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Human Services and Education Policy Steering Committee **Business Meeting**

Saturday, February 12, 2022

2:00 PM to 4:30 PM (EST)

Location: Columbia 9 & 10, Terrace Level





Agenda

- 2:00 PM | Call to Order and Welcome
- 2:05 PM | Family First Prevention Services Act Implementation: Update from HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (APSE)
- 2:25 PM | Open Discussion: Serving County Residents with ARPA Dollars
- 3:10 PM | Legislative Update and Federal Advocacy Strategy Session
- 3:30 PM | Human Services and Education Committee Business Meeting
- 4:30 PM | Meeting Concludes







Welcome and Introductions





Housekeeping

- Please stay masked unless actively eating or drinking.
- Use standing microphones for questions and comments.
- Virtual attendees may "raise hand" to be recognized or ask questions and make comments in the chat.
- Slides will be emailed to the Committee after the conference!







Report Out on Family First Work Group and Ways and Means Testimony





Family First Prevention Services Act Implementation: Update from HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (APSE)



Ms. Miranda Lynch-Smith

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Services Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning or Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services







Open Discussion: Serving County Residents with ARPA Dollars





Update on NACo/NLC/Brookings Local Government ARPA Investment Tracker



Ms. Teryn Zmuda
Chief Economist and Director of
the Counties Futures Lab,
National Association of Counties









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COUNTIES ARE INVESTING RECOVERY FUNDS TO



ADDRESS HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS



CONNECT RESIDENTS TO LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS



RESTORE AND UPDATE HOTELS
TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR
HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS



PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR RESIDENTS

ADVANCE EQUITY IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES



ASSIST UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS
WITH WRAPAROUND SERVICES



EXPAND VACCINE EQUITY CLINICS
AND OUTREACH



SUPPORT DIVERSE BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP INITIATIVES

SUPPORT CHILDREN & FAMILIES



PROVIDE AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT AND SOCIALIZATION PROGRAMS



FUND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS AT COUNTY LIBRARIES



SUPPLY CHILDCARE GRANTS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

Local Government ARPA Investment Tracker

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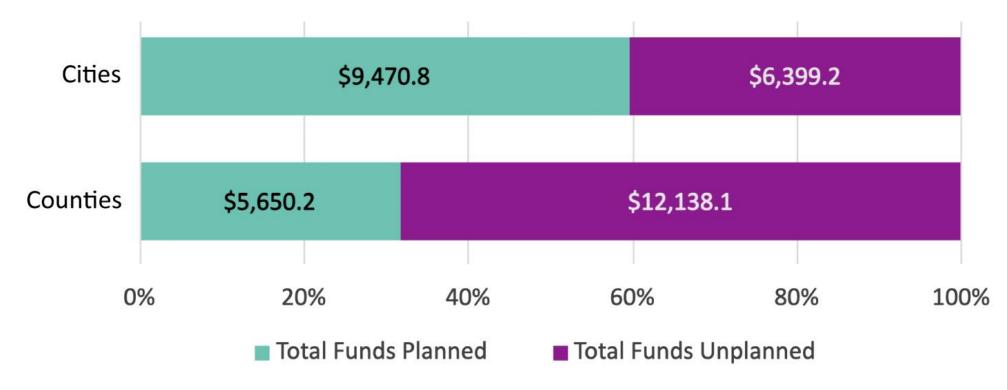
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- Tracking county projects from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund
- Analyzes counties with populations greater than 250,000
- Data sourced from county Recovery Plan Performance Reports submitted to Treasury

Recovery Funds Planned for Project Use

The 152 Large Counties & Cities Have Allocated \$18.4 Billion Across 2,300 Projects



Note: "Tracked" cities and counties are those whose Recovery Plan Performance Report's Project Inventory includes at least one project. 41 cities and 104 counties are tracked. Source: Analysis of SLFRF Recovery Plan Performance Reports to Treasury



