looking at sky high prices and no bids in a lot of counties. This is a real concern and problem. We are working with ODOT to explore future options including sending out for another round of bids.”

CCAO is communicating with CEO regularly and encourages county commissioners, county executives, and county council members to continue talking with their county engineers on this matter. If you have questions, please contact CCAO Staffer Cheryl Subler at [csubler@ccao.org](mailto:csubler@ccao.org).

## FOOD ASSISTANCE WORK REQUIREMENT WAIVER AGAIN REQUESTED

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has again requested a waiver for some counties in Ohio from the federal work requirements for food assistance recipients who are classified as Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs).

Like last year, the state has opted not to apply for a statewide waiver, but instead for a waiver for counties with a 24-month average unemployment rate greater than 120% of the national average unemployment rate for the same period.

Since 2007, Ohio had been one of many states receiving an automatic federal waiver based states' unemployment rates of otherwise mandated work requirements for food assistance recipients who are classified as Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS). Without the waiver, these food assistance recipients must participate in an approved work or training program for 20 hours per week in order to receive more than three months of food assistance benefits every three years.

Given the relative improvement in Ohio's total unemployment rate, the state no longer automatically qualified for a waiver, but could have sought such a waiver from the federal government. Last year, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) announced it applied for a waiver, but only for the counties with a 24-month average unemployment rate greater than 120% of the national average unemployment rate for the same period.

The counties who will be eligible for a waiver this coming federal fiscal year (beginning October 1, 2014) are:

Adams	Huron	Monroe	Ottawa
Ashtabula	Jackson	Morgan	Perry
Clinton	Jefferson	Muskingham	Pike

Coshocton  
Highland

Meigs

Noble

Scioto

Notably, the list is not identical to last year's waiver counties. Ashtabula and Jackson counties are not currently waiver counties, but will qualify this coming federal fiscal year. Similarly, Brown County is currently on the waiver but does not qualify for this coming federal fiscal year.

Currently, the statewide allocation to counties to help fund employment and training programs for this population is up to \$3M/year. (County TANF dollars cannot be used, since TANF dollars may only be used for eligible individuals who have a child in the home.)

The affected population – ABAWDS – is comprised of adults between 18 and 50 years of age who are physically and mentally fit for work, and who are neither pregnant nor have children younger than 18.

Food assistance, known federally as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), is a federally funded program that provides approximately 1.8 million Ohioans with an average benefit of \$117 per month. More than 40 percent of current recipients are children. Food assistance benefits can be spent only on eligible food items and cannot be spent on alcohol, tobacco, restaurant food, or other prohibited items.

For additional information, please contact CCAO policy analyst Laura Abu-Absi at [labu-absi@ccao.org](mailto:labu-absi@ccao.org).

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### USDA INVESTS NEW CONSERVATION FUNDS TO IMPROVE LAKE ERIE WATER QUALITY

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that \$2 million in conservation funds will be sent to Ohio to help implement conservation techniques that will help improve water quality. USDA is also partnering with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to expand "boots-on-the-ground" capacity in the area and will be contributing an additional \$1 million in technical assistance, which will in turn be leveraged by the NFWF along with other public and private entities. Earlier this month, water service in Lucas County (Toledo) was disrupted by algae blooms in Lake Erie. The new funding is the latest contribution of resources to the Lake Erie watershed from the USDA, which has invested \$46 million in the watershed since 2009.

The [Ohio Natural Resources Conservation Service \(NRCS\)](#), an agency within the USDA, is accepting applications from farmers this week for resources that will help with the planting of cover crops, which experts agree offer the best protection to prevent soil and nutrient erosion in the next season. The funding will be allocated to the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) to help farmers and partners accelerate water quality conservation activities to benefit Lake Erie. NRCS will be providing up to \$2 million in Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) funds in Ohio for a targeted, one-week signup. This signup will be focused on planting cover crops on vulnerable soils this fall in order to reduce soil and nutrient loss from farm fields. [Read more...](#)

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

CCAO publishes classified ads on our website and in CIDS. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will be published on the website until the application deadline and for several weeks in CIDS. When submitting your ad to CCAO, please provide a link to the online job posting and a deadline

date. Email your classified ad to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

<b>Title /For More Information. . .</b>	<b>Employer/Application Deadline</b>
<b>Airport Manager</b>	Auglaize County August 25, 2014
<b>Manager of Community Programming (Homeless &amp; Housing Solutions)</b>	Montgomery County August 28, 2014
<b>Children Services Caseworker</b>	Clinton County August 29, 2014
<b>Operations &amp; Planning Manager</b>	Fairfield County August 29, 2014
<b>Health Care Administrator</b>	Wood County September 4, 2014
<b>Building Inspector</b>	Greene County September 5, 2014
<b>Staff Attorney</b>	Fairfield County September 19, 2014
<b>Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager</b>	Lucas County September 19, 2014