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### Upcoming Events

- Workforce Development Board Meeting **Tuesday, June 11th 6PM, KTCOG Office Board Meeting Tuesday, June 11th 6PM, KTCOG Office**
- 2024 Elder Abuse Awareness & Prevention Walk: **Friday, June 14 @ Masonic Home for Children in Oxford, 9:00am-1:00pm Oxford, 9:00am-1:00pm**
- Kerr-Tar Regional Food Council Meeting **Wednesday, June 26th at 10AM KTCOG Office**
- KTCOG Budget Public Hearing & COG Board Meeting **Thursday, June 27th @ 7PM, KTCOG Office**
- **Save the Date:** Cultivate 2024 Regional Economic Development Summit: **Thursday, September 12 @ Jones Performing Arts Center, Louisburg, 8:30am-1:00pm**

# SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, September 12, 2024  
8:30 AM-1:00 PM

JONES PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
LOUISBURG COLLEGE  
501 N. MAIN ST. | LOUISBURG, NC



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## CULTIVATE 2024

Registration Opens July 15th!



**Ryan Combs**  
Executive Director,  
Research Triangle  
Regional Partnership



**Keynote Speaker  
Jennifer Pharr Davis**  
Award Winning Author  
Small Business Owner



**Scott Peacock**  
Director, Tourism  
Marketing  
& Communications,  
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SAVE THE DATE

# North Carolina Association of Regional Councils of Governments Advocacy Day

On Wednesday, May 8, 2024, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments' Board of Directors member Danny Wright and Executive Director Diane Cox participated in the North Carolina Association of Regional Councils of Governments Advocacy Day at the North Carolina General Assembly.

For a copy of the 2024 Policy Agenda please click [here](#).



## Affordable Connectivity Program Wind Down

The \$14.2 billion Congress initially made available for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is running out. Due to the lack of additional funding for the ACP, the Commission has announced that April 2024 will be the last month ACP households will receive the full ACP discount, as they have received in prior months. ACP households may receive a partial discount in May 2024. After May 2024, unless Congress provides additional funding, ACP households will no longer receive the ACP benefit and the ACP will end.

[NCBroadband.gov/ACP](https://NCBroadband.gov/ACP)

Call your Internet Service Provider and ask them about free and low cost internet plans that may help you and your household.

Many Internet Service providers offered "Free and Low Cost Internet Plans" before the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). It is expected that many will offer these Plans again when ACP benefits end. By doing so, Internet Service Providers will prevent having ACP households cancel their services.

# INTERNET



# Requirements for Federal Funding for EV Charging Infrastructure

Thursday, June 20, 2024 | 2–3:30 p.m.



When applying to different sources of federal funding, the maze of requirements from various agencies can be confusing. What is required for Build America, Buy America? Do chargers need to be publicly accessible? What qualifications are required for electricians installing the chargers? This webinar will cover these questions and more.

**REGISTER**



## **Brownfields Job Training Grant**

Training programs funded by the Brownfields Job Training Grant provide program graduates with the opportunity to seek and obtain environmental jobs that contractors may otherwise fill from outside the affected community. EPA intends to use this grant opportunity to support the creation of good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and the incorporation of strong labor standards and workforce programs. Brownfields Job Training Grants help residents take advantage of jobs across a spectrum of brownfield related activities, including the assessment, cleanup, remediation, and planning/site preparation for the revitalization of brownfields. This can involve the assessment and cleanup of solid and hazardous waste; chemical risk management; stormwater management relating to site cleanup; planning and site preparation for low impact development activities; planning and site preparation for green infrastructure installation and maintenance; and vulnerability assessment and contamination mitigation planning. Applicants will be evaluated on the extent to which they partner with and secure hiring commitments from local contractors and other stakeholders in communities where EPA-funded projects are located.

