



# FNA Member Update

## August 4, 2023

**Come spend some professional development and networking time with FNA!**

**Advocacy 101**  
**Thursday, August 10**  
**2-3:30PM ET**

[The Independent Sector released new research](#) that finds a disturbing decline in nonprofit advocacy – only 31% of nonprofits report advocating or lobbying over the last 5 years – less than half of the percentage that reported lobbying in 2000. If your organization is not sure how to advocate or lobby legally, ethically, and effectively, join us for Advocacy 101! The interactive training will include:

- Definitions and clarifications about advocacy, lobbying, and the difference between the two
- The value of advocacy
- How to legally advocate and lobby for your organization, your mission, and your community
- Creating your advocacy plan
- A focus on different target audiences, including elected officials and the media
- Practical tips on how to effectively advocate and lobby

[Click here](#) to register.

**2023 Nonprofits Count Conference: Impact for Today and Tomorrow**  
**September 29, 2023**  
**Orlando, Florida**

**Register today!**

Nonprofits Count! is FNA's bi-annual gathering that brings the leaders of our state's nonprofits together to discuss advocacy and the state of our sector. Join 125 of your nonprofit peers in Orlando for a full day of networking, learning, discussing, sharing, and planning.

Sessions include:

- Crisis as a Catalyst for Change, featuring Isaiah M. Oliver, President of the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida
- Collaborations for Greater Impact
- What Nonprofits Should Expect from the 2024 Elections
- Engaging Volunteers Across Generations
- Giving Trends in Florida – what the new research tells us

The day will be a combination of listening and learning with discussion and interaction. This event is perfect for CEOs, Board members, policy staff, and anyone else who is interested in how public policy, research, and civic engagement affects the nonprofit sector in Florida.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

## FEDERAL UPDATE

### Streamlining Federal Grants Act Of 2023

The official version of the [Streamlining Federal Grants Act](#) is now available. The Act directs the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to provide guidance to federal agencies on how they can simplify and streamline their grant application processes and requires agencies to appoint a senior official to develop and implement these plans to improve their grant application and reporting processes. For more information, check out the updated [NCN one-pager on the bill](#).

Do you have any feedback about your experience in accessing federal grants? [Let us know!](#)

### Employee Retention Tax Credits

The IRS has issued a new set of answers to [FAQs on Employee Retention Tax Credit](#) (ERTC). The document provides answers to 20 of the most common questions about the program, including “how do I know if I’m being scammed by an ERC promoter?”

### Student Loan Repayment

Interest on student loans will resume starting on September 1<sup>st</sup> and payments will be due starting in October 2023. The Department of Education has released a new income-driven repayment plan called SAVE, which offers borrowers the opportunity to reduce their monthly payments for significant amounts before payments resume. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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