



NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION
OF COUNTIES NACo® de Beaumont

Public Health Leadership Academy

Application Information Session

Monday, August 31, 3:00 pm ET

NACo Health and Human Services Programming



Supporting the Whole Child:
**Counties Strengthening
Prenatal-to-Three Wellb**



Youth-Focused Prevention

A NACo Opioid Solutions Strategy Brief

What does effective youth-focused prevention look like?

"We all have the power to make a difference when it comes to substance misuse prevention."

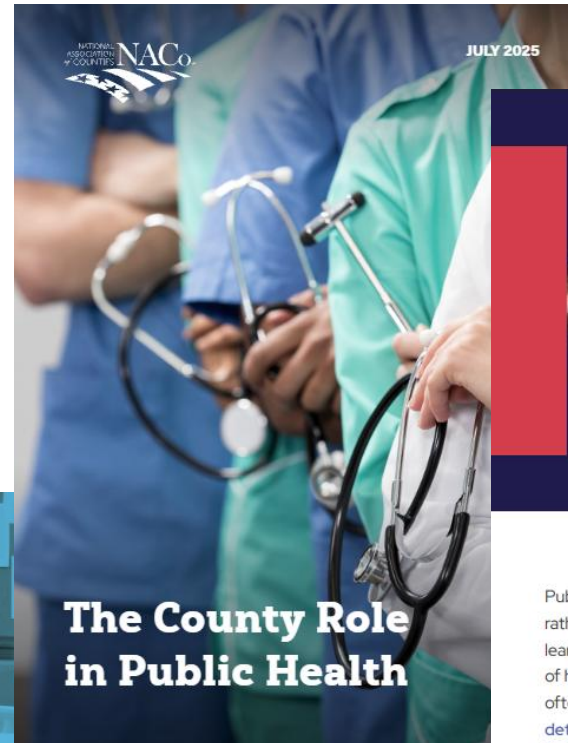
—Dr. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon,
Assistant Secretary for Mental

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), such as poverty, childhood abuse or neglect, and family separation are associated with increased risk of mental health concerns and substance use in adulthood.²⁻⁵ Youth-focused programs, including school-based programs, may help support young people and their families, strengthen community connections and mitigate the long-term negative impacts of ACEs.

Youth-focused programs may involve a variety of components⁶⁻⁸ including, but not limited to:



Scan the QR code to watch a brief video about how to prevent ACEs and their consequences.



The County Role in Public Health

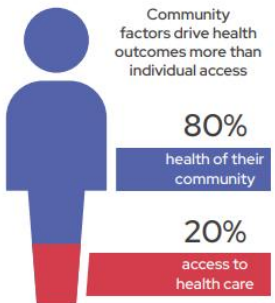


Building Your **Legacy**

Public Health Investments with a High Return

Public health promotes health and well-being at the population level rather than treating individual patients. Where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age — known as the social determinants of health — has a greater impact on health outcomes than how often one goes to the doctor. With 20% of a person's health being determined by access to health care, the other 80% is driven by the health of their community.

Not all public health interventions are created equally. Below are examples of investments that can transform community health and produce strong returns on investment for local economies.



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- Vision: A nation where every person in every community has the opportunity to achieve their best possible health, regardless of where they live.
 - Portfolios that span policy, workforce development, and partnerships
 - History of partnering with NACo
- Prioritize cross-sector partnerships and systems change
- Focus on building relationships and maximizing collective strengths for action

Formative Research

- Among 21 county elected officials and county health department officials, participants asked for:
 - A greater understanding of public health at the local level across the country
 - A guide to increasing collaboration between elected officials, appointed health officials and community-based organizations
 - Strategic public health communication toolkits and trainings
 - County examples of programs that exemplify best practice
 - Solutions and policies to make public health cost-effective

What is the Public Health Leadership Academy?



A cohort program to help county leaders build knowledge and shared understanding, strengthen collaboration and develop actionable strategies to improve public health in their communities.



An opportunity to develop and strengthen relationships between county elected officials and the health department

PHLA Activities

Virtual
learning
sessions

In-person
convening

Action plan
development

Technical
assistance
and coaching

Peer learning
and
networking

Who Should Apply?

- **One county elected official** such as a commissioner, supervisor or county executive
- **One local health department representative** with decision-making authority, such as a local health official, deputy director or health administrator



PHLA Cohort 1



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Application Overview



Names, positions, contact information, and description of role for both team members



County context and public health priorities



Impact of participation



Signed letter of commitment

How to Apply



Apply Now: Public Health Leadership Academy

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Applications are open for the second cohort of NACo's Public Health Leadership Academy to strengthen county leadership in advancing public health. County teams participating in the learning cohort will identify new strategies to improve health outcomes and develop an action plan to address a health priority in their county through both virtual and in-person trainings. View the PDF application and letter of commitment below and then use the form to submit your application by Monday, September 21.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, please register for the Public Health Leadership Academy Information Session on Monday, August 31 at 3:00 p.m. ET.

Application Information Sheet

Letter Of Commitment Template

Application Form

Register For The Information Session

Spring 2026 Cohort



NACo Public Health Leadership Academy Application - Cohort 2

Instructions: The following questions are required for the Public Health Leadership Academy application. Only one application should be submitted per county team. Applications are due Monday, September 21, 2026, at 11:59 pm ET. Applications submitted after this time will not be accepted. **Please read ALL evaluation criteria attached in the PDF application before completing the form.** Please submit 1 application per team.

