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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Upcoming Events

- Criminal Expungement Info Session: **Tuesday, August 2, 2:30-4:00 pm, Henderson & Oxford**
- Henderson Community Day: **Saturday, August 6, 10:00 am-2:00 pm @ Turning Point CDC**
- ARPA Workshop: **Wednesday, August 10, 8:00 am-5:00 pm (Virtual)**
- Regional Aging Advisory Council Meeting: **Wednesday, August 10 @ 2:00 pm, KTCOG Office**
- Granville Co. Job Fair: **Wednesday, August 10 @ Hix Field, Oxford**
- Bike Safety Rodeo: **Saturday, August 10, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Vance Co. Courthouse Parking Lot**
- TAC/TCC Meeting: **Thursday, August 25, 3:00 pm @ KTCOG Office**
- Kerr-Tar COG Board Meeting: **Thursday, August 25, 7:30 pm @ KTCOG Office**
- NC Traffic Safety Conference & Expo: **August 16-18, Raleigh**
- Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference: **August 30-September 1, Durham**

Deadlines

- CEDS Surveys **due August 19**



ARPA Workshop on Using Funds to Directly Fund a Capital Project

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments is a proud member of the North Carolina Regional Councils of Government and together we are partnering with the University of North Carolina School of Government to offer a new course called From A to Z: Using American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Funds to Directly Fund a Capital Project. In this online workshop (via Zoom), we will detail all of the legal requirements involved in spending American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARP/CSLFRF) directly for a capital project. Using a specific capital project as an example, we will highlight the substantive and process requirements for expending ARP/CSLFRF funds appropriately and demonstrate how to adopt and implement the various state and federal budgeting and compliance provisions including:

- Required general policies, internal controls, and procedures
- Eligibility and allowable cost reviews
- Grant project ordinance adoption and amendments
- Accounting
- Conflicts of interest
- Procurement
- Property management
- Program income
- Subawards
- Obligations and disbursements
- Project & Expenditure reports
- Compliance audit



This course will focus on expenditures of a local government's ARP/CSLFRF funds, as well as blending those funds with other local revenues. It will also explore what's required when partnering with another local government entity for the project. Although it will not focus directly on expending State ARP/CSLFRF funds (from State budget appropriations or competitive grants), much of what is presented in this course will apply to those projects too.

The course will be held live on **August 10, 2022 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm** via Zoom. On-demand video recordings of the course will be made available shortly after the live workshop. The on-demand version will be divided into segments that can be viewed separately or as a single course. Both the live and on-demand versions are offered FREE of charge. Participants must still register at the link below to participate in the live course or to receive links to the on-demand video recordings.

Course Info

When: Wednesday, August 10
Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (w/breaks)
Cost: FREE
Format: Zoom/On-Demand
Registration: Click [HERE](#) to register



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
2022 KERR-TAR REGIONAL COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS

Annual Banquet & Awards Ceremony

September

THURSDAY | **22** | AT 6:30 PM

WARREN COUNTY ARMORY CIVIC CENTER
501 US HWY 158 BUS E
WARRENTON, NC

Register HERE

RSVP by August 26, 2022

KTAAA Updates

Keep an eye out for Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging advertising on PATS vans (Person Area Transportation System) starting this month! Ads promoting assistance with Medicare prescription programs will be showcased on the vans.

Plans for new programs and services are in the works, supported by the American Rescue Plan Act grant. These programs and services will support all counties and will begin this month. Home delivered meals, family caregiver support, increased support of programs at the region's senior centers, and other services are available to enable older adults to remain safely in their homes as long as possible.

The fall program schedule is being finalized and there will be a new line-up of health promotion classes available through a variety of community partners, including faith-based organizations. A Tai Chi class will be offered at the Henderson YMCA beginning in August, and a new Powerful Tools for Caregivers course is in the works. This course is scheduled for **September 6-October 11 from 10:00-11:30 am on Tuesdays** and will be held virtually on Zoom. If your church has a ministry for older members or if your club or community group would like to know more about what we do to promote well-being for older adults, we are happy to provide presentations and materials to discuss how we can assist with evidence-based health promotion programs. These are free to host, all that's needed is the facility!



