Reducing Barriers to Employment and Higher Education: What Can Counties Do Achieve Economic Mobility for Low-Income Residents?

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Welcome and Introductions

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- Introduce yourself in the chat!
- Keep your eyes on the chat box for links to resources
- Use the chat box or raise your hand to ask questions.
- The webinar is being recorded. The slide deck and recording will both be available on NACo’s website after the event!
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Allegheny County was founded on September 24, 1788. It is located in southwestern Pennsylvania and encompasses approximately 745 square miles. It is made up of four cities, including the City of Pittsburgh, 85 boroughs, 41 townships and 43 public school districts. Allegheny County’s population of approximately 1.25 million makes it the second most populous county in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Allegheny County is a home rule county with an elected county executive, a 15-member elected part-time council (13 by district, 2 at-large) and an elected judiciary. It has an annual operating budget of over $940 million and approximately 6,000 employees.

Learn more at [http://alleghenycounty.us](http://alleghenycounty.us).
Wilson County, North Carolina

https://www.wilson-co.com/departments/social-services
Demographics

• North Carolina is the 9th most populous state in the US
  • Wilson County’s population is 81,801
• 21.5% Poverty Rate
• 80.3% High School Graduation Rate
• State Supervised, County Administered Social Services
• 7.3% Unemployment Rate
• Truist, Firestone, and Wilson County Schools are top employers
Collaboration

• Employment and training program with Wilson Community College
• Non-traditional high school choices
• Working together as a community
  • Wilson Wellness Collaborative
  • Teen Parenting Program/Community Advisory Council
  • Opioid Multidisciplinary Team
  • Housing/Homelessness
Montgomery County, OH

Population: 531,687

Industry: Manufacturing, Aerospace, Information Technology, Healthcare, Logistics

Post-Secondary Institutions: Sinclair Community College, University of Dayton, Wright State University

County Career Services: Youth Career Services, Workforce Development
Questions

Ask your questions using the Zoom chat or by raising your hand!
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Thank you for joining!