

Prenatal-to-Three

COUNTY LEADERS ACADEMY

August 29-31, 2023

Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

Hyatt Regency Milwaukee



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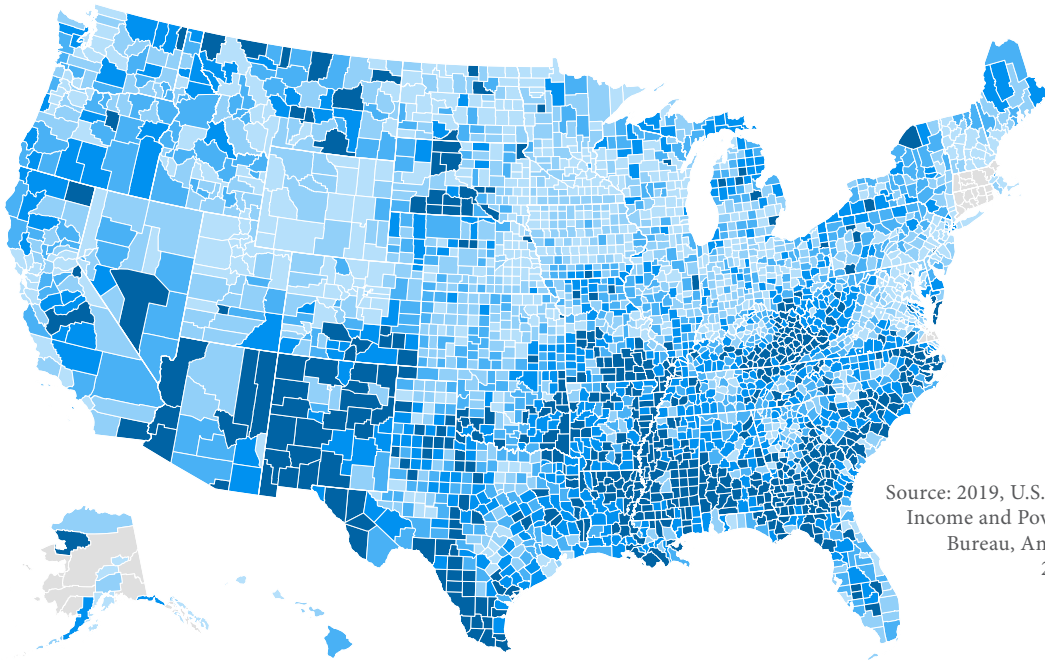


Every child deserves a strong start

A child’s brain develops faster from birth to age three than at any period later in life. The foundation we provide for them in the early years shapes their future and the future of our counties.

The Challenge

Across the nation, child poverty continues to be a pressing issue. In 2019, over **70 percent** of counties had a child poverty rate that exceeded the national average.



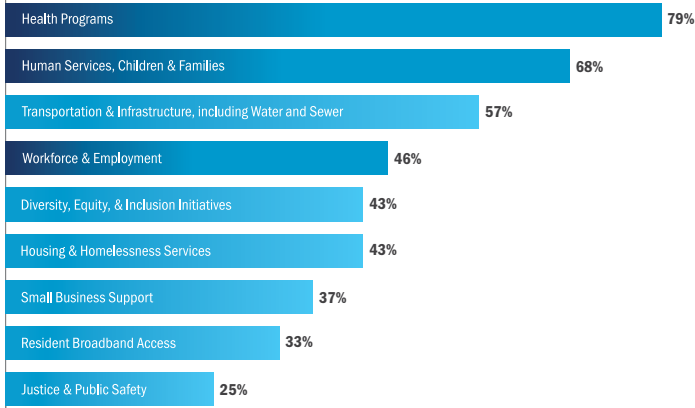
Source: 2019, U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-2019 5-year Estimates.



The Opportunity

Counties are front line service providers. Each year, counties invest **\$62.8 billion** to serve as a safety net for millions of residents and deliver vital services to our nation’s most vulnerable populations.

Counties are prioritizing prenatal-to-three in COVID-19 recovery efforts. **NACo’s analysis of 200 county ARPA Recovery Fund plans found that 68 percent of these plans include investments in human services, children and families.**



NACo analysis of 200 county Recovery Plan Performance Reports from counties with a population of 250,000 and above, as required by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Analysis is as of Nov. 19, 2021. While the bar chart sources Recovery Plans, the narrative examples in this report draw from a variety of resources including the Recovery Plans, press releases and other official documents.

Meeting Agenda – Day One: Tuesday, August 29, 2023

3:00 PM Standard Hotel Check-in Begins

Hyatt Regency Milwaukee

333 West Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis. 53203

Unless otherwise noted, all programming will be at the Hyatt Regency.

5:30 PM Depart for Reception

NACoRF staff will help coordinate ground transportation from the hotel lobby to the Harley-Davidson Museum.

6:00 PM Joint Reception with NACo's Opioid Solutions Leadership Network

Harley-Davidson Museum

400 West Canal Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 53201

Milwaukee County is hosting two NACo learning communities this week: the Opioid Solutions Leadership Network (OSLN) and the Prenatal-to-Three County Leaders Academy. The OSLN is a national cohort of 30 county leaders pursuing innovative and evidence-based solutions with opioid settlement funds. This reception will introduce our shared learning theme, set the stage for our respective programs and introduce participants to our hosts.

