



THE CRC NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

*...to prevent and eliminate unlawful discrimination thereby promoting harmony and the betterment of human affairs for all people,
S.C. Code Ann. § 1-13-20*

NAACP State Convention

From October 6th through the 9th, 2022, the South Carolina NAACP Convention was held in Columbia, SC at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, located at 2324 Gervais Street.

Founded on February 12th, 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest, largest, and most widely recognized grassroots-based civil rights organization. It has more than half-million members and supporters throughout the United States and is considered one of the premier advocates for civil rights. The NAACP is known for conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

The 2022 South Carolina NAACP Convention was a fantastic, inspirational event that connected branches from across the State to share information and hear from speakers such as Congressman James E. Clyburn and Leon Russell, Chair of the NAACP National Board of Directors.

This year, SCHAC participated as vendors - three divisions, Technical Services, and Training, Housing, and Community Relations represented the Agency.

Shout out to Deputy Commissioner Dan Koon, Alphia Dunbar, Don Frierson, Ayana Crawford, Robert Snipes, and Danielle Lindley who worked the vendor table.



Left image, from left to right: Alphaia Dunbar, Congressman James E. Clyburn, Danielle Lindley

Right image, from left to right: Danielle Lindley and Don Frierson

National Night Out: **Myrtle Beach and Fairfax-Allendale**

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. For more information, please visit: <https://natw.org/>

SCHAC attended National Night Out events in Myrtle Beach and in Fairfax!

First, on October 4th, 2022, Community Relations Consultant, Ayana Crawford, attended the City of Myrtle Beach's event held at the Convention Center. This event was hosted by CLEAC (Community Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee), Neighborhood Services, Myrtle Beach Fire Department, and Myrtle Beach Police Department.

On Saturday, October 29th, 2022, Community Relations Director, Robert Snipes, attended the Allendale-Fairfax National Night Out. The event was hosted by Fairfax Community Action in partnership with the Fairfax Police Department!



CRD Consultant, Ayana Crawford, at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center

SCACED Conference

On Thursday, October 13th, SCHAC Consultant, Danielle Lindley, had the opportunity to attend the Opportunity SC: Community Economic Development Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Greenville, SC.

The Opportunity SC Conference is the largest comprehensive community development convention and forum in South Carolina. Spanning three days in downtown Greenville, South Carolina, the 23rd annual conference will expose attendees to integrated, innovative, and sustainable solutions for low-wealth communities across our state and region. Over the past 20 years, the Opportunity SC Conference has welcomed more than 5,000 attendees, representing almost every county in the state.

Ms. Lindley attended sessions from the various Build and Grow tracks: “How Thinking Like a Network Scientist Leads to More Diverse and Sustainable Community Networks”, “Retail Inequality: Reframing the Food Desert Debate”, and “Increasing Legal Representation and Access to Legal Resources in Rural Communities”. She looks forward to sharing the resources from the conference with the Community Relations Councils and other SCHAC partners!



**South Carolina Association for
Community Economic Development**

Meltdown in Dixie: Clemson, Jasper, Dorchester, Spartanburg, & Charleston

Last month made for many insightful discussions around the State! October saw the team visiting Clemson, Jasper, Dorchester, Spartanburg, and Charleston. SCHAC's Community Relations Division has been traveling to the *Meltdown in Dixie* film screenings to engage with the community on important conversations covering various topics such as history, heritage, civility, peace, and more.

Thank you to Clemson University, the Jennie J. McMahan Library, the Avery Research Center, the Morris Center for Lowcountry History, and USC Upstate for hosting these incredibly crucial conversations!

Follow the *Meltdown in Dixie* Facebook page as well as the SC Humanities Facebook page for upcoming screenings.

November Screenings:

11/17, Georgetown: 6 p.m. at the Waccamaw Library



Top left, Charleston, top right, Jasper, bottom left, Dorchester, and bottom right, Spartanburg

Institute of Government for County Officials

On October 19, 2022, SC Human Affairs Commission (SCHAC) Deputy Commissioner Dan Koon presented to the Institute of Government for County Officials event in Columbia

for The South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) on the topic of: "EEO is the Law".

The South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) is the only statewide organization representing county government in South Carolina. The Association was chartered on June 22, 1967, and since then has worked to empower county officials through advocacy, education, and collaboration.

For more information on SCAC: <https://www.sccounties.org/about-scac>.



Catawba Fest

On Saturday, October 29, 2022, Community Relations Consultant, Ayana Crawford, attended Catawba Fest from 11 am to 8 pm at Catawba Park (2351 Gray Rock Rd., Tega Cay, SC 29708). There were hundreds of vendors including food trucks and inflatables for the kids. They also had live music, a costume parade and contest, and so much more! She was able to connect with members of diverse backgrounds regarding SCHAC's services and resources. She even had several sign-ups for Tega Cay's newest Community Relations Council which will focus on embracing and educating members of the community on the diversity of all its citizens.



