



NASCSP 2022 Annual Training Conference

WAP Agenda (subject to change)

WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 26, 2022

7:30 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:00 am Opening Plenary

Join us for opening remarks from the NASCSP Board president, executive director, and local officials as we kick off the start of our conference.

Presenter(s): **Grace Arnold**, *Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Commerce (invited)*; **Beverly Buchanan**, *CSBG Grants Manager, Arkansas Department of Human Services and NASCSP Board President*; **Melvin Carter**, *Mayor, City of Saint Paul (invited)*; **Jeannie Chaffin**, *Interim Executive Director, NASCSP*; **Peggy Flanagan**, *Lieutenant Governor, State of Minnesota (invited)*

9:00 am – 9:45 am Federal Partner Update

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) play a critical role in alleviating the causes and conditions of poverty. Changing the face of poverty across the nation requires the effort of many. Join us for a message from our federal partners at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Energy as they share some of their top priorities within the administration as it relates to the CSBG and WAP.

Presenter(s): **AnnaMaria Garcia**, *Director, Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs Office*, **Henry McKoy**, *Director, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*; **Dr. Lanique Howard**, *Director, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

9:45 am – 10:15 am Networking Break

10:15 am – 11:30 am Annual Business Meeting *(members only)*

11:30 am – 12:45 pm Lunch *(on your own)*

12:45 pm – 2:45 pm WAP Member Planning and Action *(members only)*

NASCSP staff and board regional representatives will facilitate regional discussions on critical topics in the WAP related to program administration. The WAP Member Planning and Action session is an important peer-to-peer networking opportunity to highlight developments and innovations in your region. Come meet your peers and connect with this amazing network of WAP professionals.

Non-Member Sessions

Why Aggressive Air Sealing is More Important than Ever (12:45 pm – 1:30 pm)

Stopping air leakage was one of the first measures in WAP 45 years ago. And today, the importance of air sealing is still important as ever. Whether it's meeting the program's core tenant of lowering occupant's bills, increasing a home's durability, or lowering heating/cooling loads to help make a home electrification ready, aggressive air sealing remains the key to a successful weatherization job. This session will provide a brief overview of the physics of air movement, examples of the impacts of infiltration on reducing heating loads, and show how states can keep their focus on air sealing as they ramp up.

Presenter(s): **Jake McAlpine**, *Manager of Technical Support, The Energy Conservatory*

Telling the Community Action Agency Story (1:45 pm – 2:45 pm)

The work of CCAP is necessary as it complements the history, trajectory and impact of the mission and purpose of the Community Action Network. How we lead, why we lead, and when we lead are tied to our history and our impact on the lives of the communities that we serve.

Presenter(s): **Brenda Nettles**, *Case Manager*, **LaKeisha Williams**, *Community Outreach Coordinator, Mobile Community Action, Inc.*

2:45 pm – 3:15 pm Networking Break

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm Approaches to Setting Up Statewide Multifamily WAP

With BIL funds bringing significant funding increases to the WAP program, states are considering expanding into multifamily weatherization and exploring new options on how they administer multifamily WAP. Join us as we hear from several state managers who have used a single vendor or multi-vendor approach to setting up multifamily programs. New Mexico and ICAST will present their delivery model which leverages landlord contributions and minimizes the work needed from the state or local agencies to complete multifamily WAP.

Presenter(s): **Troy Cucchiara**, *Green Initiatives Manger, New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority*; **Ryan Kristoff**, *Director of Business Development, International Center for*

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 27, 2022

8:00 am – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast

8:45 am – 10: 00 am U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Federal Perspectives and Updates

DOE Weatherization Assistance Program managers will provide an overview of regulatory updates, recently released Weatherization Program Notices, the current status on the Enhancement and Innovation funds, SERC and Community Scale Pilot funds, Justice 40, BIL updates, and other important federal topics.

Presenter(s): **Erica Burrin**, *Program Manager*, **Amy Klusmeier**, *Project Officer*, **Katherine Kujawski**, *Project Officer*, **Brittany Price**, *Project Officer*, **Derek Schroeder**, *Lead Policy Advisor for Technical Operations*, **Michael Tidwell**, *ORISE Fellow*, *Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs Office U.S. Department of Energy*

10:00 am – 10:30 am Networking Break

10:30 am – 11:30 am U.S. Department of Energy Federal Perspectives II – Q&A

DOE Weatherization Assistance Program managers and the NASCSP WAP chair will conduct a live question and answer session. Have burning questions about WAP implementation, operations, training, and monitoring? Bring your questions to this informational session

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11:45 pm – 1:00 pm NASCSP Awards Luncheon

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm Integrating Solar into Weatherization

What is the pathway for more renewables in the WAP? Learn from state managers how they navigated the DOE approval process for integrating solar into the WAP with a pilot program. State managers will share their experiences and lessons learned from implementing solar including leveraging other funding sources and partnerships. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) will provide updates from recent research on barriers and successful solar integration policies.

