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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 7, 2015	CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
AUGUST 10, 2015	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING & OSU EXTENSION UPDATE , SHISLER CONFERENCE CENTER, WAYNE COUNTY (WOOSTER)
AUGUST 13, 2015	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING & OSU EXTENSION UPDATE , OLDE DUTCH RESTAURANT, HOCKING COUNTY (LOGAN)
AUGUST 17, 2015	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING & OSU EXTENSION UPDATE , WOOD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WOOD COUNTY (BOWLING GREEN)
AUGUST 20, 2015	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING & OSU EXTENSION UPDATE , WARREN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WARREN COUNTY (LEBANON)
AUGUST 27, 2015	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING & OSU EXTENSION UPDATE , CCAO OFFICES, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
AUGUST 28, 2015	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, DOUBLE TREE, COLUMBUS/WORTHINGTON
AUGUST 28, 2015	CCAO WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE MEETING , WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LAKE CAMPUS, MERCER COUNTY (CELINA)
DECEMBER 6-8, 2015	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

NEW LOOK FOR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Watch you inboxes and stay tuned for a new fresh look for our weekly newsletter that will be appearing soon!

FIVE CCAO BUDGET BRIEFINGS PLANNED IN AUGUST

County commissioners, county executives and county council members, their chief staff members, and OSU Extension are invited to attend one of the five [budget briefings](#) and updates to be held around the state.

The state operating budget traditionally impacts counties more than any other legislation enacted during a General Assembly, and this year was no different. HB 64 provides funding to Ohio's counties and, moreover, enacts many other policy provisions impacting counties.



OSU Extension and the College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences will join CCAO for these meetings sharing program, staffing, and organizational updates.

Online registration is open! Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the five CCAO Budget Briefings for county commissioners, County Executives/Council Members, chief staff members, and OSU Extension. The same agenda will be presented at each location. The sessions begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge to attend. **Pre-registration is necessary.**

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. Registration/Coffee
9:15 a.m. Welcome
9:30 a.m. OSU Extension Update
9:45 a.m. CCAO Comments
10:00 a.m. CCAO Budget Overview
11:45 a.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. CCAO Budget Overview (Continued)
2:30 p.m. Adjourn

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Click on a date below to register online for the briefing in your area.

- [August 10](#) - Shisler Conference Center, 1680 Madison Avenue, Wayne County (Wooster)
- [August 13](#) - Olde Dutch Restaurant, 12791 State Route 664 S, Hocking County (Logan)
- [August 17](#) - Wood County Administration Building, One Courthouse Square, Wood County (Bowling Green)
- [August 20](#) - Warren County Administration Building, 406 Justice Drive, Warren County (Lebanon)
- [August 27](#) - CCAO Offices, 209 E State Street, Franklin County (Columbus)

If you have to cancel your registration for any reason, please contact [Amanda Jones](#), CCAO Program Assistant, at 614/220-7985, 888/757-1904, fax 614/221-6986.

CCAO WATER QUALITY TASKFORCE TO MEET AUGUST 28

County officials with an interest in water quality issues are encouraged to attend a meeting of the CCAO Water Quality Taskforce scheduled for Friday, August 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Wright State University Lake Campus, 7600 Lake Campus Drive in Mercer County (Celina).

Topics to be discussed include:

- Water quality issues of Grand Lake St. Marys and other inland lakes
- Legislative update – Water quality issues in from the budget
- Celina Water Treatment Facility
- Agriculture treatment train tour and discussion
- Next Steps

Additional information will be forthcoming. RSVP your attendance to [Amanda Jones](#), CCAO Program Assistant at (614) 220-7985 in the meantime. If you have any questions about the meeting or agenda, please contact [Brian Mead](#), CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982. [Read more...](#)

STATE ACTIVITIES

DRAFT POLICIES RELEASED ON NEW FEDERAL WORKFORCE LAW – COMMENTS DUE IN EARLY AUGUST

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) released two draft policies on implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014. Comments are due back to ODJFS on these policies by August 4th and August 6th. Both policies can be found online at the ODJFS clearance website: <http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/clearances/public/index.aspx>. Once there, scroll down to the bottom, where you will find the workforce development section.

The first policy is in regard to the local workforce development board certification process. Despite the workforce area designation process still pending with the state, ODJFS has issued a draft policy asking chief elected local officials to ensure their existing area boards (which are compliant with the prior federal workforce law, the Workforce Investment Act or WIA) are compliant with WIOA for the 2016 calendar year. As such, the draft policy has a deadline of chief elected officials requesting local workforce development board preliminary certification by November 1, 2015.

The second policy is in regard to local workforce development area governance. It outlines the roles of chief elected local officials, the area fiscal agent, area board, the board director and staff, and one-stop operators. It also discusses governance agreements.

Given the governance role and liability counties have to properly implement WIOA and ensure funds are spent appropriately, we strongly encourage commissioners and their staff to review these draft policies and submit comments directly to ODJFS through the clearance website (link in first paragraph.) Please also contact CCAO Policy Analyst [Laura Abu-Absi](#) at (614) 220-7996 if your county does submit comments through clearance, or if you have any other questions or concerns.

RESPONSIBLEOHIO'S FIRST SUBMISSION FALLS SHORT BY NEARLY 30,000 SIGNATURES

Secretary of State Jon Husted certified that ResponsibleOhio has failed to meet the necessary requirements to place their proposed constitutional amendment, titled "Marijuana Legalization Amendment," before voters on the November 2015 General Election Ballot. Petitioners were required to submit at least 305,591 valid signatures, a number equal to 10 percent of the total votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election, 2014. Having submitted only 276,082 valid signatures statewide, ResponsibleOhio has failed to meet this requirement.