Aging Specialist Barbara Unrein has been busy at work in the region! In July, she volunteered at Turning Point passing out farm share boxes. On August 2 she will be at the Christian Help Center in Roxboro helping with produce boxes. GRRO will be distributing frozen foods within Person and Granville Counties in August as well. You can contact Barbara for more information if you'd like additional details at 252-436-2040 ext. 2036.

Health & Wellness Classes

If you are interested in having our Aging Staff conduct any of these programs at your facility, just give them a call at 252-436-2040. They can come to you!

Bingocize

10 Weekly Sessions
Twice a week
45-60 minutes
FREE!



Powerful Tools for Caregivers

6 Weekly Sessions
Once a week
1.5 hours
FREE!

Walk With Ease

6 Weekly Sessions
3 x a week
1 hour
FREE!

Help Shape the Future of North Carolina Transportation

To prepare for the future, the Eastern Transportation Coalition needs your help exploring an alternative approach to the traditional fuel tax, called a Mileage-Based User Fee, and determining if it would be a more equitable and sustainable approach. A Mileage-Based User Fee means drivers only pay for the miles they drive instead of the fuel they buy.

To better understand if this could work, the Coalition is conducting a pilot program in North Carolina and wants you to join and share what you think. It is free to participate, and there are strict privacy protection measures to safeguard your data. Here's how to join the pilot in four easy steps:

1. **Enroll:** Fill out the enrollment form by clicking the link on the website
2. **Insert:** Plug a small device into your vehicle to record mileage
3. **Drive:** Then drive as you normally do
4. **Return:** After a few months, mail back the device



*These steps may vary depending on the mileage-reporting option selected.

Make your voice heard! Visit NorthCarolinaMBUFpilot.com to learn more and enroll. Participants who qualify can receive up to \$50. Have questions? Contact a pilot team member at 984-254-7400 or NorthCarolina@MBUFpilot.org.

RPO Announcements

- TAC/TCC Meeting: **Thursday, August 25 at 3:00 pm**
- NC Traffic Safety Conference & Expo: **August 16-18**, Raleigh
 - Join hundreds of NC traffic safety professionals working together to achieve zero roadway deaths or serious injuries. Learn more [HERE](#).
- Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference & Expo: **August 30-September 1**, Durham
 - Discover the latest and greatest in sustainable fleet technology, operations, and implementation. Learn more [HERE](#).

RPO Funding Opportunities

- Clean Fuel Advanced Technology (CFAT) grant: applications **due Friday, September 9, 2022** (extended from Aug. 1); contact RPO Coordinator, Sam Boswell for assistance with this
- Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant: applications **due Thursday, September 15**. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Transportation Planning Resource: Click [HERE](#) for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Fact Sheets

New Staff Member: *Karen Foster*



Help us welcome Karen Foster, Regional Project Manager. Karen isn't new to the COG; in previous roles, she has served as Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Program Review Specialist and Community Development Planner under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. She rejoined the COG in July 2022 to provide project assistance to COG communities through a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act. In this role, Karen will assist communities with project development and consultation, agency advocacy and engagement, grant writing, grant coordination, and evaluation.

She has an extensive background in grant writing, grant administration, and project development. A mom to two successful adult children, Meagan and Zachary, and grandmother of one grandson, Landon, Karen enjoys spending time with her family and close friends. Welcome back to the COG, Karen!

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update



The Kerr-Tar COG Planning & Economic Development Department staff are working with Sanford Holshouser Economic Development Consulting to create the 2022-2027 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Last month, focus groups were held with stakeholders in each county to gain valuable insight for the upcoming CEDS. In addition to information from focus groups, the CEDS team is conducting an online survey to assess the region's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

The data from this survey will be used to inform policy makers across the region about what is going well, what needs improvement, and to guide focus areas over the next 5 years.

Anyone who lives, works, or has an interest in the Kerr-Tar region is encouraged to respond to the online survey. To respond to the survey, scan the QR code or click [HERE](#) and complete by **August 19, 2022**. Please only complete one survey. For more information, contact Michael Kelly, Planning & Economic Development Director at 252-436-2040 or mkelly@kerrtarco.org.



