

## CCAP UPDATE

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**CCAP Spring Conference**  
March 15-17, 2026  
Hilton Harrisburg

Join fellow county leaders, elected officials, and professionals from across Pennsylvania to network, collaborate, and expand leadership in county government!

**Highlights of this year's conference include:**

**Newly Elected Officials Workshop, Saturday, March 14:** Are you a newly elected county official as of January? Learn all you need to know to prepare for your role in county government. [Register Here!](#)

**Legislative Reception, Monday, March 16, 4:30-6:30:** Returning for 2026, this reception offers invaluable face time with members of Pennsylvania's General Assembly. The CCAP Friend of County Government Award will also be announced during the reception.

**Hill Day at the Capitol, Tuesday, March 17:** CCAP members can take advantage of this opportunity to be formally recognized on the Senate Floor, get a photo in the Capitol Rotunda, and schedule time to discuss CCAP's legislative priorities with legislators.

Rooms at the Harrisburg Hilton are now booked - Overflow rooms are available at the [Crowne Plaza](#) and [Penn Harris Hotel](#).

**Registration deadline is Monday, March 2!**

For the full conference schedule, sponsorship opportunities and additional information click the link below.

[Conference Details →](#)



**National Wear Red Day: CCAP Supports Heart Health!**

February is National Heart Health Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of cardiovascular health. In support, CCAP staff proudly participated in National Wear Red Day to spark conversations about heart health and why prevention and care matter. Heart disease remains one of the leading causes of illness and death worldwide, making awareness and healthy choices more important than ever. By wearing red, the CCAP team shared their commitment to healthier habits.

[Heart Health Month →](#)

## Join the 2026 CEL Class - Deadline Fast Approaching

Don't miss your opportunity to register for the 2026 Center for Excellence in County Leadership (CEL) program; an immersive leadership development experience designed to accelerate your growth and strengthen your impact as a county leader.

Through dynamic, hands-on workshops, CEL equips participants with practical skills in communication, decision-making, managerial versatility, crisis response, media management, interpersonal dynamics, and everyday problem-solving.

As part of this select cohort, you'll learn alongside peers from across the Commonwealth, expanding your leadership network while gaining tools to navigate complex challenges with confidence.

If you're ready to advance your leadership journey and help shape the future of county governance, now is the time to apply.

The 2026 CEL program will be held **June 3–5** in Harrisburg, PA. **Registration deadline is February 20.**



[Learn More →](#)

## CCAP's voice featured in NACo story on BASICS Act

CCAP Executive Director Dr. Kyle Kopko was quoted in a recent NACo story about the Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act.

Counties play a vital role in maintaining the nation's infrastructure- owning 44 percent of public road miles and 38 percent of bridges- and invest more than \$146 billion annually in infrastructure and an additional \$60 billion in transportation.



Kopko explained how this legislation would empower counties to better access and implement federal funding for infrastructure projects across the Commonwealth.

[Read full story here →](#)

## NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The National Association of Counties (NACo) will hold its 2026 Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., from February 21–24, 2026.



This premier annual event brings together nearly 2,000 elected and appointed county officials from across the country to address federal policy issues impacting county government.

The conference offers county leaders the opportunity to collaborate with peers nationwide, examine shared challenges, exchange best practices, and advance innovative solutions.

Participants will also engage directly with members of Congress and congressional staff on Capitol Hill to advocate for county priorities.

In addition, NACo's ten policy steering committees will meet to review, deliberate, and vote on interim policy resolutions that will guide the association's advocacy agenda through the Annual Conference in July.

For more information, visit the conference webpage on the NACo website.

[NACo Legislative 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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