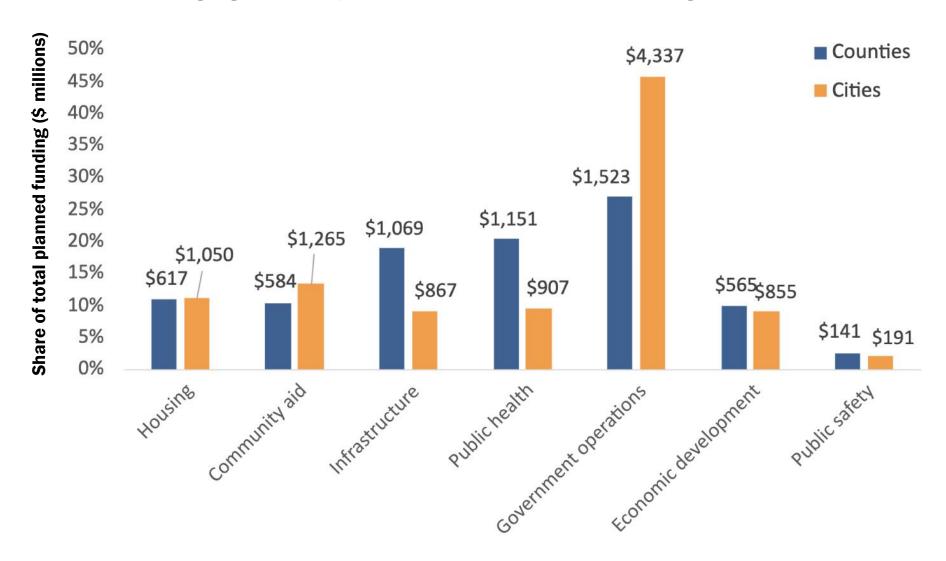




Recovery Funds Planned for Project Use



Counties Are Leveraging Recovery Funds to Address a Wide Range of Priorities



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Note: Within this interactive tracker, users can select search filters below—including by location and type of expenditure—or search through the map, to find detailed information on large city and county plans for deploying American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)'s State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund dollars.

This tracker will be updated as more information becomes available over time.

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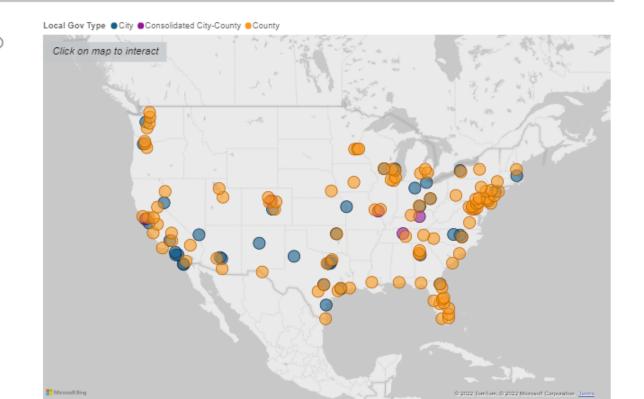
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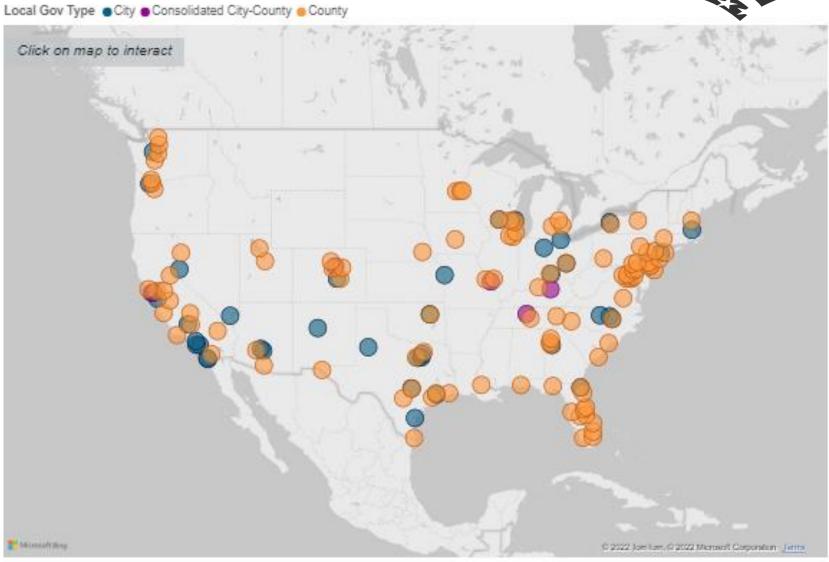
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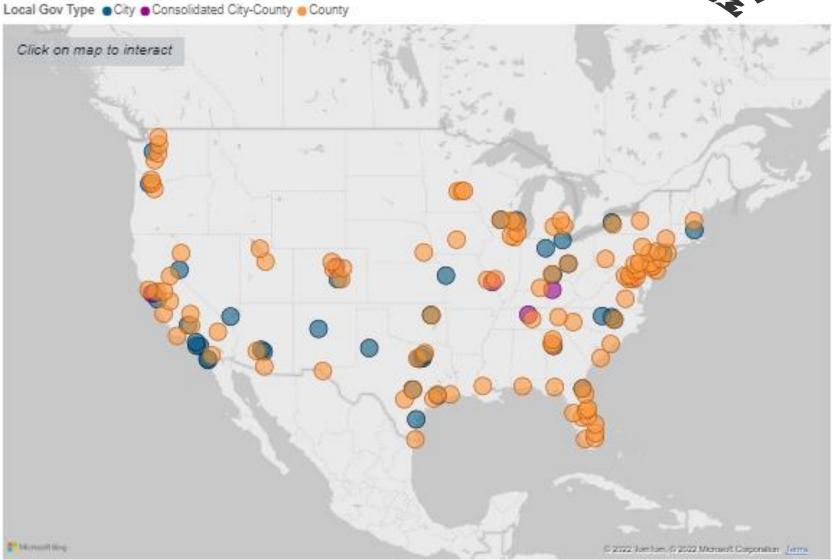


