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CCAP UPDATE

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2026 CCAP Fall Conference

November 22-24

The Hotel Hershey - Dauphin County, PA

Join us in "The Sweetest Place on Earth," where you'll meet with colleagues from across the state to deliberate on the hottest topics shaping the future of Pennsylvania counties.

This year's agenda brings a strong lineup of timely, solutions focused sessions designed to help guide CCAP's legislative priorities for the upcoming year and equip you with the knowledge to make a meaningful impact in your county.

[Learn More](#)

Recovery Advocacy Day



September is National Recovery Month, a time to recognize those in recovery and highlight the importance of prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

Pennsylvania's recovery community will gather at the State Capitol on **September 15, 2026, for the 12th Annual Courage to Change Recovery Advocacy Day.**

Featured Speakers include:

[Kristin Varner](#) - Dauphin County Drug & Alcohol Services

[Dr. Latika Davis-Jones](#) - Secretary of the PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

[Matt Fogal](#) - Former Franklin County District Attorney

[Kurt Dunkel](#) - AOD & Wellness Program Director, Shippensburg University

[Dr. Mitchell Crawford](#) - Medical Director, WellSpan Health

[Adam Sledd](#) - Philadelphia Director at Unity Recovery

The day will reinforce an important message: Recovery is possible, and people can overcome substance use disorders.

Recovery Advocacy Day

Funding Opportunities through BJA

The Bureau of Justice Administration has opened the following funding opportunities for which counties are eligible applicants. Each opportunity has its own eligibility requirements, deadlines and application procedures. Additional details are available through the associated links below.

[BJA FY 2026 Crisis Response Training Program](#)

Supports developing, implementing, or expanding crisis response training programs that enhance public safety, officer safety, and operational effectiveness by improving law enforcement responses to individuals in crisis who have behavioral health conditions (including mental health and substance use disorders), intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DDs), physical disabilities, and/or traumatic brain injuries. Competitive opportunity, no match required.

- Grants.gov Deadline: **October 5, 2026, 11:59 pm**
- Application JustGrants Deadline: **October 13, 2026, 8:59 pm**

[OVC FY 2026 Housing Assistance for Victims of Human Trafficking](#)

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the OVC FY 2026 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking. This opportunity will fund projects to enhance the availability, quality, and delivery of services to assist minor victims of human trafficking as defined in 22 U.S.C. § 7102(11). Competitive opportunity, 25% cost-sharing match required.

- Grants.gov Deadline: **September 28, 2026, 11:59 pm**
- Application JustGrants Deadline: **October 5, 2026, 8:59 pm**

[OVC FY 2026 Preventing Trafficking of Girls](#)

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the OVC FY 2026 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking. This opportunity will fund projects to enhance the availability, quality, and delivery of services to assist minor victims

of human trafficking as defined in 22 U.S.C. § 7102(11). Competitive opportunity, 25% cost-sharing match required.

- Grants.gov Deadline: **September 29, 2026, 11:59 pm**
- Application JustGrants Deadline: **October 6, 2026, 8:59 pm**

CCAP Fall Risk Management Training

Registration is NOW OPEN

Trainings sponsored by the CCAP Insurance Programs are designed for and open to Pennsylvania counties, county-related entities (CREs) and PELICAN program members.

[Registration Details](#)

Join Us for the 2026 CCAP Solicitors' Conference

October 16 in Harrisburg

County solicitors are invited to a full day of timely legal education designed specifically for the challenges facing Pennsylvania counties.

This year's program features:

- **Cyber Incident Response** – Learn the most common mistakes counties make during cyber events and how to avoid them.
- **Setting Client Boundaries in the Digital Age** – Gain practical, ethics focused strategies for managing communication expectations and maintaining professionalism in an always connected world.
- **Data Centers: A Primer for County Solicitors** – Understand what data centers are, their local impacts, regulatory considerations, and pending state legislation.
- **CCAP Amicus Matters & Case Law Update** – Hear the latest on CCAP's amicus involvement and recent court decisions affecting counties.

The conference offers up to 5.0 CLE credits, expert speakers, and opportunities to connect with colleagues.

