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OUR MISSION

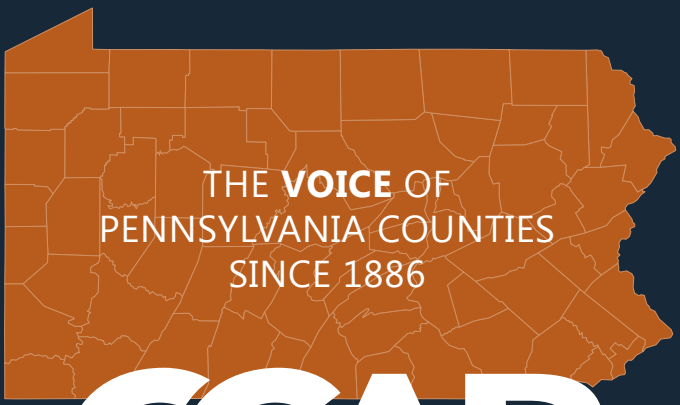
CCAP advocates as the unifying voice of all Pennsylvania counties and provides leadership and support for excellence in county government.

OUR VISION

CCAP continually strives to be Pennsylvania's leading voice in local governance, across our Commonwealth and the nation, for all 67 counties.

Founded in 1886, CCAP is an affiliate of the National Association of Counties (NACo).





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The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization representing county leaders statewide, including commissioners, council members, county executives, administrators, clerks, and solicitors across Pennsylvania's 67 counties. CCAP is the unifying voice of Pennsylvania counties that offers essential guidance and resources on legislation, education, media, insurance, technology, and other critical matters, ensuring the delivery of vital services to residents statewide.

HOW IT ALL STARTED

1886



The first annual convention of counties was held, beginning as the Pennsylvania State Association of County Commissioners.

1897



The earliest written record of the organization dates to October 6, 1897, when Lancaster County Commissioner W.W. Griest attended the 11th annual Convention of the County and noted the first formal meeting of the Commissioners of Pennsylvania.

1913



The Governor approves the formation of an organization of county officials.

1953



On July 28, 1953, a Second Class County Code was enacted, specifically regulating second-class counties. Pennsylvania established nine county subgroupings for legislating and regulating county affairs, including two types of second-class counties.

1955



A County Code was applied to third through eighth-class counties.

1960s



The counties' human services role grows significantly and expands to include additional programs such as mental health, children and youth, behavioral health, and other related services.

1969



The Pennsylvania State Association of County Commissioners hired its first part-time staff to maintain a year-round presence in Harrisburg.

1980

The state legislature changed the unemployment law, and PSACC (CCAP) saw an opportunity to provide members with an invaluable service. The UC Trust was formed to represent counties at claim hearings.

1993

A workers' compensation program like PCoRP was established so that counties could have an alternative to the state fund (SWIF). PComp started operation with 12 counties on January 1, 1993, growing to 51 members and 15 county-related entities by 2022.

1994

The Pennsylvania State Association of County Commissioners becomes the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP).

1995-2008

CCAP added additional insurance programs, including liability insurance, professional and general insurance, professional and general liability to nursing homes, a complete range of medical, dental, vision, and prescription plans, and a self-insured unemployment compensation program.

2018

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Second class A counties are consolidated into the County Code, effective in December.

PRESENT DAY

This brings us to the present day, where we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing unwavering guidance, continuous support, and exemplary leadership to uphold the highest standards in county government.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

CCAP represents counties with a unifying voice in county government, fostering connections and providing crucial policy and legislative information. Through our professional government relations team, CCAP actively champions state-level policies to enhance county residents' well-being.

The Association works closely with the National Association of Counties (NACo) to strategically coordinate federal advocacy initiatives for maximum impact. Strengthening county governance by promoting flexibility and autonomy in governmental affairs through policy development and collaboration, CCAP's efforts result in favorable legislation, programs, and policies, supporting county leaders in delivering essential services.

Additionally, CCAP educates the public, government partners, decision-makers, and the media about the role of the county government. Each year, counties review and affirm policy position statements to ensure CCAP provides a unifying voice of counties captured in the Pennsylvania County Platform.