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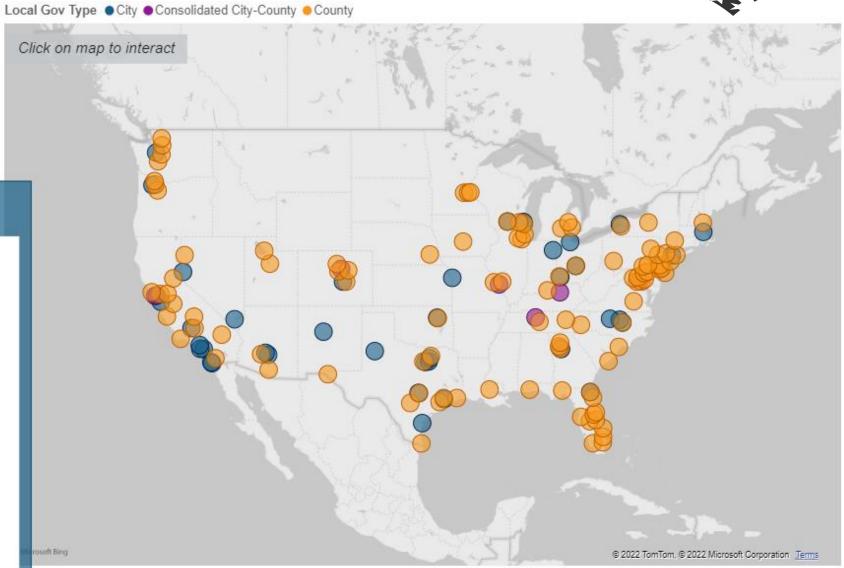
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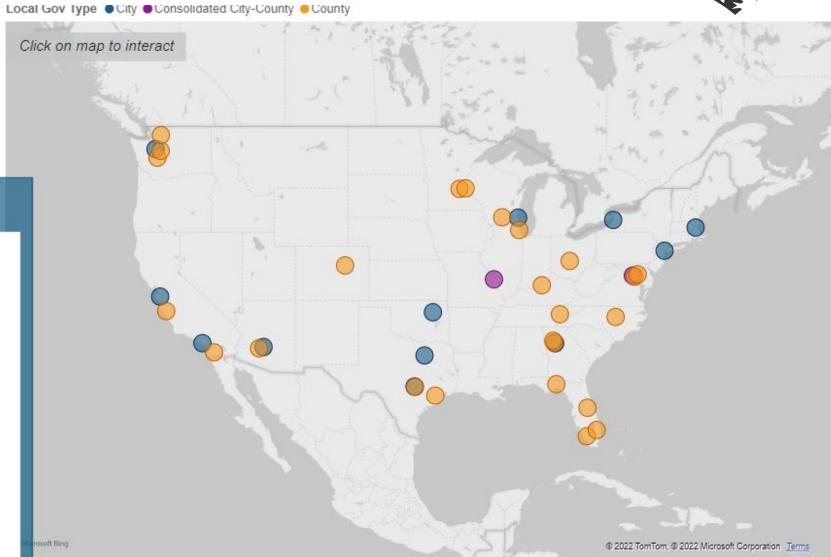
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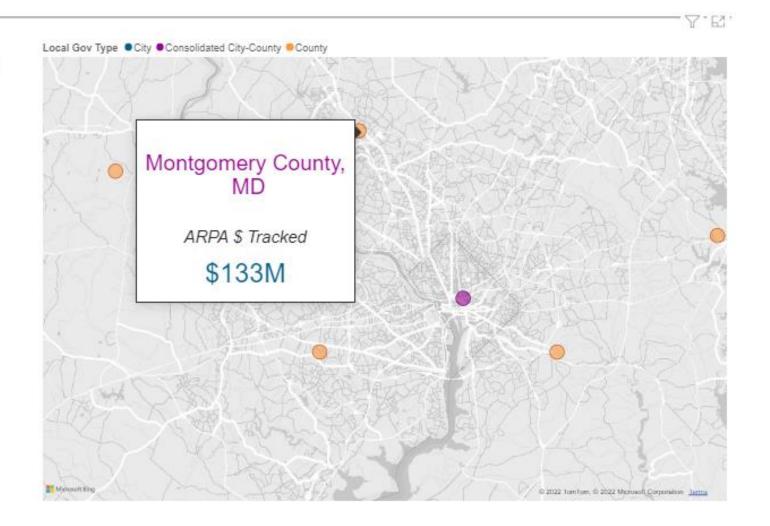
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County Human Service Investments