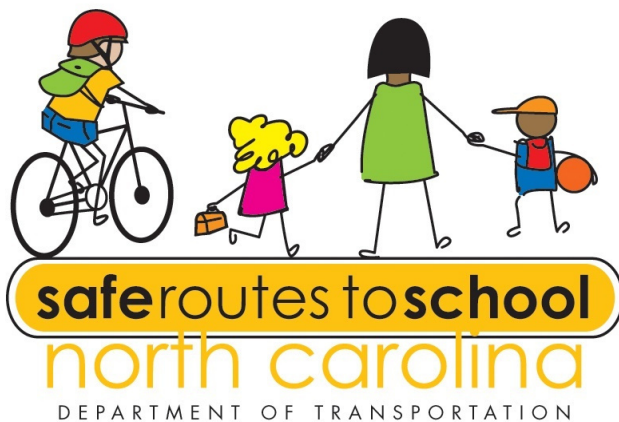
Henderson Community Day

Turning Point CDC will be hosting their 12th Annual Community Day on **Saturday, August 6 from 10:00-2:00 pm**. This is a special opportunity for residents to come together for fun and fellowship and to support local businesses. Participants will enjoy activities such as live music and standup comedy, and can access health and educational resources. Turning Point CDC will be providing free backpacks with school supplies to youth who attend, free haircuts for school-aged boys, and access to educational resources all day long. The Kerr-Tar COG's Area Agency on Aging and the Safe Routes to School Program will both be in attendance educating the public on what both respective programs do for our community. The event will be held at Turning Point CDC, located at 2495 US 1/Hwy 158 in Henderson.



Henderson Bike Safety Rodeo

Kerr-Tar Safe Routes to School and Vance County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a Bike Safety Rodeo on **Saturday, August 13 at the Vance County Courthouse in the parking lot from 9:00 am-12:00 pm**. This fun event is for kids ages 4-15, and kids are encouraged to bring their own bike or they can borrow one of ours! Also at the Bike Safety Rodeo, there will be a free bike helmet giveaway, goodie bags, and the Lewis Express Ice Cream truck. For more information, contact the Vance County Sheriff's Office at 252-425-0933.



Traffic Safety Fun w/Safe Routes!

On Wednesday, July 27, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program Coordinator Kenia Gomez-Jimenez delivered a fun traffic safety and healthy living class for Turning Point CDC's Summer Learning students. Kenia kicked off the class with a lively Traffic Safety Jeopardy game, which allowed students to develop and demonstrate bicycle and pedestrian safety knowledge. The game also taught students the great impacts walking and biking to school can have for their health and environment. The lesson was followed by an interactive reading experience led by Melody Peterson, Youth Services Coordinator with Perry Memorial Library. The class ended on an exciting note thanks to Sparky, the Henderson Fire Department's mascot. Sparky surprised each student with a free bicycle helmet, courtesy of the Henderson Family YMCA. The students also enjoyed a fun fire truck tour led by Battalion Chief Lee Edmonds. Thank you to all of the community partners involved in this fun event! If you or your organization are interested in partnering with the SRTS program, contact Kenia at 252-436-2040 or kgomezjimenez@kerrtarcog.org.



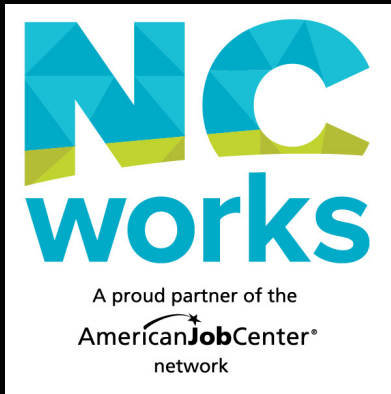
Bike Helmet Distribution Event

The Kerr-Tar COG's Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) partnered with the Oxford Housing Authority and the City of Oxford to distribute bike helmets and educate children on safe helmet usage. On Wednesday, July 27, the Oxford Housing Authority held a helmet distribution event for Granville County children. Seventy-five helmets were donated from the 2022 NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Initiative. Safe Routes to School Coordinator Kenia Gomez-Jimenez provided children with interactive helmet fittings and safety materials such as reflector lights and water bottles.

