

## CCAP UPDATE

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140<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
& TRADE SHOW  
MONROE COUNTY

AUGUST 2-5, 2026

KALAHARI RESORTS AND CONVENTIONS

CELEBRATING **AMERICA** 

**CCAP Annual Conference**  
**August 2-5**

**Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, Monroe County**

**Have you registered for CCAP's 140th Annual  
Conference and Trade Show?**

Register for the CCAP Annual Conference by June 30 to take advantage of the early  
bird registration discount!

Join over 500 members, exhibitors, vendors, state agencies and guests at the [Kalahari](#) this August. Take part in an engaging trade show experience, timely general sessions, insightful breakout discussions, and networking time with your colleagues.

Don't forget to [book your room](#) at the Kalahari by **July 2** for the best rate before the hotel block fills up. Remember, your overnight room comes with four daily entrance tickets to the Kalahari's famous indoor/outdoor waterpark!

Check out our [CCAP Events](#) page for more details on all conference events including trade show vendors, speakers, annual dinner and awards presentations, a new trivia night, the Tuesday trip to the Pocono Raceway, and much more!

[Conference Details →](#)

## CCAP is Celebrating 140 Years!



### CCAP is celebrating our 140th anniversary!

We invite you to be part of the celebration as we honor 140 years of CCAP's achievements and lasting impact.

*We look forward to our next 140 years!*

## CCAP Annual Awards NOMINATION DEADLINE TOMORROW JUNE 19!

Don't miss your opportunity to recognize those who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to county government.

Nominate any CCAP member, associate member, county, or district, for the 2026 CCAP Awards by completing the [nomination form](#).

More details can be found in the [2026 CCAP Annual Awards Brochure](#).

All awards will be presented on Tuesday, August 4 at the CCAP Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony at the Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, Monroe County.



## CCAP's Center for Excellence Graduates 6 County Leaders

CCAP's Center for Excellence in County Leadership (CEL) graduated six participants from its premier two-and-a-half-day intensive leadership program for county government professionals.

The CEL program provides executive-level training focused on strengthening communication, management, and leadership skills through instruction in areas such as strategic planning, decision-making, interpersonal dynamics, and media relations.

The program is open to county commissioners or council members, chief clerks, county administrators, solicitors, and other departmental leaders within Pennsylvania's 67 counties.

The 2026 graduating class includes Paul Landers (Cumberland County), Scott Myers (Sullivan County), Lori Schneider (Berks County), Zachary Gates and Duane Nagle (Bradford County), and Scott DeArmitt (Somerset County).



[CEL Program →](#)

## PCYA June Vendor Conference

The Pennsylvania Children and Youth Administrators (PCYA) held its June Vendor Conference from June 10–12 at the Wyndham in Gettysburg, bringing together county leaders, partners, and service providers.



Eight companies participated including Binti, CSI, CAI, Beam (formerly Magic Notes), JusticeWorks (in collaboration with Omni), KidsPeace, NCT Inc., and Info-Matrix.

A highlight of the conference included important updates from the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF), which announced positive changes on the horizon that will benefit counties and enhance services for children and youth across the Commonwealth.

Attendees also experienced a live demonstration of innovative chatbot technology presented by CAI, showcasing tools to support services and create efficiency.

## Road and Bridge Safety Improvement Awards

Each year, CCAP and the Pennsylvania Highway Information Association (PHIA), and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) partner to recognize outstanding road and bridge safety improvement projects led by local governments across the Commonwealth.

Projects of all sizes, scope and dollar value are eligible to be considered for the award.

The award will be presented during CCAP's Annual Conference at Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Monroe County.

Applications must be submitted online by **July 1, 2026**.

For additional details on submitting a project for consideration please refer to the Road and Bridge Awards Brochure.



[Road and Bridge Awards Brochure →](#)

## DOJ Launches \$300 Million Model Cities Initiative to Strengthen Public Safety

The U.S. Department of Justice has announced the Model Cities Initiative (MCI), that will direct nearly \$300 million in federal funding to support innovative, citywide strategies aimed at reducing crime and enhancing public safety.

Through this initiative, two to four cities will be selected to implement comprehensive approaches that integrate law enforcement, behavioral health services, victim support, and prevention programs.

Encouraging collaboration among mayors, sheriffs, prosecutors, and other local leaders this initiative aims to develop unified plans that address crime at every level—from prevention and intervention to reentry and victim services. Funding may be used for personnel, technology, training, facility improvements, mental health and substance use services, and youth-focused programs.

Eligible cities with populations of at least 100,000 must submit proposals by September 1, with award decisions expected in late 2026. The initiative aims to create scalable models that can be replicated nationwide to strengthen community safety and accountability.

Additional information about the award is available at [www.justice.gov/grants](http://www.justice.gov/grants). To apply, please submit application materials to [MCIapplications@usdoj.gov](mailto:MCIapplications@usdoj.gov).

For any questions related to the MCI Call for Applications, send inquiries to [MCIquestions@usdoj.gov](mailto:MCIquestions@usdoj.gov).

DOJ Grants →



## **2026 NACo Annual Conference & Exposition** **July 17-20, 2026** **Orleans Parish/New Orleans, Louisiana**

NACo's Annual Conference brings together county officials, policy leaders and partners from across the nation for four days of learning, networking and advocacy.

From hands-on workshops and policy discussions to engaging general sessions and memorable New Orleans experiences, the 2026 Annual Conference brings county leaders together to connect, collaborate, and shape the future.

[NACo Annual Conference & Expo →](#)



## NACo Peer Exchange: Supporting Families Impacted by Substance Abuse

This fall, the National Association of Counties Research Foundation (NACoRF) will host a Peer Exchange on Supporting Families Impacted by Substance Use in Union County, New Jersey, September 23–25.