- Launching the "We All Eat" Program to address food insecurity
- Provides free to-go meals from local restaurants
- Helps families with food nutrition and avoid unhealthy nutritional options or hunger
- Funded from \$5 million in Recovery Funds



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- Creating a Community Priority Fund to direct investments towards community agencies
- Eligible activities include expanding early childhood education, addressing educational disparities and direct assistance to impacted households
- Funded from \$7.2 million in Recovery Funds





Access the Local Investment Tracker Counties NACo



www.naco.org/arpatracker





Open Discussion



Hon. Craig Rice
Councilmember, Montgomery County,
Md.; Chair, NACo Human Services and
Education Policy Steering Committee







Discussion Prompts

- 1. As your county is determining how to invest Recovery Funds, are there any overarching principles or goals guiding your strategy? How has that influenced your decision-making?
- 2. Many of you are still in the planning stages of how you are using your recovery funds. Would anyone like to share any major investments you are making in programs and services for vulnerable residents?







Discussion Prompts

- 3. Treasury recently released a Final Rule providing even more flexibility for supportive services to vulnerable residents. How are you hoping to take advantage of these changes?
- 4. What are some of the major challenges or barriers you are facing in deploying Recovery Funds?
- 5. How can NACo continue to best support you in responsibly stewarding these dollars?







Legislative Update and Federal Advocacy Strategy Session





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Ms. Rachel Mackey
Associate Legislative Director –
Human Services and Education,
National Association of Counties

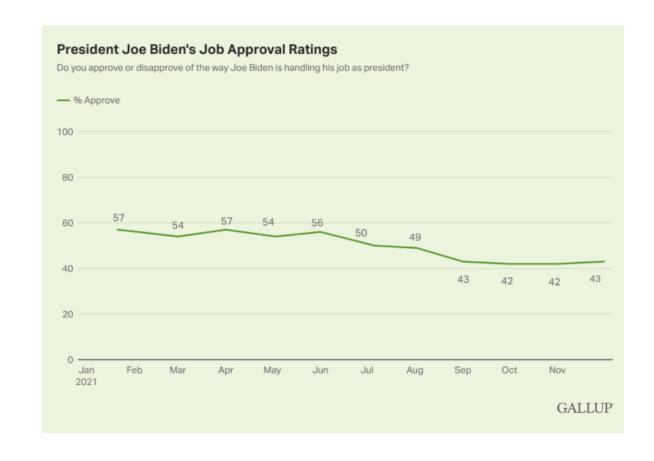






NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGES

- Build Back Better package has stalled
- Another stopgap funding bill
- November elections outlook
- Foreign policy pressure
- Spiking Inflation rates

