

**RECENT & UPCOMING  
EVENTS:**

- **April, 2007: Gates Mills Safety Services Study.** CPAPP is conducting a safety services study to assess the feasibility and desirability of cooperative agreements to network safety services with neighboring communities.
- **May, 2007: Northeast Ohio City Management Association meeting.** All interested city managers and other city administrators are invited. This event will feature presentation by Dr. Jane Beckett-Camarata on performance measurements in small towns. Specific information on the meeting time and place can be obtained at KSU CPAPP.
- **June 18-22, 2007:** Ohio Certified Public Finance Officers training program to be held in Sheraton Suites Hotel in 1989 Front St, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221. Concurrently, on June 21-22, Ohio Certified Public Finance Officers Maintenance training program will be conducted in the same location. Banquet dinner will be offered Thursday night at 7pm, June 21.

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## *Ohio Indicators: Ongoing Project Highlights*

### **Political Participation**

Ohio's participation in Presidential elections is higher than that of the national average participation in Presidential elections. In fact, in the last election held in 2004, Ohio had a 49.34% of registered voters vs. 41.19% nationwide. Ohio's electoral turnouts in the off-year elections are also higher than the national average participation.

### **Educational Attainment**

Ohio's students are graduating from high school at a higher rate (about 88 percent) than the nation (about 85 percent), but the picture is reversed for those with bachelor's degrees or higher. In fact, in 2005 the percentage of bachelor's degree graduates in Ohio was about 23 percent vs. 27 percent nationwide.

## *Follow-up:*

### **“Collaborative Approaches to Performance Improvement: The Case of Organ Donation and Transplantation”**

Background information: On February 13, CPAPP hosted a colloquium focused on collaborative processes used to achieve major increases in organ donation and transplantation throughout the nation and here in Northeast Ohio.

As a follow-up, Dr. Sonia Alemagno and students at the University of Akron (UA) announced the beginning of campaign on their campus to increase the number of students, faculty, and staff signing up for donorship. The Center for Health and Social Policy and other University units are collaborating with Life Banc. The campaign is designed to support national effort sponsored by the US Department of Health and Human Services to increase the number of individuals listed in the State Donor Registries nationwide. To support this effort, UA in collaboration with CPAPP is conducting a survey of faculty/staff/students at UA and KSU to ascertain their attitudes regarding organ donation. The survey received approval from the Institutional Review Boards at both institutions and is scheduled to be administered in April and May.

## *Need Assistance? The Center provides:*

### **Technical Assistance:**

- Assessment Centers to hire and promote qualified individuals for public and non-profit sector management positions.
- Strategic planning and goal setting retreats for public and non-profit organizations.
- Human resource assistance, (e.g. job description development and verification)

### **Targeted Research:**

- Trained research professionals and graduate assistants provide research and analytical support. See safety services study on the calendar of upcoming events to your left of the newsletter.

### **Training Programs:**

- Educational and career development programs for Municipal Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, Mayor's Court Clerks, and Ohio Public Finance Officers.
- Skills development training for supervisors and managers of public and nonprofit organizations.
- Leadership development courses for elected officials.