



The ACCG 2018 Legislative Leadership Conference

Mark your calendars and register today for the 2018 Legislative Leadership Conference as Georgia's county officials meet again at Jekyll Island in Glynn County. This year's agenda offers expanded opportunities for education and networking with peers from throughout Georgia.

October 10-12
The Jekyll Island Convention Center
Jekyll Island/Glynn County

**ACCG's 2018 Legislative Leadership Conference focuses
on issues important to you and your county!**

MENTAL HEALTH FORUM

Dealing with individuals struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues is a growing concern for Georgia's counties. It is creating a financial burden on county services ranging from public safety and the courts to jails and public health providers. At the same time, it is a difficult issue for state and local leadership to address through legislation – and there is limited funding available to support or implement programs to help those in need. The ACCG Board of Managers created a Standing Committee on Mental Health which hosted a Mental Health Summit in August to help educate local government officials about how these issues are directly impacting your communities. Learn more about the next steps that are recommended from this committee, not only for the upcoming legislative session, but also by engaging and coordinating with your community stakeholders.

HOUSING AND YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY

Tiny Houses ... Short-Term Rentals ... Abandoned Houses ... Affordable Housing. Housing issues like these have a tremendous impact on the success of your county's local economy, and it's important that your county is engaged in this area. Discover ways you can manage housing issues to improve the quality of life for your county's citizens.

CHANGES COMING TO COUNTY REVENUES

Several changes are coming to county revenues with internet sales tax, a new TAVT distribution formula, a new process for collecting E-911 fees, and adjustments to information available about local sales taxes. Georgia Department of Revenue Commissioner Lynne Riley and her staff lead the discussion during this session.

Find out what counties can expect from the 2019 legislative session and you'll have a chance to cast your county's vote on the 2018-2019 County Platform.

Take advantage of core and specialty course offerings in the ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy and other conference sessions that carry Continuing Education Credit.

Registration Packages

Conference Registration Package I \$450 covers admission to all conference sessions including all banquet events and continuing education events. It also includes a Wednesday **or** Friday Lifelong Learning Academy class.

Conference Registration Package II \$685 covers admission to all conference sessions including all banquet events and continuing education events. It also includes a Wednesday **and** a Friday Lifelong Learning Academy class.

Spouse or Guest Registration Package \$200 includes all conference sessions including banquet events. This option is for attendees accompanying those registered for a full conference package.

Conference Housing

Once you've registered for the conference, a confirmation email will be sent which carries the detail for making hotel reservations at Jekyll Island. If registrants need housing at the convention hotels, please provide the reservation details on the registration form for each individual reservation. The housing cut-off date is Sunday, September 9, 2018.

- There are three conference hotels at Jekyll Island:
 - Hampton Inn and Suites (200 South Beachview Drive)**
 - Standard guest rooms \$155 per night
 - Studio suites \$175 per night
 - In addition there is a \$5 per night hotel-motel fee and 11% tax.*
 - Jekyll Island Club Hotel (371 Riverview Drive)**
 - Clubhouse and traditional rooms \$189 per night
 - Deluxe traditional rooms \$219 per night
 - In addition there is a \$15 daily resort fee, \$5 per night hotel-motel fee and 11% tax.*
 - The Westin Jekyll Island (110 Ocean Way)**
 - Island view rooms \$195 per night
 - Ocean view rooms \$225 per night
 - In addition there is a \$15 daily resort fee, \$5 per night hotel-motel fee and 11% tax*
- Please pay special attention to the confirmation you receive from the hotels so that you are aware of all possible fees, taxes and policies. In addition, hotels may have an early departure fee if you check out earlier than the reservation date. Again, look for more information on the hotel confirmation.
- Please check the Jekyll Island website for information on the conference hotels (including maps), The Conference Center and other area attractions – <http://www.jekyllisland.com>.

Lifelong Learning Academy

There are two opportunities to get Lifelong Learning Academy course credit during the Legislative Leadership Conference on October 10 and 12. You can also earn Continuing Education credit at conference sessions on October 11.

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, October 10

Registration/Conference Information Center

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Convention Center Lobby

Breakfast

7:00 am- 8:15 am

Ballrooms A/C

Lifelong Learning Academy Classes

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

- Core: Human Resources
Oceanside 3
- Core: Public Safety Public Health
Oceanside 4
- Specialty: Disaster and Emergency Preparedness (PS)
Oceanside 5
- Specialty: Federal and State Relations (IR)
Marshside 7
- Specialty: Public Health (QL/SI)
Marshside 8
- Specialty: Budgeting for Long-Term Fiscal Sustainability (RF)
Marshside 9
- Specialty: Negotiating Local Option Sales Tax (IR)
Marshside 10

Lunch

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Ballrooms A/C

Lifelong Learning Committee Meeting (?)

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Oceanside 1

Opening Reception

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Ben G. Porter Oceanside Salon/Oceanside Lobby/Oceanside Terrace

Thursday, October 11

Registration/Conference Information Center

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Convention Center Lobby

Breakfast

7:00 am – 8:15 am

Ballrooms A/C

Opening General Session

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Ballroom B

Mental Health Issue Focus

Policy Issue Update

10:15 am – 11:45 am

Marshside 7/8 and Marshside 9/10

The ACCG policy staff will provide an overview of the changes to the 2018-2019 ACCG Policy Platform in each of the seven policy areas. The County Platform guides ACCG's advocacy work with the Georgia General Assembly and Congress. Presenters include:

- ACCG Legislative Director Clint Mueller
- ACCG Deputy Legislative Director Todd Edwards
- ACCG Associate Legislative Director Debra Nesbit
- ACCG Legislative Associate Kathleen Bowen
- ACCG Deputy General Counsel Larry Ramsey

Lunch

12:00 pm-1:15 pm

Ballrooms A/C

- **Presentation of Fall 2018 Lifelong Learning Academy Certificates**

General Session / Business Session

1:30 pm- 2:00 pm

Ballroom B

- **Report of Policy Council and Adoption of 2019 Legislative Agenda**
- **Adoption of 2019 Legislative Priorities**

Continuing Education Issue Sessions

2:15 pm – 4:00 pm

- **Housing and Your Local Economy**
Marshside 7/8
- **Changes Coming to County Revenue**
Marshside 9/10

Georgia Association of County Managers and Administrators Workshop

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Marshside 11

Board of Managers Meeting

4:00 pm

Oceanside 1/2/3

Reception

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Ben G. Porter Oceanside Salon

The 2018 LLC is a time of
networking, learning
opportunities, and exploring
Jekyll Island!

Friday, October 12

Conference Information Center

7:00 am – 3:30 pm

Convention Center Lobby

Breakfast

7:00 am – 8:15 am

Ballrooms A/C

Lifelong Learning Academy Classes

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

- Core: County Government Law
Oceanside 3
- Core: Ethics
Oceanside 4
- Specialty: Courts and the Justice System (PS)
Oceanside 5
- Specialty: Debt Financing (RF)
Marshside 7
- Specialty: Management and Human Resources Responsibilities (COM)
Marshside 8
- Specialty: Leadership In Local Government (LD)
Marshside 9
- Specialty: Successfully Negotiating Service Delivery Agreements (IR)
Marshside 10

Lunch

Time to be announced in class

Ballrooms A/C