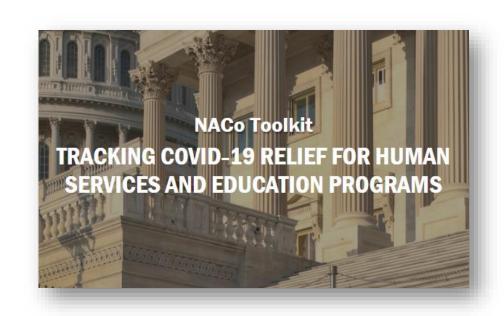






RECENT WINS FOR COUNTIES

- Direct, flexible funds through ARPA
- Investments in Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA)
 - \$500 million in supplemental LIHEAP funds through FY 2025
- Permanent SNAP benefit increase
- ARPA investments across HSE programs

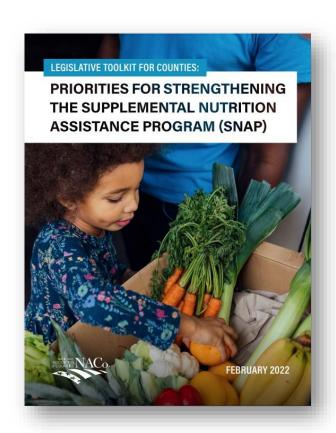






WHAT TO WATCH

- Child Nutrition Reauthorization
 - Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program
 & school meals expansion (Build Back Better priorities)
- Farm Bill Reauthorization SNAP improvements
 - Administrative Flexibilities (Streamlining Nutrition Assistance Paperwork Act, H.R. 5048)
 - Benefit adequacy/improvements









WHAT TO WATCH

- FY 2022/FY 2023 Appropriations
 - Full funding for Older Americans Act programs
 - Funding for Child Care and Development Block Grant
 - Funding for the Community Services Block Grant
 - "Such Sums as Necessary" for SNAP
 - TANF Extension

2022 POLICY BRIEF



FULLY FUND THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT (OAA)

ACTION NEEDED:

Urge your members of Congress to appropriate Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 funding for Older Americans Act (OAA) programs at or above the level of \$2.46 billion as authorized in the Supporting Older Americans Act of 2020 (SOAA, P.L. 116-131).

BACKGROUND:

Originally enacted in 1965, the Older Americans Act (OAA) supports activities that help older adults live independently and remain part of the community. The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging (AOA) under the Administration for Community Living (ACL) administers most OAA programs. Only those promoting part-time employment opportunities and community service activities for seniors fall separately under the Department of Labor.

The majority of OAA programs are "core services" authorized by Title III—Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging, These core services vary depending on local needs, but often include OAA PROGRAMS HELP OLDER ADULTS LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND REMAIN PART OF THE COMMUNITY

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SUPPPORT OR OPERATE MORE THAN **56 PERCENT** OF THE NATION'S AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

BY 2035, THE POPULATION OF ADULTS OVER 65 WILL OUTNUMBER CHILDREN UNDER 18

OAA PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO BE FUNDED BELOW AUTHORIZED LEVELS







WHAT TO WATCH

- Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)
 Reauthorization
 - Child Welfare Workforce Support Act (<u>S. 1496</u>, Tim Kaine (D-Va. and Tammy Baldwin D-Wis.)
- Senate Finance Committee Mental Health Package
 - Improving access to behavioral health care among youth and children – effort led by Tom Carper (D-Del.) and Bill Cassidy (R-La.)







WHAT TO WATCH

- Title IV-B (Child Welfare Services)
 Reauthorization
- Ensuring Medicaid Continuity for Children in Foster Care Act of 2021 (<u>S. 2689/H.R.</u> <u>5414</u>)
- ACF: Racial Equity in Action









WHAT TO WATCH

- Intergenerational Poverty
 - Two-Generation Economic Empowerment Act soon to be reintroduced
 - The Child Poverty Reduction Act (S. 643/H.R. 1558) local organizations <u>can sign-on in support here</u> by Friday, Feb. 18
 - Child tax credit expansion