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.: Cocktail Hour and Opening Remarks

Teryn Zmuda

Chief Research Officer and Chief Economist, National Association of Counties Research Foundation

Mark O'Connell

President & CEO, Wisconsin Counties Association

Hon. David Crowley

County Executive, Milwaukee County, Wis.

Shakita LaGrant-McClain

Director, Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner

8:30 PM Return to Hotel



Check out the bios of this year's speakers here.

Meeting Agenda – Day Two: Wednesday, August 30, 2023

7:00 AM Breakfast Available

Atrium, Hyatt Regency Milwaukee

8:00 AM Welcome and Agenda Setting

Milwaukee Room, Hyatt Regency Milwaukee

Rashida Brown

Program Director, Health and Human Services, National Association of Counties and Research Foundation

Adrienne Hurst

Senior Technical Advisor, States, Overdose Prevention Program, Vital Strategies

Kathy Stohr

Program Officer, Pritzker Children's Initiative

Michael Lappen

Behavioral Health Administrator, Milwaukee County DHHS

Kelly Pethke

Children, Youth & Family Services Administrator, Milwaukee County DHHS

8:30 AM Joint Session with Opioid Solutions Leadership Network: Family-Centered Approaches to Care

Between 2017 and 2020, overdose deaths among pregnant and postpartum women more than doubled in the U.S. There is great need for treatment and recovery services during pregnancy, following pregnancy and for the children born of these pregnancies, yet access to these services is extremely limited across the country. This session will explore how counties can create connections through the breadth of health and human services to improve health outcomes and promote health equity for parents and children affected by substance use.

Rashida Brown

Program Director, Health and Human Services, National Association of Counties

Alissa Copeland

Early Learning Program Manager, Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families

Christine Ullstrup

Special Projects Advisor, Meta House

9:50 AM Break/Transition

10:15 AM **EarlyEd Talk: Introduction to Wonderschool**

Wonderschool was founded to enable all families to access high-quality early childhood care. Hear from Wonderschool leadership how the platform's tools, data and insights can help state and local governments make strategic decisions about resource and funding allocation.

Manpreet Sarkaria

Vice President of Government Demand, Wonderschool

10:45 AM **Local Strategies to Build and Sustain Child Care Supply**

Counties can make critical investments that promote an equitable system for the early care and education workforce and children and families they serve. In this session, counties will share their local investments and financing strategies to strengthen the child care workforce and early learning facilities. Learn from and engage with a panel of county leaders helping to build the supply of child care in their community.

Manpreet Sarkaria

Vice President of Government Demand, Wonderschool

Hon. Julie Ehemann

Commissioner, Shelby County, Ohio

Lynette Jacoby

Director of Social Services, Johnson County, Iowa

12:00 PM **Networking Lunch**

1:00 PM **Leveraging Intergovernmental Partnerships to Support Prenatal-to-Three Efforts**

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provided a unique opportunity for levels of government to coordinate investments and supports for families and children. Learn more about how communities in Wisconsin have prioritized prenatal-to-three in COVID-19 recovery efforts and how these efforts will be sustained beyond ARPA funding.

Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf

Director of Outreach and Member Engagement, Wisconsin Counties Association

Priya Bhatia

Administrator, Division of Early Care and Education, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

Ruth Schmidt

Executive Director, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association

2:15 PM Break

2:45 PM Board Bus for Site Visit

3:15 PM Site Visit

Penfield Children's Center

833 N. 26th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 53233

Attendees will travel via bus to Penfield Children's Center. Penfield creates a positive start in life for infants and children, many of whom have developmental delays or disabilities, by providing early education, health services and family programming.

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.: Tour of Penfield

3:50 – 4:10 p.m.: Overview of Penfield's Services

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.: Fireside Chat - Understanding the Importance of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

5:15 PM Group Departs for Reception

5:30 PM Reception: Celebrating PN-3 Champions

Riverfront Pizzeria

509 E Erie St, Milwaukee, Wis. 53202

Join us for informal networking time and drinks and light appetizers. The reception will conclude by 7:30 p.m. Attendees will arrange their own transportation back to the hotel.

Meeting Agenda – Day Three: Thursday, August 31, 2023

7:30 AM Breakfast Available

Atrium, Hyatt Regency Milwaukee

8:30 AM Opening Remarks

Milwaukee Room, Hyatt Regency Milwaukee

8:45 AM Addressing the Social Determinants of Health to Improve Outcomes for Young Children

This panel will explore how the social determinants of health (SDOH) shape development and well-being for infants and toddlers. Speakers will share strategies for making investments and systems changes that connect families to holistic resources and supports that address the SDOH.

Dr. Hailey Gibbs

Senior Policy Analyst, Center for American Progress

Hon. Carly Cooke

Commissioner, Guilford County, N.C.

Hon. David Crowley

County Executive, Milwaukee County, Wis.

Amy Cunningham

Deputy Commissioner, Onondaga County, N.Y.

10:00 AM Transition to Breakouts

10:15 AM First Breakout

Attendees will join a breakout group to discuss how counties can address the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for children and families.

11:00 AM Break

11:20 AM Second Breakout

Attendees will join a new breakout group to discuss how counties can address the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for children and families.

12:00 PM Working Lunch and Report Out

Attendees will reflect on the past two days of programming and identify key takeaways and next steps in their home counties.

1:00 PM Adjourn

Participants will arrange their own ground transportation (taxi/Uber) from the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee to Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport.



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