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## ARC SPOTLIGHT

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### Substance Abuse Advisory Council Issues Final Report of Recommendations

This week, ARC formally [accepted a final Report of Recommendations](#) developed by the Substance Abuse Advisory Council (SAAC) outlining proposed steps for developing a robust recovery ecosystem in Appalachia. Among the [recommended strategies for action](#) include developing community playbooks, employers toolkits, model workforce training programs, and

community navigation programs. Many of the recommendations' key themes were drawn from six Recovery-to-Work Listening Sessions hosted by ARC, coupled with expertise from the SAAC, a 24-member volunteer group of leaders from recovery services, health, economic development, private industry, education, state government, law enforcement, and other sectors representing each of the Region's 13 states. ARC **seated the SAAC earlier** this year with the charge to develop concrete guiding recommendations to ARC for addressing the workforce impacts of Appalachia's substance abuse epidemic.

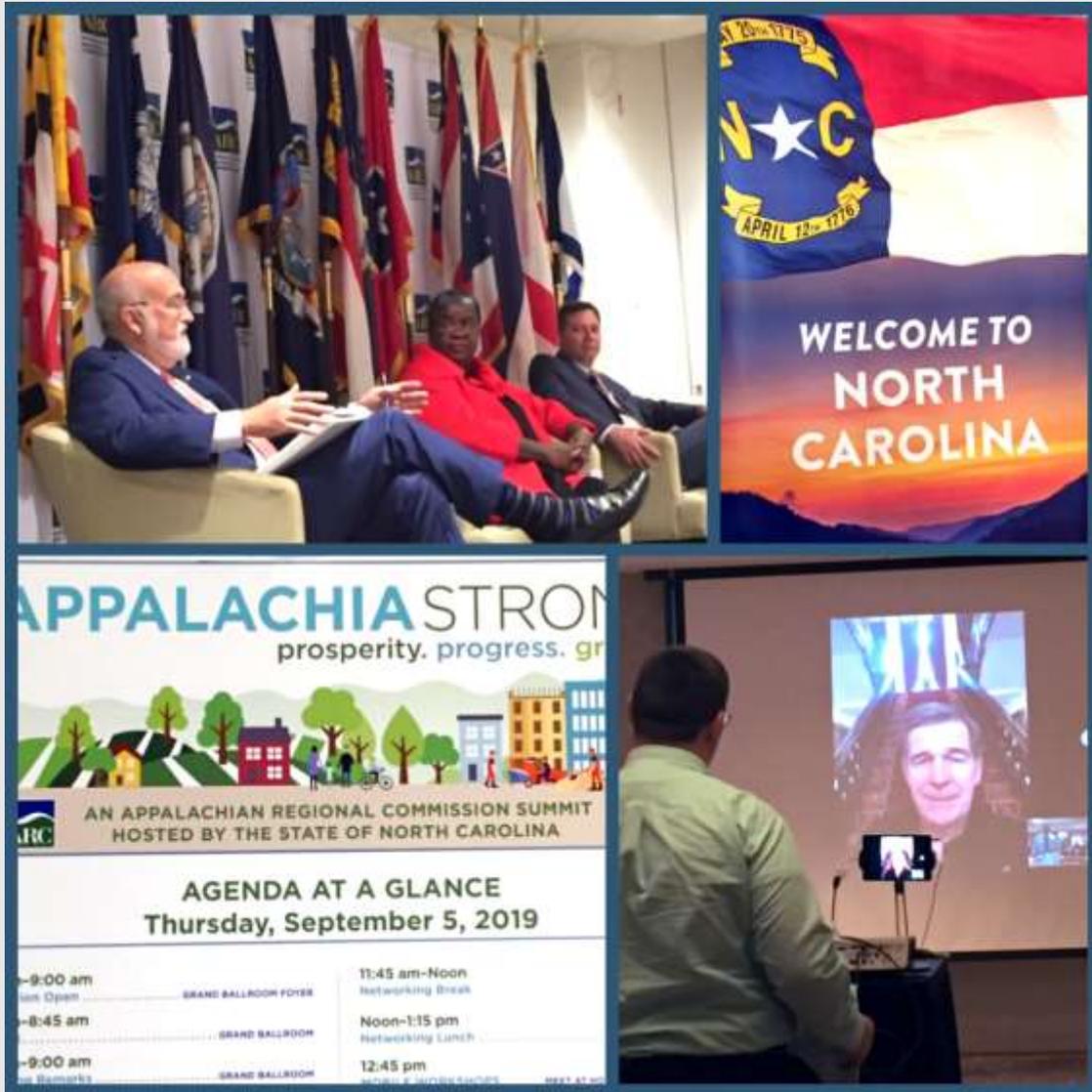
"This report, the result of excellent work by the ARC Substance Abuse Advisory Council, is informed and inspired by the people of the Appalachian Region, who have been especially impacted by the substance abuse epidemic in our country," said ARC Federal Co-Chairman Tim Thomas. "I am proud not only of the innovative and necessary recommendations they have produced, but of the transparent and participatory process by which they reached their conclusions. Their effort proves that effective leadership begins at the community level. I accept their recommendations, thank the Commission for doing the same, and will seek to begin addressing them with our state partners in future ARC programs."



