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## CCAP UPDATE

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## Connect, Learn and Lead at the 139th CCAP Annual Conference and Trade Show!

Join CCAP this August at the scenic Seven Springs Mountain Resort in beautiful Somerset County.

More than 500 county officials, vendors, exhibitors, speakers, and guests will gather for four days of insight, networking, and celebration.

Highlights of the Conference include:

- Dynamic keynote speakers addressing the most pressing issues in county governance
- Timely breakout sessions offering tools and strategies for today's challenges
- Interactive exhibit hall time to connect with solution providers and business partners
- An awards dinner honoring innovation and excellence in county government

Start planning your Conference experience today. We can't wait to welcome you to Seven Springs!

[Conference Details →](#)

## 2025 CCAP Annual Awards Recognizing Excellence in County Government



## Nominations for the 2025 CCAP Annual Awards are now open.

Recognize outstanding colleagues who make a lasting impact in county government and the communities they serve.

We invite all CCAP members, associate members, and county leaders to submit nominations across multiple award categories for the past year (May 2024 to present).

Celebrate the leadership, dedication, and innovation that drive positive change.

Awards will be presented to the honorees at the [2025 CCAP Annual Conference](#) held at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Somerset County.

**Nomination Deadline: Friday, May 23, 2025**

[CCAP Annual Awards →](#)

## Mental Health Awareness Month - A Call to Action

May marks Mental Health Awareness Month, and counties across Pennsylvania are sending a clear message: **awareness is not enough**. Urgent, meaningful action is needed to rebuild and properly fund the state’s community-based mental health system.

For nearly 20 years, county mental health services have faced stagnant funding despite steadily growing demand. As a result, vital programs—including outpatient care, crisis intervention, school-based services, reentry support, day programs, and prevention—remain underfunded and increasingly vulnerable.

This year, counties are urging the legislature to invest \$100 million to begin the long-overdue rebuilding of Pennsylvania’s mental health infrastructure.

Counties are calling for May to be recognized not just as Mental Health Awareness Month, but as Mental Health Action Month. A strong state–county partnership is critical to stabilize and strengthen the behavioral health system, improve outcomes, and ensure lasting support for individuals and communities across the commonwealth.

More information on this top county priority can be found on the Priorities webpage of the CCAP website.

[County Priorities →](#)



## Keystone of Health Housing Stakeholder

## Sessions

The Department of Human Services will be holding virtual stakeholder engagement sessions focused on Housing initiatives authorized by CMS as part of the [Bridges to Success: Keystones of Health for Pennsylvania](#) Medicaid demonstration waiver. [Download detailed information for the housing sessions.](#)

While this portion of the demonstration waiver is not in the Governor's proposed budget for state fiscal year 25-26 and future implementation is contingent on budget appropriations from the General Assembly, DHS is planning a virtual "looking ahead" series of stakeholder engagement sessions to determine what would be necessary for successful implementation. This series will help inform CMS-required deliverables due in summer and fall 2025.

The first session will be held: **Wednesday, May 14, 2025 (1:00-2:00PM)**

Please register via the link below for the initial kick-off meeting.

[Register Here →](#)

## Grant Writing Training Available

Allegheny County Police Training Academy and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant writing workshop in Allison Park, PA - **May 19-20, 2025.**

This training is designed for beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county, and state agencies, as well as educators, nonprofit professionals, and others seeking federal or foundation grant opportunities.

Discounted tuition is \$445 and includes two days of instruction, workbook, and lifetime access to the Alumni Resource Center. Please use the code "Less50" at checkout to receive this discounted rate.

[Event Details and Registration →](#)

## County Leaders Attend NACo's Inaugural AI Regional Forum, Hosted by CCAP

County officials from across the region gathered for the kickoff of the National Association of Counties' (NACo) AI Regional Forum series, hosted by the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP).

The forum explored the growing impact of artificial intelligence in county government, with a focus on real-world applications, emerging cybersecurity risks, and hands-on experimentation with cutting-edge AI tools.

As a leader in promoting innovation and collaboration across Pennsylvania counties, CCAP was honored to host this important conversation, ensuring our members stay at the forefront of technology trends shaping the future of local governance.



## NACo's 90th Annual Conference & Expo JULY 11-14 PHILADELPHIA, PA



The NACo Annual Conference is the leading event for officials from the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs.

You won't want to miss the opportunity to be a part of the discussions on federal policy, participate in workshops on county best practices, join engaging sessions, local tours, and participate in the Annual Business Meeting, where members help shape NACo's future.

[NACo Annual Conference →](#)

## 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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