



## CENTRALINA REGIONAL COUNCIL

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### We've Moved!

Centralina and our affiliate organizations moved to a new office designed to meet the needs of our growing staff and stakeholders across the region. The space, just down the road from our previous office, is located at 10735 David Taylor Dr., Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28262. We

look forward to seeing you at board meetings, training sessions and other events soon. Please update your records.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| July 21   | Centralina AAA Webinar: <a href="#">Ageism in Healthcare</a>         |
| August 9  | <a href="#">Centralina Workforce Development Board Meeting</a>       |
| August 10 | <a href="#">Centralina Board of Delegates Meeting: FY23 Workplan</a> |
| August 24 | Centralina Learns: Affordable Housing                                |

## CAPITOL CORNER

**Capitol Hill Recognizes the**



## Importance of Regional Councils

As Congress works through the appropriations process, it funds numerous competitive grants in multiple agencies. When these grants list local governments or non-profit agencies as eligible applicants, regional councils and councils of governments are often left out.

Centralina Regional Council staff worked with Strategics Consulting to inform our congressional delegation of this situation. U.S. Representative Budd, recognizing the benefits of regional coordination, took the lead and worked with U.S. Representatives Adams and Hudson to address this in the FY23 spending bills. These three members of the congressional delegation submitted a joint, bipartisan request that the committee encourage federal agencies to list regional councils as eligible entities for competitive grants.

Over the last several weeks the House Appropriations Subcommittees have been holding hearings and marking up their respective funding bills. Due to a well-coordinated effort the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations bill, the Energy and Water Appropriations bill, and the Financial Services Appropriations bill all include language recognizing the importance of regional councils and councils of government, and encouraging their listing as eligible applicants. In the age of partisanship, it is really encouraging to see our delegation reach across party lines to support regional coordination and leadership. Please make sure to thank our Representatives when you see them.

## FEATURED ARTICLES

### CLT Aviation Academy Graduates Newest Class



On March 31, 2022, the Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) Aviation Academy graduated its fifth class comprised of public sector, private sector and community leaders from across the greater Charlotte region. The Academy provides a unique opportunity to better understand the inner workings of CLT and its contributions

and impacts on our region's economy, transportation system and community.

Since 2017, over 100 participants have graduated. Alumni include 22 local government elected officials and staff representing Anson County, Belmont, Cabarrus County, Davidson, Gaston County, Gastonia, Huntersville, McAdenville, Mint Hill, Monroe, Mooresville, Mount Holly, Stanley, Statesville, Troutman and Wingate. Topics cover nearly every area of CLT including business, revenue, safety, security, CLT as a hub and landlord, its complex systems, its role as an employment center, economic development and capital campaign projects.

[Learn More About the CLT Aviation Academy](#)

## Driving Toward Equity in Addressing Community Mobility

Incorporating equity information into transportation and transit investment decisions is an important component of creating a more equitable and connected mobility system. This is why Centralina and its project partners developed an [interactive mapping tool](#) for [CONNECT Beyond](#) that allows users to evaluate data such as income, vehicle accessibility and transportation/housing costs for census tracts in the region, helping to identify places where transit need is greatest. Learn more about the GIS-based planning portal designed to help transportation and land-use planners address equity issues.

[Read the ESRI Case Study](#)

## All About Mobility Hubs

Mobility Hubs are places of connectivity where people can conveniently access multiple travel options. A mobility hub is a focal connection point and can signify a downtown, major activity center, transit station or stop location where multiple different mobility options meet up and allow a user to transfer from one mode to another. Mobility hubs offer a range of integrated mobility services and supporting amenities / technologies to facilitate efficient connections and make trip planning easier. Continue reading to learn about mobility hub types and amenities, recommended locations and examples from around the country.

[Read the Article](#)

## Department Spotlight: Centralina Community Economic Development

Strong economic development that fosters vibrant communities is central to building a resilient, globally competitive region. To accomplish this, Centralina Community Economic Development (CED) works directly with elected officials, local governments, community leaders and the private sector to address economic challenges and expand opportunities. Through technical assistance and staff support, Centralina CED leverages public and private funds to provide community partners with housing, public infrastructure and small business growth opportunities in support of a stronger, prosperous region. Centralina CED also helps communities build equity and resiliency by reviving neighborhoods, enhancing commercial properties and bolstering downtown economic activity. Let us help your community with grant strategy, application preparation, administration, funding identification or reporting requirements.

[Learn More About Centralina CED Services](#)

## Takeaways from North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature June General Session

Last month eight of Centralina Area Agency on Aging's Senior Tar Heel Legislators attended a General Session for the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature to develop priorities on behalf of North Carolina's older adults. Recommendations will be submitted to the NC General Assembly for legislative consideration in 2023. Here are three takeaways:

**Takeaway #1:** The Medicaid expansion, which passed in the state Senate but has been deferred in the House, would bring an estimated \$8.6 billion into the NC economy and close the insurance coverage gap for an estimated 34,000 North Carolinians age 55-65 who are too young for Medicare.

**Takeaway #2:** North Carolina will receive \$37 in ARPA funding for older adult support services, allowing for the creation of new programs that address gaps in social determinants of health and greatly improve outcomes for older adults, reducing hospitalizations and medical costs.

**Takeaway #3:** Ombudsman, advocates who uphold the rights of long-term care (LTC) residents, had a heightened role during COVID-19 due to facility visitation restrictions. NC has more than 90,000 LTC beds and is in need of more Ombudsman to meet the growing demand.

[Read the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature Press Release](#)

## Understanding the Reentry Needs of Previously Incarcerated Individuals

On March 31, 2022, NCWorks Career Center - Cabarrus and partners held a reentry event designed to simulate one month in the life of someone who has just been released from prison, navigating their way through the system while trying to comply with the requirements of supervised release. This event provided an opportunity for over 70 individuals associated with our service providers, non-profits, government, health and human services and workforce partners to experience the barriers one faces when getting reestablished after returning from incarceration, treatment and/or homelessness. The simulation helped increase awareness and empathy regarding the reentry process and the need for more creative solutions for those impacted.

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## IN THE NEWS



### **Katie Kutcher Wins Teaching Award**

Congratulations to Centralina Area Agency on Aging Assistant Director Katie Kutcher who recently won the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Part-Time Teaching Award! Katie holds an MA in Gerontology and has taught various courses for the Gerontology Program at UNC Charlotte for the past five years.

### **2022 Governor's NCWorks Awards of Distinction**

The S&H Youth and Adult Services, Inc. (SHYAS) Community Resource Center received the 2022 Governor's NCWorks Awards of Distinction - Outstanding Innovative Partnership Award. SHYAS partnered with NCWorks Career Center - Rowan to develop a workforce reemployment program for underserved citizens suffering from trauma, substance abuse and mental health issues. [Read more](#)

### **Centralina AAA Wins Fifth Award**

Centralina Area Agency on Aging (AAA) received a fifth recognition for its Pride in Care cultural competency



program. The Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging honored Centralina AAA with the 2022 Positive Images in Aging Award. Congratulations to the Pride in Care team once again for your leadership and innovation supporting diversity initiatives!

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