



# Take Advantage of ISAC Member Services and Programs!

The Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) members are county officials and professionals in all of Iowa's 99 counties. The Association supports 16 affiliated associations that represent county offices and departments.

ISAC staff provide many services, programs, educational opportunities, communications, government relations, legal resources, and much more, all with the goal of supporting ISAC members, county government, and your communities.

The materials provided will go into greater detail of each. Please contact the ISAC Team at any time with any questions, comments, and for ways to get more involved. We are here as a resource for you – support@iowacounties.org, 515.244.7181, and www.iowacounties.org.

# Government Relations | Education | Legal Group Health and Wellness | ICACMP | IPAC | IT



#### ISAC Government Relations

- Securing and **maintaining cooperation** among counties and county officials
- Promoting cohesive study of local issues and finding solutions
- Providing methods of interchange of ideas among various county officials
- Promoting and advocating for the enactment of state legislation that is most beneficial to the citizens of lowa
- Engaging in federal advocacy in partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and with lowa's Congressional Delegation

# **ISAC Legislative Policy Development**

Annually, the ISAC Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) reviews proposals from members and affiliates to develop a package of legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session. These recommendations are voted on by the full membership. The ISAC Board ratifies the member vote and sets the ISAC Top Legislative Priorities.

# ISAC at the Capitol...and more!

ISAC is represented by three legislative experts at the lowa State Capitol each session with many years of combined experience. The Government Relations Team is also supported by ISAC's legal and communications professionals. This well-rounded team makes ISAC's lobbying efforts robust, effective, and well respected. It also offers ample tools and services.

#### ISAC Legislative Update Webinar and Email Update

 Weekly interactive legislative webinar and accompanying email discussing that week's legislative action

#### **Publications and Communications**

• ISAC Legislative Priorities, handouts, strategic campaigns, social media, summaries of legislation, and more

#### Resource

• Subject matter experts who respond effectively to members, legislators, state agencies, the media, the public, and more

#### **Education**

• Magazine articles, speaking opportunities, webinars, meeting attendance, and more



#### Be a leader! Be an educated leader!

ISAC provides well-rounded opportunities to enhance county government through education. Programs range from the basics offered to new county officials and professionals, to more in-depth topics from which even the most seasoned of ISAC members can benefit, both personally and professionally. ISAC staff present on various topics both at our events and on request.

We provide education to ISAC members not only via events, meetings, and webinars. We also offer many communications tools and avenues that can assist county officials and professionals to obtain vital information 24/7 and on-demand.

# The Iowa County Magazine

Monthly publication produced specifically for ISAC members

#### **ISAC** Website

• Hub of ample information, materials, and tools all to benefit ISAC members and the public

#### **Email Notices**

• Urgent communications, notices of opportunities and events, news, general support, and sharing of pertinent information

#### **Basecamp**

• Online communications and messaging tool provided free to ISAC affiliated associations

Contact support@iowacounties.org to receive ISAC communications and for more information



# Legal Resources

ISAC is staffed by a Legal Team that is here as an educational resource for all county officials and professionals in lowa. The Team provides education and information on a wide variety of legal questions, particularly when referred to us by the county attorney. Examples of county government legal expertise and knowledge include:

- Litigation that could affect counties
- Attorney General questions
- Iowa Code specific to counties

The Team is also a hub for sample policies, ordinances, contracts, government relations, and more, including:

- Researching and responding to member questions
- Giving presentations and trainings
  - Elections
  - County Structure
  - Opiod Settlements
  - Carbon Pipelines
  - And much more

"But remember, always contact your county attorney."

#### **HIPAA** Resources

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) places numerous privacy and security requirements on Covered Entities, which include most counties. The ISAC HIPAA Program provides basic consultation, assistance, and training on general HIPAA topics and issues to members for a small annual fee. Benefits for this cost-effective program include:

- Information sharing between member counties
- Legal Research
- Training opportunities:
  - o Both on-line and in-person
  - Quizzes to test comprehension
  - Compliance requirements



# ISAC Group Benefits Program

Health | Dental | Vision | Accident | Critical Illness | Voluntary AD&D | Life

# **ISAC Group Health Program**

Since 1981, ISAC has partnered with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield to offer a comprehensive health insurance program. The Program is designed to benefit local governments by offering multiple plan designs, market-competitive rates, and early renewal rate notification.