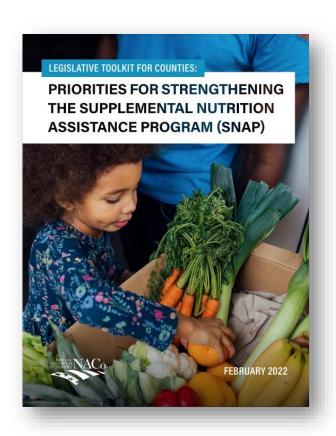


NEW ADVOCACY RESOURCES

2022 HSE Policy Briefs

Human Services and Education

- Reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Reauthorization and Appropriations
- Support the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)
- Support the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)
- Support the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- Reauthorize and Fully Fund the Older Americans Act (OAA)
- Authorize Resources for County Veteran Service Officers

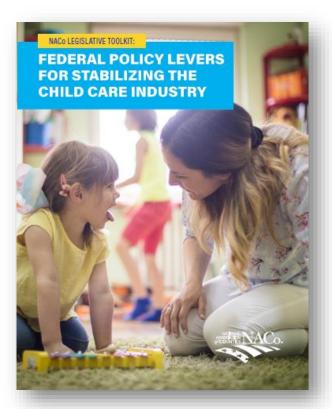


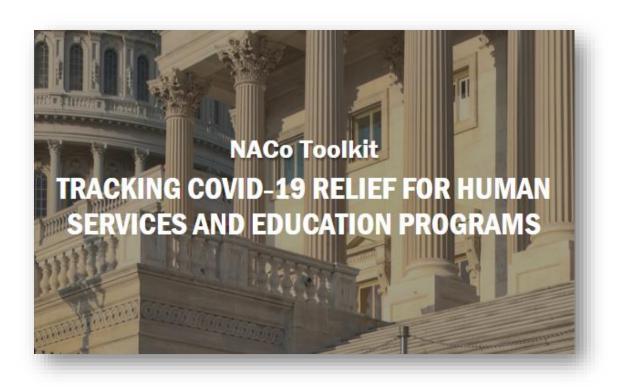






NEW ADVOCACY RESOURCES











COMING SOON

Child Tax Credit Resource Hub For County Human Services Agencies

2Gen Webinar

FFPSA Working Group Report Out to ACF





Human Services and Education Committee Business Meeting





Human Services and Education Interim Policy Resolutions

- Proposed Interim Resolution to Support Increased Federal Funding for Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Proposed Interim Resolution to Support Continued Administrative Flexibilities for Federal Human Services Programs
- Proposed Interim Resolution to Support County Health and Human Services Agencies to Prepare for and Respond to Disasters
- 4. Proposed Interim Resolution Incentivizing Careers in County Government by Enhancing the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program
- 5. Proposed Interim Resolution for Improved Intergovernmental Coordination to Connect Transitioning Service Members with CVSOs
- 6. Proposed Interim Resolution on Stabilizing the Child Care Industry







Upcoming Conference Events

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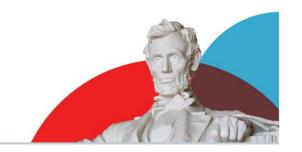
■ HSE Happy Hour | 6:00 PM | Alero, 1724 Connecticut Ave. NW

SUNDAY, FEB. 13

- Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Meeting | 10:00 am − 12:00 pm | International Ballroom East
- Rural Action Caucus (RAC) Meeting | 10:00 am 12:00 pm | International Ballroom West
- **Veterans and Military Services Committee Meeting |** 1:00 pm − 3:30 pm | International Ballroom East
- Immigration Reform Task Force Meeting | 1:15 pm 3:15 pm | International Ballroom West
- ARPA Office Hours | 9:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm | Holmead







Upcoming Conference Events

MONDAY, FEB 14

- Federal Agency Meet and Greet | 8:00 am 12:00 pm | Concourse Foyer
- **General Session** | 9:00 am 10:30 am | International Ballroom
- Strengthening Anti-Hunger Priorities in the 2023 Farm Bill | 10:45 am 11:45 am | Columbia 11 & 12
- Leveraging Federal Funding to Strengthen Mental Health in Schools | 1:45 pm 3:15 pm | Columbia 3 & 4

TUESDAY, FEB 15

- General Session | 9:30 am 11:45 am | International Ballroom
- Presidential Address to County Officials | 1:00-2:00 pm







Meeting Close

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