PDF application: [Linked here](#)

Letter of commitment template: [Linked here](#)

If you have any questions or technical issues with the online application form, please contact Alex Waskiewicz (awaskiewicz@naco.org).

Description: The National Association of Counties (NACo), in partnership with the de Beaumont Foundation, announces a call for applications to the 2nd cohort of the Public Health Leadership Academy to strengthen county leadership in advancing public health. This cohort-based program will support county elected officials and public health leaders from 12 counties to build knowledge and shared understanding, strengthen collaboration and develop actionable strategies to improve public health in their communities.



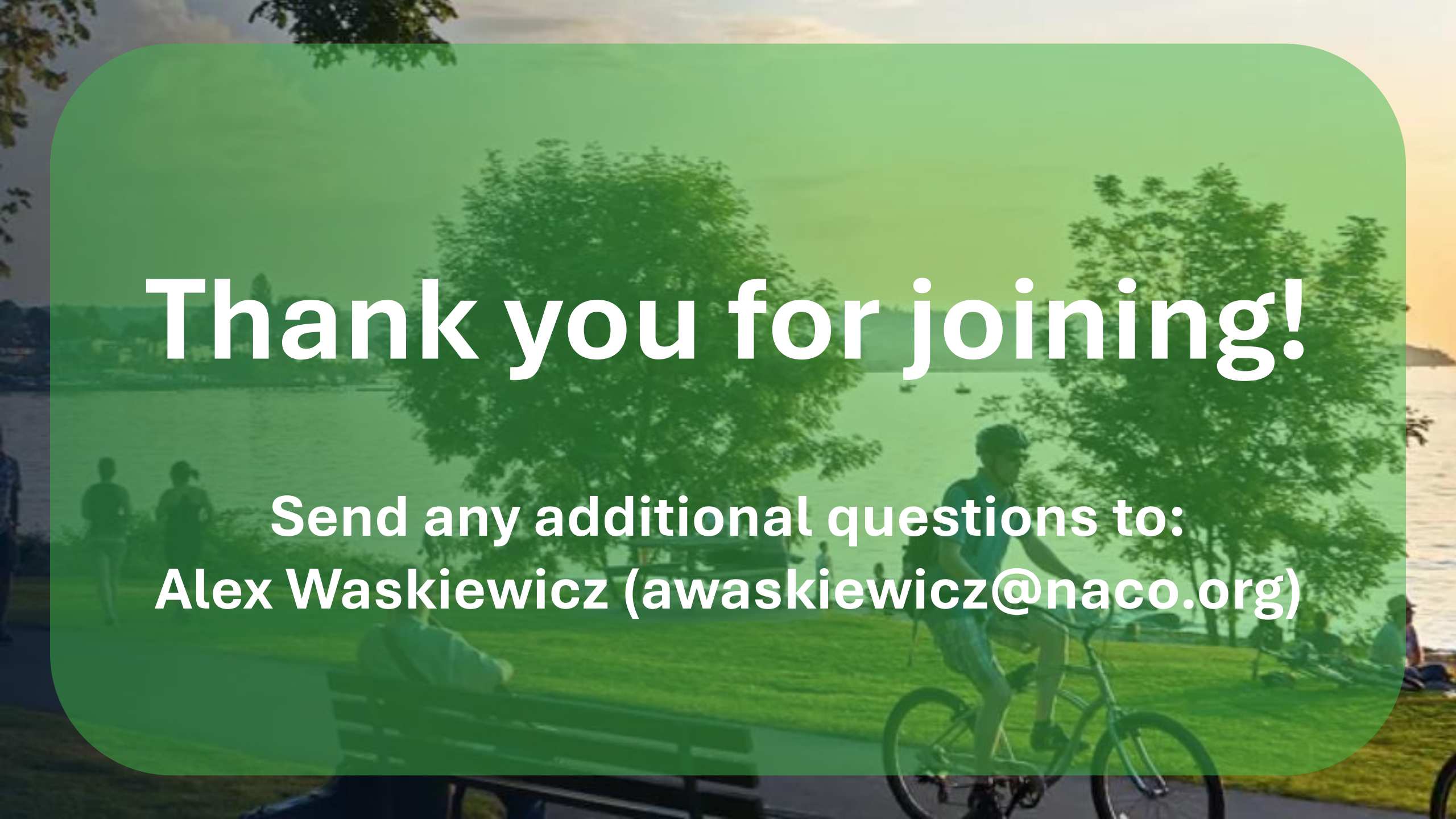
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Important Dates and Deadlines

- Application deadline: Monday, September 21, 2026
- Announcement of selected teams: October 19 - 23, 2026
- Academy dates: November 9, 2026 – March 31, 2027
- Kick-Off Call: November 9, 2026, at 3:00 pm ET
- Virtual sessions at 2:00 p.m. ET:
 - November 16, 2026
 - December 14, 2026
 - February 8, 2027
 - March 15, 2027
- In-person convening: January 20-22, 2027

A scenic view of a park with a lake, trees, and people, overlaid with a green semi-transparent rectangle containing the text "Any questions?". The background shows a lush green park with a paved path, benches, and a body of water in the distance. Several people are visible: a man is riding a bicycle on the path, a person is sitting on a bench in the foreground, and others are walking or sitting further back. The scene is captured during the day with soft lighting. A large green semi-transparent rectangle with rounded corners is positioned over the center of the image, serving as a background for the white text.

Any questions?



Thank you for joining!

Send any additional questions to:
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