[Grants.gov Link](#) - Due August 15th, 2024 [EPA FY2025 Brownfield Job Training Grant](#)



**Registration is now open for  
Talking Freight,  
June 11, 2024**

**Freight and Electrification**

**REGISTER**



# Kerr-Tar Regional Food Council

The Kerr-Tar Regional Food Council met for the first time on May 23, reaching a milestone established in the 2020 Kerr-Tar Regional Food Policy. The group's membership ranges from farmers and business owners to elected officials and food access advocates, with all five of the Kerr-Tar counties represented. Each of these transformative leaders are motivated to tackle the region's greatest challenges and capitalize on its greatest strengths by gathering and sharing information, connecting people, recommending policy changes, and educating folks throughout the value chain. We look forward to all this group will accomplish for our region's food system!



Contact Charlie Robinette for more info:  
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**NOW AVAILABLE** 

## North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Regional Focus-Group Report

Regional and statewide insights from NC Pandemic Recovery Focus Groups are now available. Read about common themes and top concerns offered from sixteen regional summaries and six expert interviews held in February and March 2024.

Find the full report along with regional focus group summaries [here](#).

[Find the Kerr-Tar Regional Summary here.](#)

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# Tri COG FEEDS

On May 14, the 2+ year Tri-COG FEEDS (Food Ecosystem Economic Development Study) project culminated with a regional convening hosted by Kerr-Tar, Upper Coastal Plain, and Central Pines Regional Councils of Government at the NC Rural Center in Raleigh. Attendance totaled almost 100 participants, representing a wide variety of backgrounds, including municipal planners, economic development, farmers, nonprofits, business owners, funders, and practitioners from across the food system. The day's events included a panel discussion on the role of local government in improving food system resilience, breakout activities reflecting on and discussing the Tri-COG FEEDS findings, office hours with funders, and vision casting for the future of the three regions represented.



## Webinar: Introducing the NC Resilience Exchange

In May 2024, the State of North Carolina announced a new website: the **NC Resilience Exchange**. The site is designed to help local and state leaders understand their community's climate resilience needs, identify appropriate actions and find the resources to implement solutions. Attend this webinar to see what's included on the site, including a funding portal, a database of experts ready to help you, a climate vulnerability map, climate projections for your community and more. We hope to see you there!

[Webinar registration for Wednesday, June 12 \(12pm-1pm\)\\*](#)

[Webinar registration for Tuesday, July 16 \(10am-11am\)\\*](#)

\*The same content will be presented during each webinar.



# COME AND SEE HOW VANCE CARES FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

SATURDAY, JUN 8, 2024 | 10:00 AM TO 2 PM

BRECKENRIDGE STREET  
DOWNTOWN HENDERSON



## Activities

- EXPLORE LOCAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES
- GAMES, VENDORS, FACE PAINTING
- MUSIC
- FOOD TRUCKS
- BIKE RODEO

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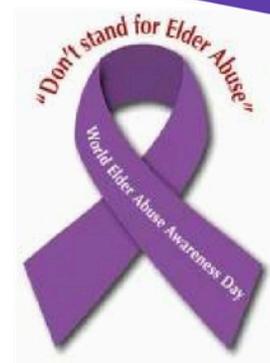
2024

Friday, June 14, 2024

9:00 am-1:00 pm

**REGION K ELDER ABUSE  
AWARENESS & PREVENTION**

# Conference & Walk



## Prevent Elder Abuse

FREE and Open  
to the Public

Masonic Home  
for Children  
600 College St,  
Oxford, NC 27565

Free t-shirts,  
refreshments, &  
other goodies  
available

### Reminders/Awareness

- ✓ June 15 is observed internationally as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- ✓ Each year, NC recognizes Vulnerable Adult & Elder Abuse Awareness from Mother's Day to Father's Day

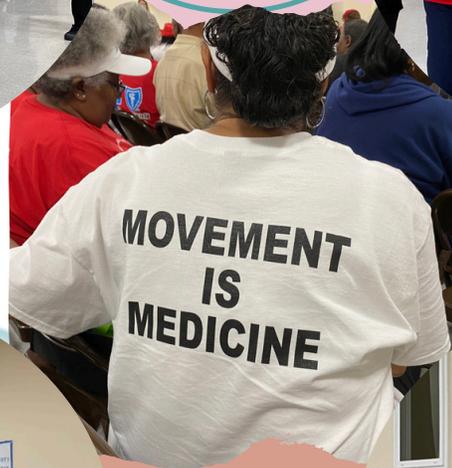
Wear PURPLE & SILVER to show the world you care about ending elder abuse and neglect and/or decorate your vehicle, in support. We will recognize each participant that displays their support for Elder Abuse Awareness & Prevention.

