

2020 NASCSP Annual Training Conference – A Virtual Event

September 28 – October 2, 2020

CSBG Conference Agenda

MONDAY Sept. 28 th 1:00pm – 2:00pm	CONFERENCE OPENING & WELCOME Join us for a virtual greeting from our Board President and Executive Director. Get your marching orders and need-to-know information on what to expect from and how to access/navigate the week’s virtual experience.	Presenters: Jenae Bjelland , <i>Executive Director, NASCSP</i> ; Willie Fobbs , <i>Associate Director of Housing, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and NASCSP Board President</i>
2:30pm – 3:30pm	CONFERENCE KEYNOTE – THE ROLE AND IMPACT OF THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN PROVIDING HUMAN SERVICES Access to reliable internet/broadband is critical to be able to work, learn, conduct business, and access healthcare services remotely. Households with low income tend to lack access to reliable internet, which puts them further behind the curve. With each new day, we are faced with the realization of how this global pandemic is disproportionately intensifying hardships for our most vulnerable populations. This session will focus on the role and impact of the digital divide in providing human services.	Presenter: Dr. Nicol Turner-Lee , <i>Senior Fellow, Brookings Institute</i>
4:00pm – 5:00pm	TAKING TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VIRTUAL Whether pandemic-driven or as part of a longer-term continuous improvement plan, the need to increase training and technical assistance via remote technologies offers exciting opportunities as well as presenting new challenges for program supervisors and training personnel. This session will provide an overview of virtual T&TA options to help your organization get started or to move further in this direction. Emphasis will be given to creating learning events that are designed on a proven model for learner engagement, no matter how sophisticated or simple the remote technology chosen for your T&TA program.	Presenter: Anna Sullivan , <i>Credentialing Services Manager, Interstate Renewable Energy Council</i>
TUESDAY Sept. 29 th 12:00pm – 12:30pm	SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT Join us for a special presentation from our conference sponsors.	
1:00pm – 2:00pm	STATE APPROACHES TO MONITORING DURING COVID-19 State offices are required to monitor their subgrantees per the CSBG Act and Organizational Standards. How do we successfully and safely monitor agencies during COVID-19? In this session we will review monitoring requirements, peer state approaches, and considerations for state administrators developing monitoring processes.	Presenters: Hugh Poole , <i>CSBG State Assistance Specialist, NASCSP</i> ; Leslie Taylor , <i>Deputy Director, CA Department of Community Services and Development</i> ; Alex Vercio , <i>Grant Administrator, CO Department of Local Affairs</i>

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2:30pm – 3:30pm	STATE INNOVATIONS: BUILDING READINESS AND RESILIENCY This joint plenary session will feature innovative approaches to providing training and technical assistance, processing client applications, and state leadership through a crisis. Presentations will be followed by a moderated panel discussion with opportunities for questions from session attendees.	Presenters: Josh Larose , <i>Energy Services Program Officer, VT Office of Economic Opportunity</i> ; Kris Schoenow , <i>Executive Director, MI Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity</i> ; Shelly Woda , <i>Sustainability Unit Manager, WV Development Office</i>
4:00pm – 5:00pm	VIRTUAL NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES Join your peers for a series of themed networking events.	
WEDNESDAY		
Sept. 30 th 12:00pm – 1:00pm	INTRODUCTION TO THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN ADVANCING RACIAL EQUITY This joint plenary session will introduce the growing field of practice to advance racial equity in and through local government. It will be an exciting opportunity to learn more about the movement to create an effective and inclusive democracy that advances racial equity and how you can support it.	Presenter: Julie Nelson , <i>Founding Director, Government Alliance on Race and Equity</i>
1:00pm – 1:30pm	OCS FEDERAL PARTNER UPDATE Join us for a special update from the Office of Community Services	Presenter: Clarence Carter , <i>Director, Office of Family Assistance, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i>
2:30pm – 3:30pm	OCS TOWNHALL Want to hear directly from OCS on the most pressing and relevant topics to NASCSP members? Join this live session where the Office of Community Services (OCS) will answer your frequently asked questions and provide insight on current issues facing our network.	Presenter(s): Monique Alcantara , <i>Management and Program Analyst</i> , David Barrie , <i>Operations and Accountability Branch Chief</i> , Charisse Johnson , <i>Director</i> , Maxine Maloney , <i>Program Operations Branch Chief, Division of Community Assistance, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i> ; Seth Hassett , <i>Senior Advisor, Office of Community Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i>
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Oct. 1 st 12:00pm – 12:30pm	SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT Join us for a special presentation from our conference sponsors.	