CRD Consultant, Ayana Crawford, at Catawba Fest



Able SC is a disability-led organization seeking transformational changes in systems, communities, and individuals.

Since 1994, Able SC has remained a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability nonprofit that seeks to make South Carolina a national model of equity and inclusion for all people with disabilities.

- They are the state's oldest and largest federally recognized disability-led organization.
- More than 3/4 of their staff are people with disabilities, as are over half of their Board of Directors.

They practice equity, disability justice, and representation, and true inclusion through consumer-driven independence and disability pride.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.able-sc.org/about-us/who-we-are/>

Grant Opportunity:

Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative

Through the Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative (RVCRI), this grant opportunity is designed to support eligible local rural law enforcement entities (i.e. county sheriff, municipal police, rural district attorney's/prosecutor's office, and federally recognized tribal law enforcement) to address specific rural crime problems. This opportunity is also intended to help support new and existing partnerships between local law enforcement and the communities they serve. Grant awards will likely be an average of \$50,000-\$150,000 with a term of twenty-four (24) months.

A LISC grant application may be appropriate if:

- The applicant hopes to develop deeper community outreach and engagement opportunities to support improved relationships and encourage community leadership in strategy development and/or implementation.
- The applicant is seeking to build or further develop partnerships with community-based partners to support problem-solving around persistent crime challenges.
- The applicant is considering a place-based approach to its crime reduction strategies that may include collaborations with community or economic development partners to explore revitalization opportunities to complement law enforcement interventions.
- The applicant is looking to support a diverse cross-sector partnership team to help manage the project's set of comprehensive implementation activities, which could include, but is not limited to: *Community Violence Intervention (CVI)* approaches to crime reduction, *reentry programming* for returning citizens or *Alternatives to Incarceration*

The simple application and related materials can be found at the below link.

John Connelly, with LISC Safety & Justice, would be happy to answer any questions from potential applicants (jconnelly@lisc.org; 414-930-1744).

The initial deadline to apply is **December 15th, 2022**.

Application Link: <https://lisc.tfaforms.net/705>

LISC is a nationwide initiative with a local office right here in South Carolina! LISC Upstate SC is located in Spartanburg, SC under the leadership of Executive Director, Dawn Deck.

To learn more about LISC, please visit: <https://www.lisc.org/>

For the Upstate SC office, please visit: <https://www.lisc.org/upstate-south-carolina/our-mission/>

Opportunity to be Trained Mediators

Below is the schedule for Midlands Mediation Center's Introduction to Mediation. Registration is \$1000 per session and \$495 for volunteers; MMC provides hardship **scholarships** for individuals who would like to learn mediation skills to support their local community. If you know someone who would like to participate, please let us know! To learn more about the Midlands Mediation Center, visit: <https://midlandsmmediation.org/>

Winter 2023 Mediation Training – January 9-12, 2023 – In person -

<https://2023itmw.eventbrite.com>

Winter 2023S Mediation Training – January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2023 – In person -

<https://2023itmws.eventbrite.com>

Spring 2023 Mediation Training – April 24 -27, 2023 - <https://2023itms.eventbrite.com>

Spring 2023S Mediation Training – April 15, 29, May 6, 13, 2023 -

<https://2023itmss.eventbrite.com>

Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage Month, or as it is commonly referred to, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month!

The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.

The Catawba, Beaver Creek, Edisto Natchez-Kusso, Pee Dee, Wassamasaw, Waccamaw, Cheraw, and Cherokee tribes are all still present in South Carolina.

For more information on the Federal and State recognized Tribes in South Carolina, please visit: <https://cma.sc.gov/minority-population-initiatives/native-american-affairs/south-carolinas-recognized-native-american-indian-entities>



Veteran's Appreciation Month

Veterans Day is observed on Friday, November 11th in honor of all Veterans who have served in our military to protect our country.

Every year, South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster issues a proclamation in observance of Veterans Day to encourage all to pause and reflect on the countless contributions and sacrifices made by the men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed forces.

For events around the state, please visit: <https://scdva.sc.gov/news/2022-10/2022-veterans-day-events>



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Annual Event Calendar
for
CRC's

January

MLK Day/Day of Service

February

African American History

March

Women's History/End Racism Day

April

Fair Housing

May

Law Enforcement/Community Relations/Pacific-Asian Month

June

Emanuel 9 Remembrance Day, Peace & Reconciliation/Disaster Preparedness

July

Employment Discrimination/Economic Opportunity

August

Youth Project/Back to School

September

Hispanic Heritage/Cultural Diversity

October

Disability Employment Awareness

November

American Indian Heritage/Veterans' Appreciation

December

Age & Poverty Issues

**Interested in hosting a community meeting in your area?
Please contact the Community Relations Department at 803-737-7800**

**Connect with us! Follow our social media pages for events and resources
throughout the State!**



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