This one-and-a-half day event will bring together county officials from across the country to connect with peers and national experts while exploring effective, multi-sector approaches to prevention, treatment and recovery.

Participation is limited to 25 counties, with priority given to county teams. Space is limited, and interested leaders must complete a brief application to be considered.

Important Dates and Deadlines are as follows:

- Open Call for Applications: **Monday, June 29, 2026**
- Application Deadline: **Monday, July 27, 2026**
- Announcement of Selected Counties: **Monday, August 10, 2026**

Complete details on how to apply can be found via the link below.

[NACo Peer Exchange →](#)



## NACo Webinar: How Counties are Successfully Evaluating AI

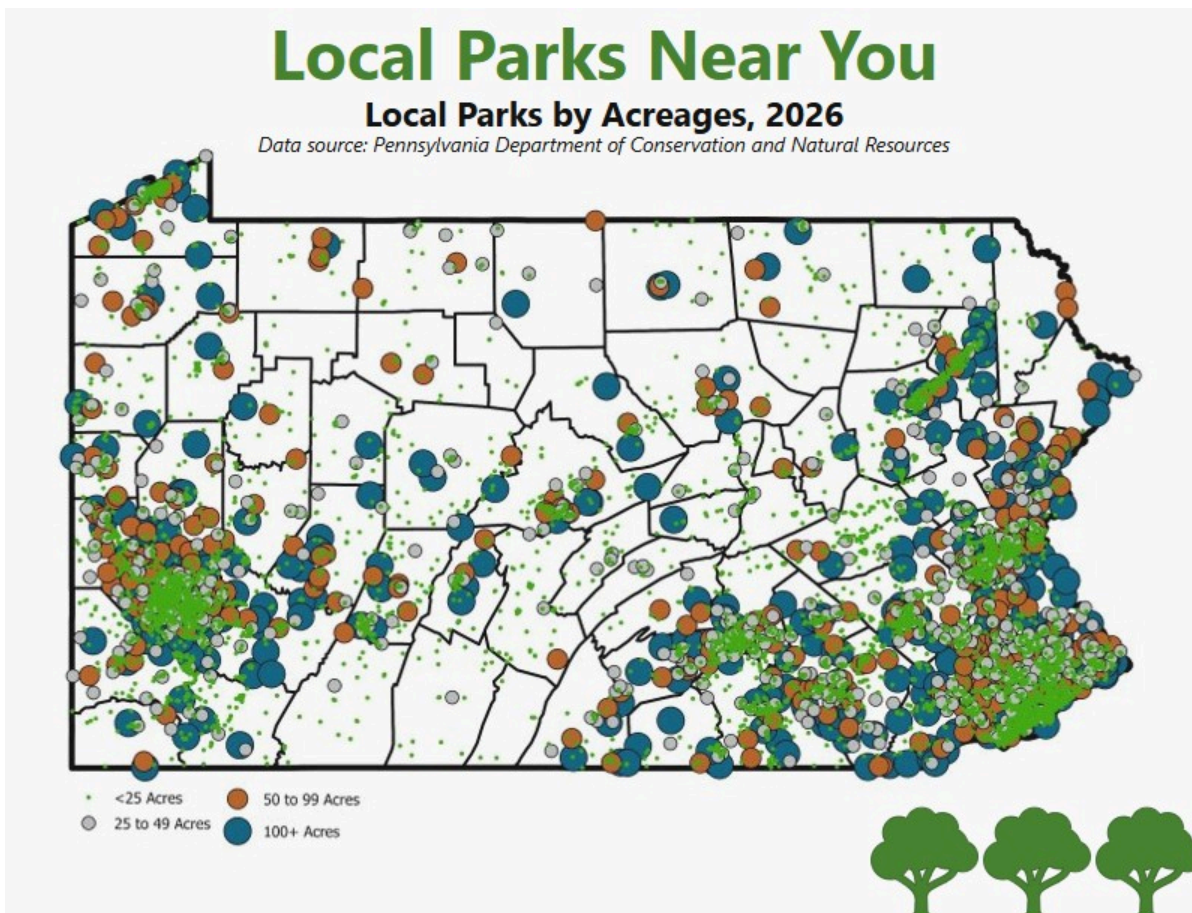
As counties explore the use of artificial intelligence, a new framework helps guide more informed decisions. Developed through a 2025 partnership between the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and CAI, the GovAI Trustmark provides a structured way to assess AI tools for security, cost, data protection, and practical use.

This NACo webinar will take place on Monday June 22 and is designed specifically for county government, highlighting how the evaluation dashboard was built and how counties can apply it to support responsible AI adoption.

NACO AI Webinar →

## Enjoying Summer in Our Local Parks

Summer is a perfect time to take advantage of the many parks and outdoor spaces that Pennsylvania has to offer. From walking trails and playgrounds to picnic areas and open green space, local parks offer something for everyone. Parks also play an important part in supporting communities by offering opportunities to relax, recharge, and gather with family and friends.



# SAVE THE DATE!!

## **2026 CCAP SOLICITOR'S CONFERENCE**

October 16, 2026, CCAP Office, Dauphin County, PA

## **2026 CCAP FALL CONFERENCE:**

November 22 - 24, The Hotel Hershey (Dauphin County)

## **2027 CCAP SPRING CONFERENCE**

March 7 - 9, Hilton Harrisburg (Dauphin County)

## CCAP and PA County Career Opportunities

You'll find CCAP and county government career opportunities at the PA County Job Center.

Is a career opportunity available in your county? Submit a request to have your listing on CCAP's PA County Job Center.

[PA County Job Center →](#)

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