CCAP’s membership shapes and determines policies that address various county government issues and propose legislative priorities. CCAP's government relations staff then advocate for these priorities with the Administration, General Assembly, and Congressional leaders.



COMMUNICATION

CCAP informs members of important news and happenings within the commonwealth through various resources. These include:

Pennsylvania County News: This quarterly publication addresses issues facing county and local governments and provides education and information essential to assisting counties.

Legislative Bulletin: Providing biweekly updates on the latest news in Harrisburg with relevant information on legislative bills, hearings, and events.

CCAP Update: A bi-weekly source for essential CCAP news and resources, including conferences, education, training opportunities, CCAP happenings, county updates, and government news.

Insurance Matters: A monthly e-newsletter on CCAP's insurance programs, training, and other important topics relevant to health and safety.

Technology Services: Conducts quarterly meetings and produces a newsletter addressing the latest in technology, policy, cybersecurity updates, and IT topics.

CCAP's website (www.pacounties.org): Access to legislation, education, advocacy, member resources, news, social media feeds and more.

MEDIA RELATIONS

CCAP promotes the efforts of counties through strategic communication at both the external and internal levels.

- Providing members with media templates to increase awareness at the grassroots level.
- Communication with the National Association of Counties (NACo).
- Analytic-driven media efforts at the local, state, and national level.
- Consistent media appearances by CCAP staff and county leaders.
- Internal efforts through the CCAP website, publications, and YouTube Channel.

EDUCATION

CCAP educates and engages members through conferences, workshops, training programs, and events annually. CCAP remains committed to collaborating with partners and developing diverse and affordable learning experiences.



The Academy for Excellence in County Government is a multiyear certificate training program for CCAP core members. CCAP and the Academy are committed to training informed and responsible public officials that ultimately provide Pennsylvania counties with the leadership needed to manage the complexities and challenges of today's county government.

The Center for Excellence in County Leadership (CEL) is a premier professional development program designed for CCAP core members who have completed one or more years of public service. The annual 2.5-day program is focused on fostering individual growth through interactive and immersive training, which improves participants' communication, decision-making, and leadership skills.

Risk Management trainings are available each year in spring and fall. Topics include defensive driving, workers' compensation, human resources, communication, safety, KEYS (Keep Educating Your Staff), and much more. The trainings are offered at little or no cost to counties.

LocalGovU offers quality employee training online. Topics include risk management, corrections, health and wellness, human resources, law enforcement, safety, and management.

Corporate Cost Control offers unemployment compensation training through the UC Trust membership. This training is designed to help county employees understand topics of discipline, discharge, proper documentation, and hearing preparation, which are imperative to reducing claims costs.

CCAP's Technology Services hosts the **Annual Cybersecurity Summit** in collaboration with the commonwealth and Harrisburg University. This event brings together security experts and thought leaders from state and local government, federal agencies, education, and leading technology companies to share cyber incident prevention and response strategies.



INSURANCE PROGRAMS

CCAP's Insurance Programs were created by counties for counties. Starting in 1980 with the CCAP UC Trust, counties directed CCAP staff to provide services, coverage, and training that the traditional market no longer offered. Tailored to the specific needs and risks of Pennsylvania counties, all CCAP's programs are owned and governed by the members they insure and include a wide variety of insurance solutions, such as:

PComp provides full statutory workers' compensation coverage to Pennsylvania counties and county-related entities, including in-house claims management, grant programs, risk management, and educational opportunities.

PCoRP is a unique combination of self-insurance, reinsurance, and risk management. Lines of coverage include property, crime, general liability, law enforcement, auto, public officials' liability, and cyber security liability. Members receive a full-service package, including in-house claims management, grant programs, risk management, and educational opportunities.

Health Alliance is a partnership between CCAP and the Delaware Valley Health Trust (DVHT), offering a complete range of medical, dental, vision, and prescription plans. Members enjoy guaranteed rates, low administrative costs, an incentive-based wellness program, COBRA administration, compliance assistance with the Affordable Care Act, and access to FSA, HRA, and HSA administrators.

PELICAN provides professional and general liability to nursing homes. Subscribers receive a full-service package, including in-house claims management, risk management, and educational opportunities.