As part of the total number of signatures needed to place the measure on the ballot, petitioners are also required to have submitted signatures from at least 44 of Ohio's 88 counties, and within each of those counties, collected enough signatures equal to five percent of the total vote cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election, 2014. The petitioners met this requirement, having collected enough signatures to meet the five percent threshold in 73 counties.

Having failed to meet all of the constitutional requirements to place the issue on the ballot, Responsible Ohio will be given 10 additional days to collect at least 29,509 more signatures. Additional signatures must be submitted to the Secretary of State's office no later than July 30, 2015. [Read more...](#)

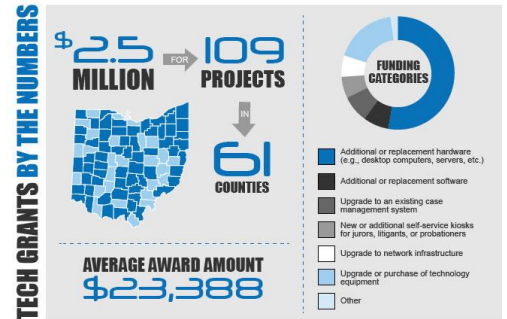
OHIO COURTS TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE FUNDS PROJECTS IN 61 COUNTIES

Some Ohio courts are challenged to keep up with the evolving technology while holding down costs. For the first time, the Ohio Supreme Court is providing more than \$2.5 million in technology funding to support local

courts in removing barriers to efficient and effective administration of justice.

The funding through the Ohio Courts Technology Initiative will be used for [109 technology projects](#) at courts in 61 counties across the state. Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor announced the grants in February, and all courts were notified by mid-June if their grant proposals were approved.

The grant awards range from a few hundred dollars to a few hundred-thousand dollars for projects such as website redesigns, security upgrades, and online case information access. The average award amount was \$23,388. [Read more...](#)



OHIO LAKE ERIE COMMISSION SEEKING SUBMISSIONS FOR LIFE ON LAKE ERIE PHOTO CONTEST

Lake Erie enthusiasts who want to capture the essence of Lake Erie life on camera can enter the Ohio Lake Erie Commission's (OLEC) 2015 Life on Lake Erie photo contest. The OLEC encourages photographers to submit their favorite seasonal photos of Lake Erie and the region including scenes and landscapes, icescapes, ice fishing, thawing, wineries, recreation, people, wildlife and events. Multiple entries are encouraged.

The Life on Lake Erie photo contest is an opportunity for amateur photographers, age 18 and older, to reveal their passion for Lake Erie. Photographs taken between Aug. 1, 2014, and July 31, 2015, in and around the Lake Erie watershed can be submitted to the OLEC through July 31. [Read more...](#)

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

TRANSPORTATION BILL PASSES SENATE AND MOVES ON TO THE HOUSE

Earlier this week, the U.S. Senate passed the Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act (S.1647), which would set policy and authorize transportation programs for six years, but provides only enough to pay for federal highway and rail projects for three years. The vote was 62 to 36.

The future of S.1647 is in doubt because the House is rather skeptical of the Senate financing. The House has recently passed a short-term transportation bill. The Highway Trust Fund is running out of money and legislation must pass before the July 31 deadline to avoid bankruptcy. Funding for the extension would not come from the Social Security Trust Fund, as was called for in an earlier version of the legislation.

Congress has been struggling to pass a long-term transportation bill for nearly a decade, but has been unable to come up with the money to pay for it.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED FLSA RULEMAKING: OVERTIME

The federal overtime provisions are contained in the [Fair Labor Standards Act](#) (FLSA). Unless exempt, employees covered by the Act must receive overtime pay for hours worked over 40 in a workweek at a rate not less than time and one-half their regular rates of pay.

Recently, the Department of Labor published a [proposed a rule](#) that would extend overtime eligibility to nearly 5 million white collar workers who earn between \$455.00 per week (the current limit) and \$921 per week (or \$47,892 annually).

CCAO suggests that counties identify their overtime-exempt employees who would become overtime-eligible under the proposed regulations. **CCAO would like to hear from counties on the impact of this rule change so that we can determine whether to comment to the Department of Labor (DOL) by the September 4, 2015 deadline. Send your comments and concerns to [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate, by August 24, 2015.**

If your county would like to submit written comments directly to DOL on the proposed rule at www.regulations.gov, please send them on or before September 4, 2015. Only comments received during the comment period identified in the [Federal Register](#) published version of the NPRM will be considered part of the rulemaking record.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

STEPPING UP: EXAMINING TREATMENT AND SERVICE CAPACITY AND IDENTIFYING STATE AND LOCAL POLICY AND FUNDING BARRIERS

Join NACo on August 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. for the next webinar in the Stepping Up series to learn about strategies for examining treatment and service capacity and identifying state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community. As the first of three webinars focused on Module 3 of Stepping Up, a national expert will provide an overview of the Sequential Intercept Model to identify criminal justice system intercept points (e.g., arrest, pretrial, reentry, etc.) where change can be made to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. Additionally, a county will share its process for assessing their capacity, opportunities and barriers to implementing policies to impact this population. The following two webinars in this module will provide more detail on the two areas that can have the most impact on reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails: law enforcement and diversion practices and connecting people to community-based services upon release. [Register here...](#)

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.

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Project Manager	Henry County Engineer July 31, 2015
Social Service Worker 1	Clark County August 4 2015
Chief Innovation Officer	Cuyahoga County Until position is filled
Economic Development Director	Cuyahoga County Until position is filled
Eligibility Referral Specialist II	Holmes County Until position is filled
Chief Building Official	Lake County Until position is filled
Dog Warden	Licking County Until position is filled
Case Manager/Investigator Supervisor 2	Lorain County Until position is filled