

FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program and Counties The ACP provides a discount of up to \$30/month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75/month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet. Counties can spread the word to its constituents. To participate, a household member must meet at least one of the criteria below:

- Income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Participates in certain assistance programs (SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, or Lifeline)
- Participates in one of Tribal specific programs (BIA General Assistance, Tribal Head Start, Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or Food Distribution Program on Reservations)
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch/breakfast program, including USDA Community Eligibility Provision
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year
- Meets eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program



NMC Executive Director Steve Kopelman attended his last NMCIA Board meeting with a farewell lunch. P.S. He is not gone... yet!

NMCIA August Board Actions

- Approved the NMCIA investment policy
- Approved transferring \$15 million from the unrestricted fund balance to the Pool's captive insurance company
- Approved mandatory participation in the 24-hour nurse triage program for all workers' compensation members that do not have a similar program implemented
- Voted to hold the December 14, 2022 meeting in person at the NMC Santa Fe office
- Appointed Risk Management Director Taylor Horst as the County Reinsurance Limited (CRL) representative

NACo: 'Fringe' Benefits Help Attract, Retain Employees

For all the talk of the importance of culture, wages and benefits are always the bedrock of employee attraction and retention. Voluntary benefits are products such as life, disability, critical-illness and accident insurance, legal services, and financial counseling that are offered through an employer but paid for in part or solely by workers through payroll deduction. There is often a disconnect between what employers think their employees want and what employees want. A Buck consulting survey found that:

- 68% of employees thought that "voluntary benefits are an essential part of the benefits package," especially those that enhanced their wellbeing
- 79% were interested in financial services (college savings, critical illness insurance, hospital indemnity insurance, cancer support and dental/vision insurance)
- 72% wanted better work/life balance
- 45% wished they had a better understanding of the benefits they received

Use higher touch engagement strategies to reach younger employees.

Tune in Thur Aug 25, 9AM

Live streaming on
GMC.R.org



Host Grant County Assessor Raul Turrieta with soon to be NMC Executive Director Joy Esparsen!



NMLR Website Training for All New Mexico Counties

Wed August 24, 2022 10AM

Join Zoom:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88451641493?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88451641493?pwd=eVVDUdTMHp4ay9kUmMvUFhMcERHdz09)

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Contact Beverly Garcia 505-670-3022
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President Signs Veterans' Health Law

The Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Law expands VA disability and health benefits for veterans suffering from medical conditions due to toxic exposure during their service. Join NACo for [Operation Green Light for Veterans](#) by lighting your buildings green from November 7—13 and showing support.

NACo Opioid Solutions Center

Resources to support/elevate county solutions to the opioid crisis now available.

Wed Aug 31 NACo: [The Opioid Response Network: A Free and Localized Resource to Enhance County-Led Efforts](#) 1PM-2PM MDT



New Mexico True Day & Gathering of Counties

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022 10AM-3PM

Counties: Register for a booth and highlight the best of your county!

<https://statefair.exponm.com/>

Please contact Joy Esparsen, NMC Deputy Executive Director at: jesparsen@nmcounties.org

Link to NMC Meetings [Annual Calendar](#)

Link to Loss Prevention Trainings [RSVP](#)

Wed Aug 31-2 NMML Annual Conference Albuquerque

Mon Sep 12-16 Instructor Development T4T Las Cruces

Tue Sep 13-14 16-Hour De-escalation Training Taos

Wed Sep 14 Affiliate Legislative Initiatives Review w/Legislative Committee 11AM-1PM NMC Santa Fe

Thu Sep 15 Gathering of Counties NM State Fair; Sign up for a County Booth

Tue, Thu Sep NM EDGE Classes Live Online 9/8, 9/13, 9/15, 9/20, 9/22, 9/27, 9/29

Thu Sep 29-30 NMC Board of Directors Legislative meeting 2PM & Board meeting 8:30AM Doña Ana County, Las Cruces

Wed Oct 19-20 NMCIA Board of Directors Retreat 8:30AM TBD

Wed Oct 26-28 Infrastructure Finance Conference ABQ, Bernalillo County

Thu Nov 3 NMC Executive Committee 10AM Santa Fe County

Fri Nov 4 NMC/NMML Joint Legislative meeting 9AM Santa Fe County

Wed Nov 16-18 New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire Summit Santa Fe County, The Lodge

Tue Dec 6-8 NMC Better Informed Public Officials (BIPO) Conference ABQ, Bernalillo County

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