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County Officials E-News

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Promoting better county government through direct assistance to county officials and their associations.



County Spotlight:

Hancock County

County Seat: Sneedville

Population: 6,588

CTAS Field Consultant:

Rick Hall

Hancock County is known particularly for its population of people of Melungeon ancestry, who are believed to be of mixed European, African, and Native American heritage. The Vardy Community School, which provided state-mandated education for Melungeon children in the early 20th century, is now a historic site located in the Newman's Ridge area.

For more information, visit

<http://www.tnhistoryforkids.org>



New CTAS Training: Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Local Governments

CTAS is offering a seminar that will address key provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that impact governmental employers and their group health plans. In addition to providing a bottom-line explanation of the law and what it means, we will walk through a cost-benefit analysis on whether to pay the penalty tax or play by the rules and offer affordable group health benefits under the shared responsibility provisions of the act. One of the keys to compliance with the act will be determining who is a full-time employee and the options you have for implementing the rules. We will illustrate these rules by using class participation examples.

COCTP CATEGORY A TRAINING PROGRAM

APRIL 30 • JACKSON (8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

West Tennessee Research and Education Center, 605 Airways Blvd.

MAY 1 • FRANKLIN (8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs Blvd.

MAY 2 • KNOXVILLE* (8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

UT Conference Center Building, 600 Henley St., 4th Floor

**Note: The Knoxville session will be broadcast live. A link to this live session will be available on the CTAS website soon.*

Register online at the [CTAS Training Website](#).

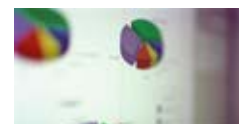
For more information about the Affordable Care Act, please visit

Healthcare.gov.



County Health Data Now Available

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** has recently released the **County Health Rankings &**





Event Calendar

April 30, May 1 & 2 -
Affordable Care Act

May 15, 16, 17 - Clerks of
Court Conference

May 15 & 17 - Energy 101

[CTAS Event Calendar](#)

Roadmaps website that contains data related to healthcare and health behaviors on a county-by-county basis. Data are available for two main categories of "Health Outcomes" and "Health Factors" which include subcategories such as mortality, morbidity, clinical care, and social & economic factors among others. Information can be viewed on a county level and is available for **download directly from the website**.

The website also contains " **roadmaps**" -- guides to help counties take action for improving their communities' health and wellness. Types of "roadmaps" offered include information for assessing needs, developing plans, and evaluating actions.

To learn more about the methodology behind the categories and rankings, please click [here](#).

County Job Announcement

County: Hamilton

Job Title: **Chief of Corrections**

Contact: Don Gorman, Director of Administration, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
(423) 209-7111
dgorman@hcsheriff.gov

This job posting is provided as a courtesy to Tennessee counties. CTAS assumes no responsibility for any posting. Interested job seekers should contact the county directly.

Visit the updated
TCCA website today!



<http://www.tncountycommissioners.org>

New TCCA Website

The Tennessee County Commissioners Association has recently revamped its website to better inform its members and customers. The new design is more interactive and includes a dynamic news section, Twitter updates, and blog posts. The new website also offers a direct search bar for e-Li and information about training opportunities in an effort to support TCCA's partnership with CTAS.



County Government Day Photos

Click the photo above to view the County Government Day photo album on the [CTAS Facebook page](#).

Updated FMLA Forms Now Available from USDOL

The U.S. Department of Labor has recently updated three forms related to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The new forms can be found below. Be sure to bookmark [USDOL's FMLA Compliance webpage](#) to stay informed of future updates.

- **WH-381 Notice of Eligibility and Rights & Responsibilities**
- **WH-384 Certification of Qualifying Exigency for Military Family Leave**
- **WH-385 Certification for Serious Injury or Illness of Covered Servicemember -- for Military Family Leave**

TCSA 2013 Legislative Conference Registration

When: June 4-5, 2013

Where: Park Vista Hotel, 705 Cherokee Orchard Road, Gatlinburg, TN



Registration Info: [TCSA Conferences Website](#)



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