Presenter(s): **Juan Lamboy**, *WAP Program Manager, Puerto Rico Office of Public Energy Policy*; **Justin Lindall**, *Weatherization Field Monitor*, **Kellye Rose**, *Weatherization*

Leveraging Specialist, Minnesota Department of Commerce; Juliana Williams, Energy Markets and Policy Specialist, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

- 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm** **National and State Perspectives on CSBG and WAP Leaders as Agents of Change**
Join us as national and state leaders share their perspectives on future opportunities and challenges for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). This panel will hold a dynamic discussion about how leaders spring forward from the pandemic and embrace new opportunities to coordinate and integrate funding streams and programs to achieve greater impact and success for the families and communities served by CSBG and WAP.
- Presenter(s): **Tikki Brown**, *Assistant Commissioner of Children and Family Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services*; **Jeannie Chaffin**, *Interim Executive Director, NASCSP*; **Sandy Fazeli**, *Senior Managing Director, National Association of State Energy Officials*; **Denise Harlow**, *Chief Executive Officer, National Community Action Partnership*
- 3:45 pm – 4:15 pm** **Networking Break**
- 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm** **Innovative Workforce Strategies and Pilots for the New Generation**
Tackling workforce challenges will take intentional, creative partnerships to succeed. Xcel Energy and the Center for Energy and Environment have come together to design a workforce development pilot program by recruiting, training, and ultimately employing women and Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) living in areas of concentrated poverty in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Learn how they recruit and train new participants, and how participants are placed into energy auditor and insulation installer internships. AMPACT, Serve Minnesota and MN CAA are partnering with AmeriCorps to create opportunities for people to serve their communities, support weatherization staff, and learn about building science and climate and social justice. The Climate Impact Corps has completed its pilot year, placing AmeriCorps members with two WAP agencies performing energy audits, retrofits, solar PV home assessments, and homeowner education and outreach.
- Presenter(s): **Dylan Kelly**, *Director of Climate Programs, Ampact*; **Sharon Delcambre**, *Impact and Improvement Evaluator, Serve Minnesota*; **Allison Moe**, *Project Manager, National Renewable Energy Laboratory*; **Rebecca Olsen**, *Senior Director of Residential and Community Energy, Center for Energy and Environment*; **Xavier Walter**, *State Outreach Coordinator, Building Performance Association*
- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm** **NASCSP Reception**
Come out and join your colleagues at The Local – Minneapolis (931 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN), for an evening of magic, music, food, and fun! Costumes are highly encouraged, and prizes will be awarded for the best costume.

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 28, 2022

8:00 am – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – 9:45 am The 46th Annual Weatherization Day Celebration

Join us for a celebration of the 46th anniversary of the nationally recognized *Weatherization Day*, which is October 30 of each year.

9:45 am – 10:15 am Networking Break

10:15 am – 11:30 am Beneficial Electrification and the Future of the WAP

WAP has never been better positioned to add new technologies into the program. Join us to learn how new technologies can expand the reach of Weatherization. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Minnesota State Energy Office, and Minnesota energy efficiency professionals will demonstrate how to maximize your impact with new technologies and get a sneak peek at the results from the August Continuous Improvement Workshop on the future of WAP.

Presenter(s): **Margaret Cherne-Hendrick**, *Senior Lead, Innovation and Impact, Fresh Energy*; **Michelle Gransee**, *State Energy Office Director*, **Ben Tucker**, *Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, Minnesota Department of Commerce*; **Pat Huelman**, *Associate Professor, University of Minnesota*; **Rebecca Olson**, *Senior Director of Residential and Community Energy, Center for Energy and the Environment*; **Juliana Williams**, *Energy Markets and Policy Specialist, National Renewable Energy Laboratory*

11:45 am – 12:30 pm Closing Plenary

Before you grab your boarding passes and Ubers, reconvene and hear from your peers as we discuss takeaways from the week and share next steps. Oh, and don't forget to keep your fingers crossed to win some great raffle prizes!