



YouthVoice 2014

Fifth Annual NCACC Youth Summit
Aug. 15-16, 2014, Buncombe County

AGENDA

Friday, Aug. 15 (sessions at Doubletree Biltmore unless indicated)

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| 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. | Registration and room check-in |
| 3:30 – 4 p.m. | 4-H district meetings/organizational meetings for Boys & Girls Clubs and NC FFA |
| 4:15 – 4:45 p.m. | YouthVoice Orientation

<i>What is the Youth Summit, and why are you here? The orientation provides information about the NCACC and its involvement in youth leadership development, an address from NCACC President Ray Jeffers – who as a 25-year-old in 2008 was elected to the Person County Board of Commissioners – a look at each of the partner organizations, and an overview of YouthVoice events.</i> |
| 4:45 p.m. | Board buses for Buncombe County Judicial Complex |
| 5 – 7:15 p.m. | Judicial Complex walking tour, dinner at the jail

<i>While the court system is a function of state government, counties are responsible for providing court and detention facilities. Building, maintaining and operating these facilities consume a healthy chunk of a county's annual budget. Completed in late 2013, the Judicial Complex includes new courtrooms serving the needs of Buncombe County and state district and superior courts. The complex includes the Detention Facility and 1928 courthouse.</i>

<i>This will be the only time you'll want to see a jail this up-close and personal! Sheriff Van Duncan and a local judge will speak during dinner, which will be held in the Detention Facility cafeteria. Perception may differ, but this jail food is actually good!</i> |
| 7:15 – 9:15 p.m. | Urban Trail and Public Art Walking Tour of downtown Asheville

<i>The Asheville Urban Trail, a walking tour of downtown Asheville, highlights the unique architecture, people and historic events of the city, and includes a stop at the Asheville Drum Circle. A Buncombe County employee will accompany each group and will point out county facilities and public functions. Wear comfortable walking shoes!</i> |
| 9:15 p.m. | Board buses to return to Doubletree Biltmore |
| 9:30 – 9:45 p.m. | Snack break, adjourn to own rooms |



Saturday, Aug. 16 (sessions at Renaissance Asheville/Doubletree Biltmore)

- 6:30 – 7 a.m. **Check out of rooms – put luggage in vehicles**
- 7 a.m. **Board buses for transportation to Renaissance**
- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast with county officials** (Renaissance Grand Ballroom)
Speaker: TBA
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **NCACC General Session with county officials** (Renaissance Grand Ballroom)
Speaker: Dr. Vincent Covello, Founder/Director, Center for Risk Communication
The public's trust in government has been in decline since the 1960s and is perhaps at an all-time low; this lack of trust can have an immobilizing effect, especially at the local level, where elected officials are in almost constant contact with citizens. Whether in the grocery store, the drug store, public meetings, or at drive-up windows, citizens have ready access to county commissioners, and their distrust of government doesn't always distinguish between county, state and federal levels. When you consider low voter turnout in recent years, you might say this distrust has reached crisis proportions.

Dr. Vincent T. Covello, founder and Director of the Center for Risk Communication, is an expert in crisis management. He will lead this session about building, repairing and maintaining trust. Dr. Covello is a nationally and internationally recognized trainer, researcher, consultant and expert in crisis, conflict, change and risk communications.
- 9:45 a.m. **Board buses to return to Doubletree**
- 10:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. **"Bottom Line!" budget simulation** (Doubletree)
Designed as a classic board game, "Bottom Line!" is an engaging learning tool that simulates the county budgeting process. Attendees will work together in small groups – acting as boards of county commissioners – to first decide what values are most important to their counties. The simulation then challenges groups to remember those values during scenarios that force them to choose between cutting programs/services or increasing taxes/fees in order to balance an annual budget.
- 1:15 – 2 p.m. **Lunch and evaluation** (Doubletree)
- 2 p.m. **Board transportation to return to Renaissance**
- 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. **NCACC Annual Business Session** (Renaissance Grand Ballroom)
A small number of Youth Delegates will be given the opportunity to address the NCACC membership about lessons learned during YouthVoice 2014.
- 3:15 p.m. **Adjourn and travel home**