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Your county voice in Albany and Washington.

NYSAC’s mission is to represent, educate, advocate for, and serve member counties and their county officials.

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) is a nonprofit bipartisan association serving the counties of New York State including the City of New York.

Organized in 1925, we are the only statewide municipal association representing the interests of thousands of county leaders, including legislators, supervisors, county executives, administrators, commissioners and other of county officials who deliver essential services to New Yorkers.

We represent New York counties before federal, state and local officials and we inform our membership and the public at large on issues of importance to counties.

We educate, train and provide research on critical public policy, and we advocate for counties to the legislative and executive branches of government at the state and federal levels.

NYSAC offers counties a variety of services and programs in the interest of better, more cost effective and efficient government. We maintain close ties with officials in Albany and Washington in an effort to ensure New York’s counties are adequately represented as state and federal policies and spending plans are determined.

Our staff has more than 100 years of collective legislative experience, which we have leveraged for substantial victories in the past ten years, including:

- Capping county Medicaid costs,
- Reducing Medicaid fraud,
- Reforming the early intervention program,
- Increasing home rule authority,
- And curbing the number of unfunded mandates on New York’s counties and local property taxpayers.

We provide timely and pertinent information and solutions to our member counties through conferences, policy briefs, research, survey reports, newsletters, magazines, alerts, and daily news clips.
NYSAC amplifies the voices of county officials in Albany, Washington D.C. and throughout the state. Our legislative advocacy focuses on policy, legislation and regulatory issues, and also extends to broader government policy development and implementation through participation on statewide advisory boards and committees.

**RECENT LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

**In 2019 Legislative Staff...**

- Attended hundreds of meetings with legislators staff, governors office, and strategic meetings with county officials;
- Reviewed, monitored and/or commented on more than 2,000 bills;
- Provided written or oral testimony to numerous state legislative committees;
- Provided comments on proposed state and federal regulations;
- Attended meetings in 35 counties, New York City and Washington DC;
- Hosted 10 webinars and 5 podcasts;
- Assisted counties with local law development and interpretation, charter revisions, and employee related matters;
- Represented counties on several statewide advisory panels including the Advisory Council for the Retirement System, Raise the Age and other juvenile justice reform panels, Invasive Species Advisory Committee, special education fiscal advisory workgroup, Medicaid Waiver DSRIP, and the Bail Reform Taskforce.

**2019 POLICY AND RESEARCH REPORTS**

- Congressional Briefs on Federal Issues Impacting NY’s Counties:
  - Infrastructure spending, marijuana legalization (States Act), SALT, internet sales tax, T-Band and Medicaid exclusion policy.
- Federal, State, and Local Taxes in NYS
- State of the State: County Impact Report
- Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility
- Making Marijuana Legal in NYS?
- Internet Sales Tax
- NYS Legislative Session Summary: The Impact on Counties
- NYS Budget Initial County Impact Summary
- The County Perspective on the Executive State Budget Proposal
- State Budget fact sheets
- 2019 Legislative Program
- 2019 Legislative Platform
- 2018 Year in Review
- Recycling Market Impact on Counties
- Funding 9-1-1 Services in NYS
- Plastic Bags: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and More
- Criminal Justice Reforms
- Voting Reform Laws In New York State
- Working with Local Departments of Motor Vehicles
- County-Wide Shared Services Initiatives
NYSAC strives to provide training and education to county leaders on issues vital to public policy and county services. The following is a comprehensive overview of NYSAC’s training and educational programs that have been offered to our county members over the past two years.

**MAJOR CONFERENCES**
- Legislative Conference — Every January in Albany
- Fall Seminar — Every September
- County Finance School — Every May in Onondaga County

**REGIONAL TRAINING**
- Ethics in Government
- Intercounty Briefings/Adirondack-Western
- Leadership Meetings with State Government
- Presentations at affiliate meetings and conferences
- Southern Tier Leadership Conference

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT INSTITUTE**
The County Government Institute is a non-profit organization jointly developed by NYSAC and Cornell University that offers a comprehensive educational program for county officials. The Institute is designed to enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities of county officials.