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1:00pm – 2:00pm	THRIVING THROUGH CHALLENGES: RESILIENCE, EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE, AND POST-TRAUMATIC GROWTH How do we not only survive but thrive through challenging times? The circumstances of our work can be stressful, but current events offer even more potentially traumatic events that could invite compassion fatigue, moral distress, and secondary trauma. This presentation will discuss what fields of resilience, emotional intelligence, and post-traumatic growth can teach us about what we can do to support ourselves and others, regardless of what is happening in the world around us.	Presenter: Rev. Dr. Carla Cheatham , <i>Carla Cheatham Consulting Group, LLC</i>
2:30pm – 3:30pm	NETWORK SPOTLIGHT – HOW STATE OFFICES RESPONDED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC The CSBG network plays a critical role in the response to and recovery efforts from COVID-19. This panel will highlight State office, State association, and local agency perspectives to fighting COVID-19. Learn how State networks have worked together to develop innovative approaches that build the readiness and resiliency of their communities and networks.	Presenters: Jaimi Clifford , <i>CSBG State Coordinator, ME Department of Health and Human Services</i> ; Clint Cottam , <i>Executive Director, Community Action Partnership of UT</i> ; Karen Dunn , <i>Program Manager, WA State Department of Commerce</i> ; Megan Hannan , <i>Executive Director, ME Community Action Partnership</i> ; Karen Quackenbush , <i>Program Specialist, UT Housing and Community Development</i> ; Sahil Oberoi , <i>Director of Housing & Case Management, UT Community Action</i>
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FRIDAY Oct. 2 nd 1:00pm – 2:00pm	REVIEW OF PRE-RECORDED SESSIONS/Q&A Have questions from the prerecorded sessions? Join this session to continue the learning and conversation with panelists and peers!	Presenters: Katy Kujawski , <i>Research Director</i> , Hugh Poole , <i>CSBG State Assistance Specialist</i> , Maribeth Schneber-Rhemrev , <i>CSBG State Assistance Director, NASCSP</i> ; Barbara Mooney , <i>Director, ANCRT</i> ; Aaron Wicks , <i>Vice President, Organizational Capacity Building, Community Action Partnership</i>
2:00pm – 2:30pm	CONFERENCE WRAP UP	Presenters: Jenae Bjelland , <i>Executive Director, NASCSP</i> ; Willie Fobbs , <i>Associate Director of Housing, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and NASCSP Board President</i>

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In addition to the above schedule of conference live events, the following pre-recorded sessions will also be available to view throughout the week:

OCS RECORDED SESSION A description for this session will be added soon.	Presenter(s): Office of Community Services
NATIONAL PARTNER UPDATE Join us for a special conversation with our community action partners to discuss and update the network on how we are working to provide core funding to local agencies to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities, and empower low-income families to become self-sufficient, especially during the additional hardships due to COVID-19.	Presenters: Jenae Bjelland , <i>Executive Director, NASCSP</i> ; David Bradley , <i>Executive Director, National Community Action Foundation</i> ; Denise Harlow , <i>Chief Executive Officer, Community Action Partnership</i> ; Allison Ma'luf , <i>Executive Director and General Counsel, Community Action Program Legal Services, Inc.</i>
ROMA FOR RESILIENCY The COVID-19 pandemic rapidly changed the landscape for families, agencies, and states. This prerecorded session will discuss how ROMA principles and practices can be used to meet this moment and how State networks are using ROMA to foster resiliency.	Presenters: Jessica Lowell , <i>Community Services Program Analyst II, Division of Community Services, New York State Department of State</i> ; Dr. Barbara Mooney , <i>Director, ANCRT</i> ; Maribeth Schneber-Rhemrev , <i>CSBG State Assistance Director, NASCSP</i>
HUMAN CAPACITY AND COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION (HCCT)– THE STATE ROLE HCCT discovers high-impact work that Community Action Agencies are doing by identifying and highlighting transformative work that strengthens families and builds resilient, supportive communities. This session will review what HCCT is, the role of the State office, and how States can support transformative work in their networks.	Presenters: Hugh Poole , <i>CSBG State Assistance Specialist, NASCSP</i> ; Aaron Wicks , <i>Vice President, Capacity Building, Community Action Partnership</i>
STATE DATA REVIEW AND ANALYSIS Watch this prerecorded session on how your peers approach review of CSBG data and use it for decision making at the state and local level.	Presenters: Muska Kamran , <i>CSBG Project Manager</i> , Katy Kujawski , <i>Research Director, NASCSP</i> ; Tamara Fahey , <i>CSBG Program Coordinator, MA Department of Housing and Community Development</i> ; Cassandra Norfleet-Johnson , <i>Program Manager, Connecticut Office of Community Services</i>