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## INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

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## Scenes from the ARC Summit

Over 500 community leaders, economic developers, investors, and other partners are currently in Asheville, North Carolina, for ARC's Annual Summit *Appalachia Strong: Progress, Prosperity, Growth*. Hosted by the state of North Carolina on behalf of ARC States' Co-Chair North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper, the schedule features standing-room-only sessions focusing on a variety of hot topics in Appalachia, including Opportunity Zones, infrastructure development, leadership, entrepreneurship, and recovery ecosystems. The Summit ends tomorrow.





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## WEB CONTRACTOR OPPORTUNITY



ARC is seeking proposals from qualified contractors to provide Website Design, Development, and Content Migration services for arc.gov.

[Read the RFP](#). Proposals are due at 5 pm ET on **September 16, 2019**.

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### Join Our Team!

ARC is recruiting for a number positions, including a **Content Writer** and **Program Support**

## Assistant.

The [Content Writer](#) will serve as ARC's lead writer and editor, working with the communications team to tell compelling stories through press releases, web materials, newsletters, speeches and other materials amplifying ARC's mission and efforts.

The [Program Support Assistant](#), a federal position, will coordinate a variety of administrative and programmatic functions and act as a central point of contact for the Office of the Federal Co-Chair.

For more information on this position, visit [www.arc.gov/careers](http://www.arc.gov/careers).

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## APPALACHIA IN THE NEWS

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[ARC awards more than \\$200,000 to state lumber industry](#), *Herald Register*, Beckley, West Virginia

[Roe helps cut ribbon on 'The Farm'](#), *Citizen Tribune*, Morristown, Tennessee

[New site gets grant for health clinic](#), *Alex City Outlook*, Alexander City, Alabama

[Federal funds paying for sewage pump station](#), *Times-News*, Cumberland, Maryland

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Appalachia Strong: An ARC Summit

Asheville, North Carolina  
September 4–6

### 2019 National HBCU Week Conference

Washington, D.C.  
September 8–10

### Federal Student Aid Partner Summit - Appalachian Region

Morehead, Kentucky  
September 26

### Entre-Ed Forum

Lexington, Kentucky  
September 27–29

### Alabama-Mississippi Rural Tourism Conference

Natchez, Mississippi  
October 21–23

## Community Colleges of Appalachia 2019 Conference

*Community Colleges: Creating Success in Appalachia*

Hazard, Kentucky

October 30 - November 1

## Appalachian Gateway Communities Regional Workshop

Bristol, Tennessee

November 5–7

*The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is an economic development agency of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 420 counties across the Appalachian Region. ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia to help the Region achieve socioeconomic parity with the nation.*



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