UC Trust is a self-insured unemployment compensation program that provides member counties with a full-service package, including claims management, hearing representation, benefit charge auditing, educational opportunities, and a robust Employee Assistance Program.

Tax Collector Bonds provides surety bond coverage for tax collectors as required by state law.

PACAH Bonds (Pennsylvania Association of County Affiliated Homes) is a group bond program providing patient trust fund bonds for county-owned and affiliated nursing homes.

The **Volunteers** program provides insurance coverage for county volunteers. Coverage also extends to court-referred alternative sentencing, work release and juveniles participating under the Juvenile Tobacco Enforcement Program.



FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

CCAP also endorses a select group of organizations to provide financial solutions to counties.

Prison Inmate Medical Cost Containment (PIMCC) provides medical cost management and education to assist county prisons with the containment of costs related to inmate medical expenses.

Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) is a money market investment fund for counties, schools and municipalities. It also provides other investment and borrowing options.

NACo/Nationwide Retirement Solutions helps ensure the financial security of county employees with a competitive deferred compensation program and allows county employees many options for tax deferred supplemental retirement savings.

NACo Live Healthy Dental and Health Discount Program provides relief to all county residents facing rising prescription, health and dental costs. The program is free to NACo member counties.

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TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

CCAP Technology Services offer access to many resources and provide responsive, high-quality, innovative, and cost-effective technology services and solutions through leadership, collaboration, innovation, and a transformative approach.

The Technology Core Program advocates for county technology needs by collaborating with local, state, and federal partners and organizations. Our team provides timely and crucial cyber-security information, IT Quarterly Meetings, a technology document and template library, website assessments, onsite IT assessments, IT security assessments, technology training and webinars, and cybersecurity awareness services to counties as a benefit of your CCAP membership.

Enterprise Agreements are statewide agreements that meet the needs of the counties and their affiliated local government entities providing discounted pricing models, including Microsoft, CrowdStrike, Sentinel One, Rubrik and Adobe.

Web Design and Hosting Solutions provide website consulting and assessments as well as design, hosting, and support services to both Pennsylvania counties and municipalities. CCAP provides a managed platform for counties and municipalities to host their website, providing a stable and secure solution and the ability to manage their web content.

The Vendor Partnership Program fosters collaboration between top technology vendors and Pennsylvania county government, facilitating opportunities to share, present, and collaborate on cybersecurity, technology initiatives, and trends. Vendors offer products, services, and cost-saving solutions through this program to support technological advancement and improvement across all counties.

CCAP AFFILIATES

Assessors' Association of Pennsylvania (AAP)
Promoting education, advancement, and professionalism in assessment practice since 1949.

County Planning Directors Association of Pennsylvania (CPDAP)
Fortifying relationships with Pennsylvania's county planning directors.

Pennsylvania Association of County Administrators of Mental Health and Developmental Services (PACA MH/DS)
Behavioral health/department program administrators instilling hope, inspiring change, and promoting everyday lives across all Pennsylvania counties.

Pennsylvania Association of County Drug and Alcohol Administrators (PACDAA)
A membership resource for single county authorities across the commonwealth.

Pennsylvania Association of County Human Services Administrators (PACHSA)
Advancing the needs of Pennsylvania's county human services administrators.

Pennsylvania Children and Youth Administrators (PCYA)
Providing support for members that enhance service delivery for children, youth, and their families.

Pennsylvania Coalition of Affiliated Healthcare and Living Communities (PACAH)
The leading voice for Pennsylvania's healthcare and living communities.

The Society of County Human Resource Professionals of Pennsylvania (SCHRPP)
Leading the way for Pennsylvania county human resource professionals.

GET INVOLVED!

Sign up for committees, delve into issues, register for conferences, access insurance programs and IT services, receive assistance in localizing advocacy efforts and communications, explore publications and reports, connect with CCAP affiliates and vendors, and more.

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CCAP COMMITTEES

- Education Committee
- Agriculture Committee
- Assessment and Taxation Committee
- Community and Economic Development Committee
- County Governance Committee
- Courts and Corrections Committee
- Elections Reform Committee
- Energy, Environment, and Land Use Committee
- Human Services Committee
- Emergency Management and Veterans Affairs Committee
- Resolutions and Policy Committee
- Technology Committee

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