To promote helmet usage and support local bicycle activities, the Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation within the NCDOT accepts applications from organizations willing to distribute the helmets. The selection process encourages applicants to collaborate with community groups to extend bicycle safety awareness outreach. For more information about the NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Initiative or the Safe Routes to School Program, contact Kenia at kgomezjimenez@kerrtarcog.org or 252-436-2040.



Granville & Vance County NCWorks Career Centers Relocating

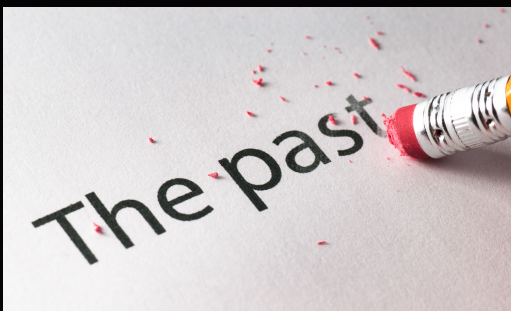


On **Monday, August 1, 2022**, NCWorks will consolidate its Granville and Vance County NCWorks Career Center offices and open a new, expanded location at 826 Garnett Street in Henderson. The locations at 111 Hilltop Village in Oxford and 857 S. Beckford Drive in Henderson will no longer be operational and all in-person appointments will be moved to the new Garnett Street location. The new Center will be open to the public beginning August 1.

This move will allow residents of Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance, and Warren Counties to access a unified NCWorks Career Center, increasing the availability of onsite services aimed at assisting jobseekers and employers. Career Center services will continue to be available in all 5 counties of the Kerr-Tar region through in-person access points at workforce partner locations or virtually, by appointment or on a limited schedule.

The new NCWorks Career Center will maintain the previous location's hours of operation, which are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and Thursday from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. For more information about NCWorks Career Center in-person or virtual services, call the Center at 252-438-6129 or visit www.ncworks.gov.

Criminal Record Expungement Info Session



The first Tuesday of each month, the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board hosts a Criminal Record Expungement Information Session. The next session will be **Tuesday, August 2 from 2:30-4:00 pm** and will be held at both Perry Memorial Library (205 Breckenridge Street in Henderson) and Oxford Housing Authority (101 Hillside Drive in

Oxford). Participants will receive free legal advice about criminal record expungement, and there will also be resources onsite for assistance with housing, transportation, and job placement. Please RSVP at kerrtarworks.com or call Sharon Thomas at 252-436-2040. Information Sessions are presented by Legal Aid of North Carolina and hosted by Kerr-Tar Reentry Roundtable.

Regional Job Fair: *Granville County*

NCWorks and Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board will have a Regional Job Fair in Granville County on **Wednesday, August 10, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Hix Field in Oxford** in partnership with Granville County Economic Development, Granville County Chamber of Commerce, Vance-Granville Community College, and Piedmont Community College. There will be over 25 employers present with a variety of career opportunities, as well as drawings for gift cards and prizes! Stay tuned for more details! Visit www.kerrtarworks.com or call the NCWorks Career Center at 252-438-6129 for more information.



[CLICK HERE FOR KERR-TAR LABOR MARKET UPDATE](#)



Golden LEAF Rural Internship Initiative

This year, Golden LEAF launched the Rural Internship Initiative to provide Golden LEAF Scholars attending a college or university in North Carolina with professional work experience related to their career field in rural North Carolina communities. Students are able to intern in a wide range of settings including businesses, governmental entities, and nonprofits. Golden LEAF funds the internship initiative through a temporary staffing agency, but it is up to each site to manage and supervise the intern.



Golden LEAF Scholars are responsible for identifying a site to complete their internship. To support this process, Golden LEAF is gathering information from entities who are interested in hosting an intern next summer (2023). If you are willing to host an intern, you can find more information [HERE](#). Entities must be located in a [qualifying county](#).

The list of interested sites will be shared with Scholars beginning in late summer 2022 as a resource to locate internship sites. Students will be responsible for reaching out to sites from this list. If you have questions, please contact Arlena Ratliff, Golden LEAF Scholarship Program Manager at aratliff@goldenleaf.org.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments aims to promote regionalism that provides opportunities for local governments to enhance and improve the quality of life for our citizens through effective delivery of services and programs.

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