Strengthen your legal insight, stay current on emerging issues, and leave with tools to support your county more effectively.

[Solicitors' Conference Details](#)



Supplemental Benefits: Expanding Your County's Employee Benefits Package

Join NACo's Public Promise Insurance on **Wednesday, September 23 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm EST**, for an introductory webinar highlighting a new Supplemental Benefits offering that allows counties to provide employees with a broader range of voluntary coverage options at no direct cost to the county. Available benefits include dental, vision, life, disability, long-term care, worksite and pet coverage.

Representatives from MetLife and Trustmark, the awarded partners for the program, will explain available coverage, plan design, enrollment and implementation.

The session will also outline how counties can get started and how the offering can help strengthen recruitment and retention efforts.

[Register Here](#)

PennDOT Grant Alert - PROTECT Program

The Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost- Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Competitive Grant Program is a competitive grant program created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to plan for and strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to current and future weather events, natural disasters, and changing conditions, such as severe storms, flooding, drought, levee and dam failures, wildfire, rockslides, mudslides, sea level rise, extreme weather, including extreme temperature, and earthquakes.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provides over \$1.4 billion over five years through this program to fund projects that improve the resilience of the surface transportation system, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail.

The deadline for applications for this federal opportunity is October 9, 2026. The grant alert is posted under Current Grants on the PennDOT website, and more information can be found here:

[Grant Alert](#)

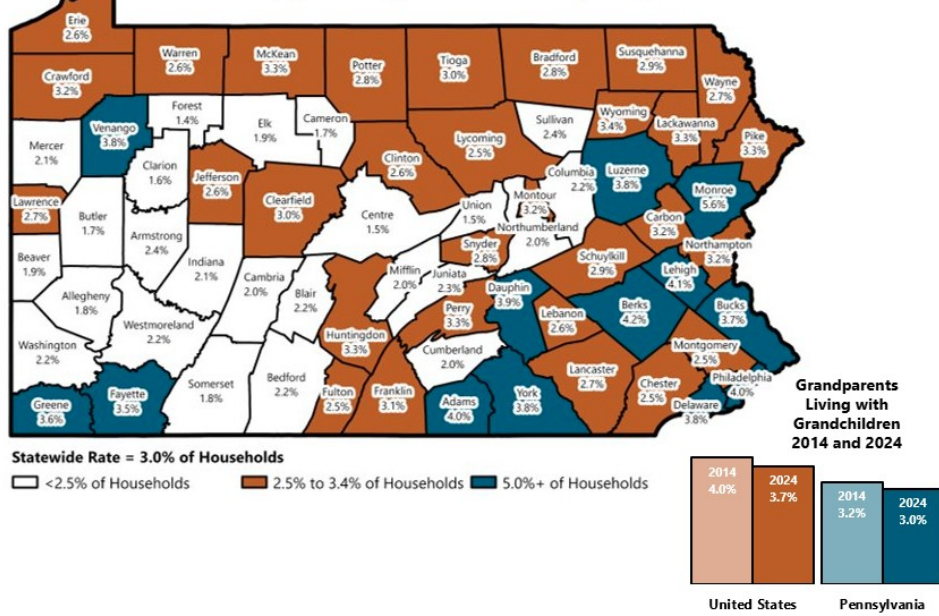
National Grandparents Day - September 13

National Grandparents Day recognizes the important role grandparents play in families and communities.

The observance was championed by Marian McQuade, a West Virginia advocate for older adults who worked to establish a national day honoring grandparents. Her efforts culminated in President Jimmy Carter's 1978 proclamation officially establishing National Grandparents Day.

Grandparents Living with Grandchildren, 2024

Percent of households with grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 Years old
Data source: 2024, 5-year Average, American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau



Save the Date

2026 CCAP Fall Risk Management Training

September, October, November

2026 CYBERSECURITY SUMMIT

October 21 - 22, Harrisburg University (Dauphin County)

2026 CCAP FALL CONFERENCE

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

2027 NACo Legislative Conference

February 19-23, Washington, DC

2027 CCAP SPRING CONFERENCE

March 7 - 9, Hilton Harrisburg (Dauphin County)

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.

JOB CENTER

Have something you would like featured in CCAP Update?

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