

Building Connections with Extension

NACO

National Association of Counties



The Voice of America's Counties

Habit # 5

“Seek first to understand, then to be understood”

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People
Stephen Covey

Presentation Overview

- What
- Why
- How

Do you know.....

- How many states have functioning county governments?
- Counties are also called_____.
- Which state has the least number of counties?
- Which state has the largest number of counties?

About Counties.....

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdjAt5fVM MQ>

Activity

- 3 things that County Government does
- 3 things that Cooperative Extension does

NACo

- The only national organization that represents counties in the United States
- A full service organization serving America's 3,068 counties
 - Represents County Government
 - Saves Counties Money
 - Provides Education, Research, and Technical Assistance
 - Promotes County Government

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Policy Committees

- Agriculture and Rural Affairs
- Community and Economic Development
- Environment, Energy, and Land Use
- Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs
- Health
- Human Services and Education

Policy Committees cont'd

- Justice and Public Safety
- Labor and Employment
- Public Lands
- Telecommunications and Technology
- Transportation

2011 Key Legislative Priorities

- Promote county fiscal relief and save **jobs**
- Save **jobs** by repealing the 3% tax withholding requirement
- Support **job** creation by enacting aviation and surface transportation programs
- Oppose **job** killing unfunded mandates
- Support county **health** priorities
- Support **job** creation by making rural development a priority within Farm Bill reauthorization

Extension Workers Code

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Work for a united people in the county and state. The assistance of all is required. A united pull from town and country is more than twice as strong as the pull from either source alone.

NACo Caucuses

- Large Urban County Caucus-LUCC
- Rural Action Caucus-RAC
- Western Interstate Region-WIR

LUCC

- Counties over 500,000 people
- 100 Counties
- 1,000 elected Officials
- 130 million people
- Improve the quality of life for their members
- Urban challenges, national solutions, grassroots implementation

LUCC Leadership Counties

- Broward County, FL.
- Tarrant County, TX
- Alameda County, CA
- Baltimore City, MD
- Sonoma County, CA

States: MD; LA; GA; NC; WA; UT; IL; VA; MN;
TN; PA; NY; OR; AZ

Restore the Partnership for American Health

- Federal entitlement and VA benefits before conviction
- Implement Primary Health Care for all
- Fund diversionary programs for the mentally ill in jail
- Adequate federal funding for Medicaid
- Support for the Calling for 2-1-1- Act
- Support efforts to promote wellness

Support for Our Nation's Transportation Network

- Ensure adequate and equitable funding for transportation
- Increased planning funds for Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- New programs to reduce congestion
- Funding for mass transit with flexibility

Building Urban Communities

- Sustainable Communities Initiative
- Efforts to lower recidivism in county jails
- Water infrastructure
- Housing, CBDG, HOME, NSP
- Assist at risk youth-JABG and JAG
- Green Government Initiative
- Foreclosure and unemployment

Improving Government Operations

- Restore the partnership
- Withholding tax relief
- Emergency preparedness, prevention, response and recovery
- Green Acquisition Act

RAC

- Counties under 500,000 people
- 2/3 of the counties are rural
- Population of 60 million
- Infrastructure; Broadband; Clinics and Hospitals; Roads; Business Development

RAC Leadership

- Linn Co. Iowa
- Yellowstone Co. MT
- Evangeline Parish, LA
- McLean Co. ND
- Santa Cruz Co. AZ
- Marathon Co. WI
- Taney Co. MO

AZ; CA; LA; ID; WA; MS; AL; MI; PA; GA; NH; MN; OH;
ME; SD; VA; OK;

RAC

- Surface Transportation Reauthorization/Aviation Reauthorization
- Farm Bill Reauthorization and Rural Development Appropriations
- Secure Rural Schools (SRS) and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)
- Rural Health
- Food Safety

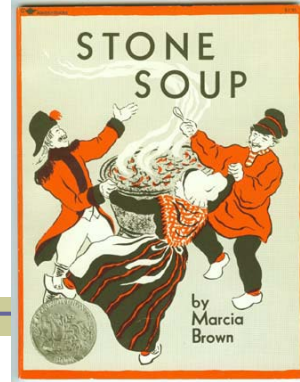
RAC

NACo Farm Bill Priorities (2011 Key Priority)

- Enhanced Commitment to USDA Rural Development Programs
- Improve Rural Development Programs by Providing Flexibility for counties and regions to pursue their strategic, locally driven development strategies
- Renewable Energy
- Support Beginning and Young Farmers

Stone Soup

Lessons Learned



- We can all work together and end up better off
- If you want to get people to do something create the impression that you are giving them an opportunity to be part of your success

NACo

- Governance, management and service delivery in tough times
- Community and economic development
- Leadership training and development
- Public Health promotions and obesity prevention
- Food safety and local food systems
- Climate change, energy policy and sustainability
- Emergency preparedness

USDA/NIFA

- Global Food Security and Hunger
- Climate Change
- Sustainable Energy
- Childhood Obesity
- Food Safety
- Institute of Food Production and Sustainability
- Institute of Bio-energy, Climate, and Environment
- Institute of Food Safety and Nutrition
- Institute of Youth, Family and Community

APLU

- Sustain profitable plant and animal production systems
- Prepare youth, families and individuals for success in the global workforce and all aspects of life
- Create pathways to energy independence
- Ensure an abundant and safe food supply for all

Common Terms

Community
Economics
Leadership
Health
Obesity
Food Security and Safety
Climate
Energy
Sustainability
Youth
Resource Management

Activity

- If you walked into a State Association of Counties or a County Commission meeting what would you like to hear as they discuss Cooperative Extension?
- What would they actually say about Cooperative Extension?

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“Study the people and their problems and when you are able to know them they will know you. If you do not have their support and cooperation there is something wrong. Find the reason and if you are at fault, endeavor to correct the error. Develop the spirit of helpfulness and try to be of the greatest possible service to all those with whom you come in contact

Opportunities

■ Promote

■ Pursue

■ Provide

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- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLKPjyTbfo&feature=player_embedded#at=19
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUH4Qw7nnyA&feature=related>



Good morning NACo Staff,

The NACo “**Fit 4 Life**” Program would like for you to join us this Thursday, April 21st at 12:30pm for a wellness seminar on the benefits of personal fitness and exercise.

Regular exercise and physical activity are extremely important and beneficial for long-term health and well-being. Exercise can improve weight management, reduce stress, increase stamina, improve heart health and much much more.

Below is a short bio of our presenter:

Gary Siegal is an ACE certified Personal Trainer with over 15 years in the business. He has experience as a head trainer for the Bowie, YMCA. Gary is also the owner and lead trainer for Fitness Matters Gym located in Crofton, Maryland.



Potential Partnerships

- **Federal-eXtension** and Communities of Care
- **State-Certification** training for local officials; Alternative energy; Civic education for youth
- **County-Healthy Counties** and Sustainable Living Initiatives

Building Connections with Extension

- The County Government/Cooperative Extension Partnership is historic and critical
- Cooperative Extension and County Government is the conduit for USDA and Land-grant universities to provide research based education to the people
- County Government and Cooperative Extension share a commitment to building stronger communities and citizens

The test we must set for ourselves is not to march alone but to march in such a way that others will wish to join us.

Hubert H. Humphrey (1911-1978)

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