### For more information, contact:

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# Senior Games 2024



Senior Games came to an end on May 17 with SilverArts exhibits and performances at the Person County Office Building. There were 100 participants who enjoyed singing, dancing, cardio drumming and many other arts exhibits. Senior Games 2024 had over 200 Senior Games participants in the two-month competition, with about 100 qualifying for State Games later this summer.

Stay tuned for Senior Games 2025 registration after the first of the year.

ACL UPDATES

ACL ANNOUNCEMENT

[ACL Releases 2023 Profile of Older Americans](#)

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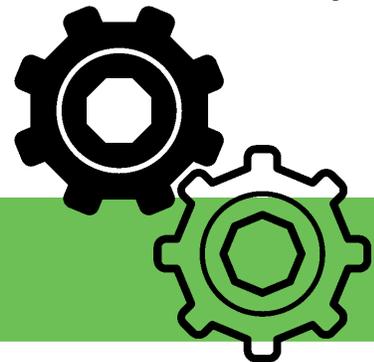
# Make a Difference in the Kerr-Tar Region: Join Our Area Agency on Aging Team!



## *AAA Director*

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments seeks a highly motivated individual to join a team of professionals who works independently to develop and administer a variety of programs that enable the region’s older adults and their caregivers to benefit from a comprehensive system of care that meets their needs in a responsive and dignified manner. The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Director supervises staff involved with community based and long-term care programs and administers block grant and other funds supporting a variety of recreational, health, safety, and financial programs. Work involves considerable public contact with local, state, and federal elected officials, local service providers, state staff in various departments, and older adults and their caregivers. The AAA Director plays a strong role in advocating for older adults. An employee in this class is responsible for identifying, analyzing, and formulating possible resolution to various situations. Work requires a broad understanding of long-term care services and supports, as well as programs and resources for older adults, along with the policies, procedures, rules and regulations governing the agency, and related programs. Work is performed under the administrative guidance of the agency’s Executive Director, and is evaluated through conferences, observation, reports, and feedback from community groups and various committees and state agencies.

Apply & learn more, click [here](#).



## *Aging Specialist*

Kerr-Tar Council of Governments (KTCOG) is seeking an enthusiastic, people-focused, detail-oriented individual for our Aging Specialist. This position is involved in almost all Aging Department activities, from teaching evidence-based classes to enrolling clients for services and helping at community events. Every day is different in this role, and there is a lot of room for creativity and initiative. Apply & learn more, click [here](#).

# Success Story



Maria Perez Abarca

Congratulations to Maria Perez Abarca who obtained her Dental Assistant I certification from NC Dental U. Maria also received certifications for Nitrous Oxide Sedation for Dental Auxiliaries, Intraoral Radiography and Basic Life Support. Maria was looking for employment longevity to improve her financial status to take care of her family. She was extremely excited about the opportunity to pursue her new career at NC Dental U. Maria graduated on April 23rd and will start working at Carolina Orthodontics & Children’s Dentistry as an Orthodontist Assistant on April 29th.



Vance–Granville Community College  
WIOA Youth Program

Four VGCC WIOA Youth participants received associate degrees on May 10, 2024 during VGCC’s graduation ceremony.

- Kaley Englebright - Granville County (Welding Technology)
- Sydkitra Higgs - Franklin County (Business Administration)
- Randy Palacios - Vance County (Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration)
- Laura Thomas - Vance County (Associate in Arts)

They are very excited about completing the requirements for their associate degrees and is seeking employment. Laura also has plans to continue training in emergency services (EMS).

## Stay Connected with Your NCWorks Career Center!



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# KERR-TAR

*Council of Governments*

## COMMUNITIES SERVED

- [Franklin County](#)
- [Granville County](#)
- [Person County](#)
- [Vance County](#)
- [Warren County](#)
- [Town of Bunn](#)
- [Town of Butner](#)
- [City of Creedmoor](#)
- [Town of Franklinton](#)
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- [Town of Youngsville](#)

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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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