#### **Other Employee Benefits**

By leveraging a "strength in numbers" strategy, ISAC has been able to provide additional employee benefits at reduced costs to employees in the pool. Over recent years, various lines of coverage have been incorporated, enabling counties to enhance their employee benefit packages, thereby facilitating effective recruitment and retention.

#### **Broker Administration**

ISAC works in partnership with Assured Partners to provide county-level benefits consulting. Assured Partners is a licensed independent broker located in West Des Moines that specializes in employee benefits consulting. Its team can assist counties in designing cost-effective and comprehensive health plans for county officials and professionals. Assured Partners is authorized to quote stand-alone options with health insurance carriers across the state and are the exclusive broker authorized to quote the ISAC Group Benefits Program.

# **ISAC** Wellness Program

Counties that participate in the ISAC Group Health Program have the opportunity to participate in the ISAC Wellness Program. The Program is designed to enhance the health and well-being of county officials, professionals, and their families, while lowering the premiums for participating counties based on employee participation.

# **The Program offers:**

- Online Health Risk Assessment (HRA)
- Physical Exam Incentive
- Walking Challenge
- Participant Cash Incentives
- County Discount on Health Insurance Premiums

# Iowa County Attorney's Case Management Project

#### **ICACMP**

The mission of the Project is to improve the efficiency of the county attorneys offices in Iowa. This is accomplished by supporting the case management software used by the county attorneys offices and the data exchanges with other justice users.

The lowa County Attorney's Case Managment Project (ICACMP) began in 2005 and has been managed by ISAC since 2016. The Project is continually improving and gaining new county members. Why?

- Cost savings on prosecution-based software
- Support from staff who have all previously worked in county attorneys offices and know the software and rules related to criminal, civil, and juvenile cases inside and out
- Criminal justice data exchanges that eliminate duplicate entry of information from law enforcement, clerks of court, and other justice users
- Real-time charge code updates in your case management system for all lowa criminal, juvenile, and CINA/TPR code sections
- Opportunity for county attorneys offices to go paperless

#### **Software**

PROSECUTERbyKARPEL (PBK)

- Reminders of cases for all lowa court rule deadlines
- Customizable templates for time savings
- Cloud-based case management system
- Allows use 24/7 with an internet connection
- Streamlines the massive workload of county attorneys offices
- Customizable reports
- Cost savings through E-Discovery feature
- Law enforcement portal that allows for much easier collaboration



#### Software created for safe and secure lowa elections!

lowa Precinct Atlas Consortium (IPAC) is an e-pollbook tool that is owned and governed by its member counties. IPAC's goal is to provide an efficient and compliant election process for the voters of lowa. IPAC has been supported by ISAC since 2018 following its creation in 2008. As election laws continue to evolve, Precinct Election Official (PEO) training remains a need and is supported by IPAC. This versatile tool provides many software, hardware, and scanning options. Most importantly, its features and benefits continue to grow and improve as the software is updated often to meet the needs of county auditors, PEOs, and all lowa voters.

#### **Robust Software**

- Compliant with lowa election laws
- Ability to process any lowa voter
- Absentee ballot module
- Voter forms with instructional features
- Vote centers and a data hub

#### **IPAC BENEFITS ALL IOWANS!**

- lowa-focused
- County-owned software
- Ease of use for PEOs
- Cost-effective software solution
- Training and education
- Dedicated ISAC-staffed support team
- Automated reports for PEOs and election staff



# **Your Trusted Partner for County Technology**

ISAC IT services provided by Iowa County Technology Services (ICTS) and ISAC Technology Service Bureau (TSB) continue to expand through a wide range of services to county government. Utilize these utilize these great services and the expertise that will keep your county up and running safely and cost effectively.

# Cybersecurity

Partners with state and federal agencies along with the statewide IT affiliate (ICIT) to manage cyber threats and provide vital security guidance along with continued cyber education and training

# **Technology Assessments**

County technology professionals will visit your county and offer an independent assessment of current technology and provide recommendations and guidance for future and ongoing improvements

# **Education and Training**

Available to engage with all county officials and professionals utilizing presentations, seminars, table tops, and more. Continuing education available for county officials and professionals



# **Community Services Network (CSN)**

Custom, user-driven software designed to manage client care and financial operations

# **ENDORSED COMPANIES**





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