**WEBINARS**
- Resources for Flood Preparedness and Response
- PFAS & Your Local Landfill
- New Opportunities for Commercial Clean Energy Financing for Counties
- Countdown to the 2020 Census
- Food Waste Diversion Legislation
- Countywide Support for EMS
- NYS Bans Single-Use Plastic Bags. Now What?
- Preparing for Implementation: What the Election Law Reforms Mean For Your County

These sessions are developed to provide newly elected and appointed county officials with a firm foundation as they begin their public service as a county official. The orientation covers county budgets and finance, ethics laws, county organization, legal requirements and other issues that have an impact on them as they take their new office.

For upcoming NYSAC events and training, visit www.nysac.com/events
Education & Training

Workshops & Training Sessions

- CSI: Your County - Crime Scene Investigations
- Advocating for Your County
- Local Government Trailblazers Presented by the NYSAC Women’s Leadership
- County-Wide Shared Services Initiative
- Making the Grade: Understanding Credit Evaluations and Your County Score
- New York’s Open Meetings Law
- CODE BLUE! Combating the Homeless Crisis
- Ready for Our Close-Up: New York in the Movies
- Persuasive Presentations for County Leaders
- Alternatives to Incarceration
- County Website Maintenance
- The Gig Economy and the Changing Nature of Work
- County Veteran Services
- Preferred Source Procurement 101 & Best Value Procurement
- NYS Sexual Harassment Law Update
- Public Sector Labor/Management Relations
- China’s Ban on Recycling Imports and what it Means for Your County
- What is Your Brand? Using Place Branding to Market Your County
- A State and Federal Look at the Economic Forecast
- Using OpenBookNewYork.com for Data Analysis
- Dark Store Theory
- How Will the Legalization of Cannabis Impact Counties?
- Accounting & GASB Update
- Internal Controls for County Finance Operations
- Investing Idle County Funds
- Cyber Security for Finance Officials
- Reporting Procedures for Unclaimed Funds
- Ethics for County Finance Officials
- Revenue Recovery
- Update on Counties’ Two Primary Revenue Sources: Property & Sales Tax
- New York State and Local Retirement Systems
- Real Property Tax Roundtable
- Cashless Bail Implementation: Preparing for January 1, 2020
- Tapping into Funds to Protect Your Tap Water
- Early Voting and Election Reforms
- Early Intervention: An IFaCT Presentation- State Systemic Improvement Plan
- Raise the Age: What’s Next for Counties?
- Statewide First Net Rollout
- Early Intervention: State Fiscal Agent Changes & Fiscal Billing Update
- Foundations of County Government
- Vaping and E-Cigarettes: Growing Problems of Youth Addiction
- Weathering the Storm: Extreme Weather Mitigation & Resilience
- County Revenue Update
- Centralizing Citizen Complaints
- Deconstructing the Prison Pipeline
- Turning Leafy Greens into Green Energy
- What You Need to Know About Immigration Law
- Stories from Sullivan County on the Opioid Crisis
- Principles of County Budget & Finance
- Malware and Ransomware: Prevention Protocols
- Your County’s Guide to Tourism
- Sports Gambling: How New York State is Doubling Down on the Gaming Market
- Building Consensus in a Political Environment: Understanding Dispute Resolution
Communications

Counties in the News
Daily e-mail of county-related news stories from news outlets across the state.

The County Perspective
A weekly publication sent every Monday morning during the State Legislative Session to highlight county-related issues, NYSAC actions, and legislative activities taking place in Albany that week.

COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

- NYSAC Standing Committee Meetings
- Affiliate Association Meetings
- NYSAC Task Force Meetings
- Intercounty Meetings throughout the year (Western/Adirondack)
- Updates to Boards of Supervisors and County Legislatures
- Information Clearinghouse for Member Questions
- Conference calls around major issues

NYSAC News Magazine
The official publication of the association is published three times a year and focuses on issues important to counties, with articles written by experts in the field, NYSAC staff, and state leaders.

County Directory
We collect and publish the only annual and most complete compilation of elected and appointed county employees from each county.

Network with NYSAC on Social Media

@NYSCounties
Concise updates

@NYSCounties
Newsfeed updates

@NYSCounties
Photos, Graphics

@NYSCounties
Podcasts, Audio

Visit www.nysac.org/news to sign up for updates directly delivered to your inbox
Legal Services

The office of Counsel supports county attorneys and counties on legal issues affecting our membership. These issues include, but are not limited to, procurement, ethics, criminal justice, indigent defense and Native American Affairs.

**AWP Litigation**
NYSAC unified county efforts in recovery of overcharges by drug companies using average wholesale pricing which increased costs to localities and the state.

**Opioid Litigation**
NYSAC has worked with our counties, guiding them through the opioid litigation, helping to fight this national epidemic.

**Protect The Adirondacks Inc. V New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation et al.**
NYSAC will support the efforts of the State DEC in this matter when it heard by the Court of Appeals in 2020. At stake is the ability of the DEC to go forward with the planned construction of more than 27 miles of trail in the Adirondacks. This case has the potential to further define the amount and size of timber that can be cleared/trimmed for future projects as well.

**Tracking of County Local Laws**
NYSAC counsel drafts quarterly updates to counties regarding individual county local laws which have been adopted during the months prior to the release.

NYSAC picks four to six laws which we believe would be of interest to other counties statewide. This provides counties with information regarding where the laws have been adopted so, if interest arises, counties will know where to turn to obtain a copy of said law to minimize duplicative efforts.

NYSAC has also worked closely with the Department of State to have all municipalities’ local laws available on a statewide online database.
After conducting a rigorous due diligence process, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) has chosen to partner with the following companies as preferred service providers. NYSAC believes these superior programs that can help counties save money and provide exceptional services.

**New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal**
The NYMIR is a non-profit municipal insurance program governed by officials from New York’s local governments—counties, towns, villages and cities. [www.nymir.org](http://www.nymir.org)

**Workers Compensation Program**
NYSAC partners with the Public Employee Risk Management Association to provide workers compensation programs tailored for counties and county workers comp pools. [www.perma.org](http://www.perma.org)

**Nationwide**
NYSAC, in partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and Nationwide, provides employees with ways to invest in a deferred compensation retirement account.

**ProAct**
ProAct’s partnership with NYSAC offers county employees and residents lower cost prescriptions through their PBM and discount drug card. [www.proactrx.com](http://www.proactrx.com)

**Municipal Healthcare Financing Collective**
The collective combines covered lives to lower and stabilize the cost of stop-loss insurance for self-insured county health plans.

**County Dental Network Card Program**
Through NYSAC, counties can provide residents with a low-cost dental card entitling them to lower fees for dental services.

**NYSAC P-Card Program**
The NYSAC P-Card, administered by PFM, is a special type of credit card that offers a cost-free mechanism with which counties can streamline, track their purchases, and generate a rebate.

**OMNIA Partners**
The leading national government purchasing cooperative provides procurement resources and solutions to towns, counties, school districts, and colleges looking for the best pricing.

**Cashvest by 3+1**
Threeplusone provides a new level of liquidity analysis, producing evaluations that can be used to generate more value and new revenue on a county’s current cash deposits.

**Crossing Guard by Verra Mobility**
NYSAC partners with Verra Mobility on a school bus stop arm camera program that helps protect students getting on and off the school bus safely by reducing the number of school bus passing violations.

Some of these partnerships provide fees to NYSAC in exchange for the endorsement, marketing support and program oversight, and for the right to be the exclusive provider of the products under the program, which is a common practice in the public sector market. These fees help to stabilize dues for our member counties and benefit member counties through our ability to improve and expand the services, education, and training that we provide.
- Represent
- Educate
- Advocate
- Serve

Ontario County
Bemis Block and other buildings on South Main Street, Canandaigua, NY