

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS



Leveraged Energy Advocacy Through the Community Action State Association

20
23

ANNUAL TRAINING
CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 25 - 29

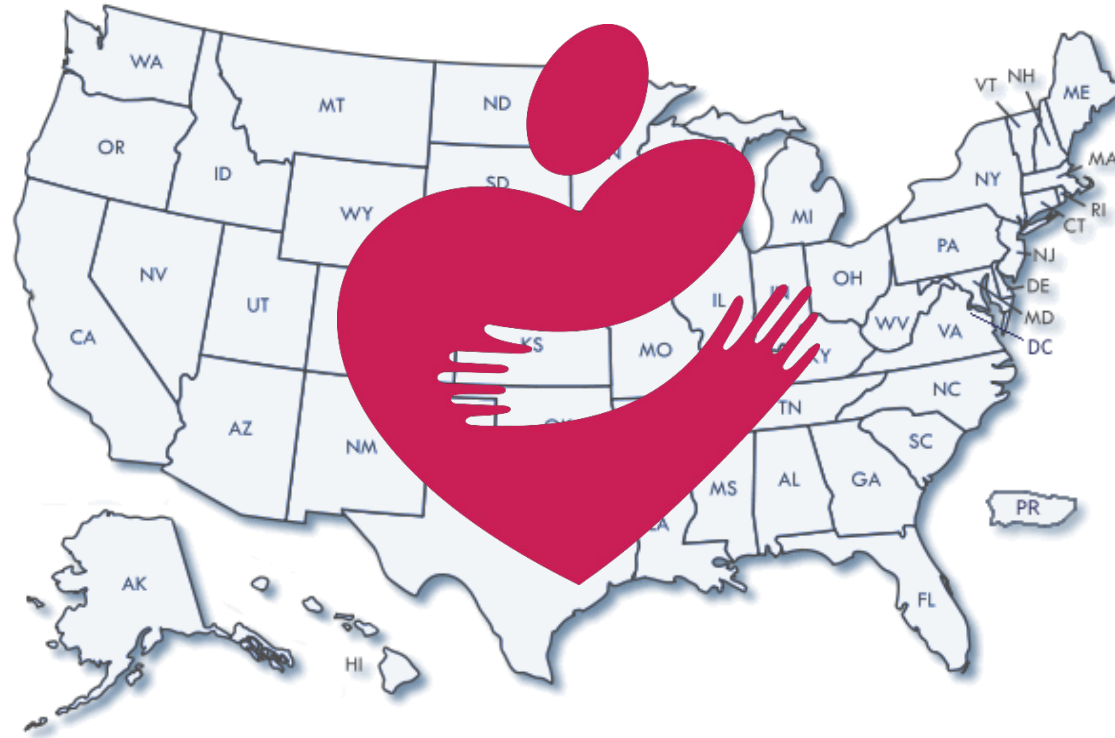


G R A N D R A P I D S



Aimee Gendusa-English
Project Director,
Energy Partnerships
National Community
Action Partnership (NCAP)
aenglish@communityactionpartnership.com

Community Action Network



1000+ Agencies | 44 State Associations | 50+ State CSBG Offices | National Partners
More than 15 million served

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Subscribe to Weatherization Plus E-Newsletter



NCAP - ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS PROJECT

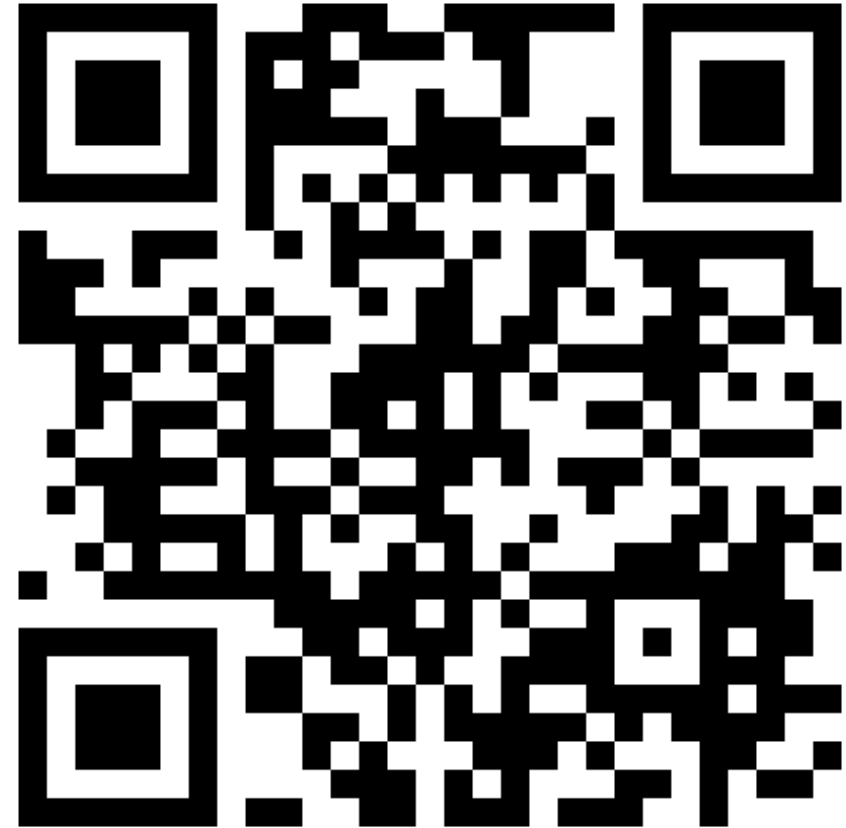


SUPPORTING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN
WEATHERIZATION AND OTHER ENERGY INITIATIVES





Follow
@NcapEnergy



Introduction

- NCAP/NASCSP network collaboration models
- Legislative, regulatory, or community-based
- DOE-funded leveraging!
 - State Planning Process
- NASEO/SEP Outreach?

Leveraged Energy Advocacy Through the Community Action State Association – Example, Oregon

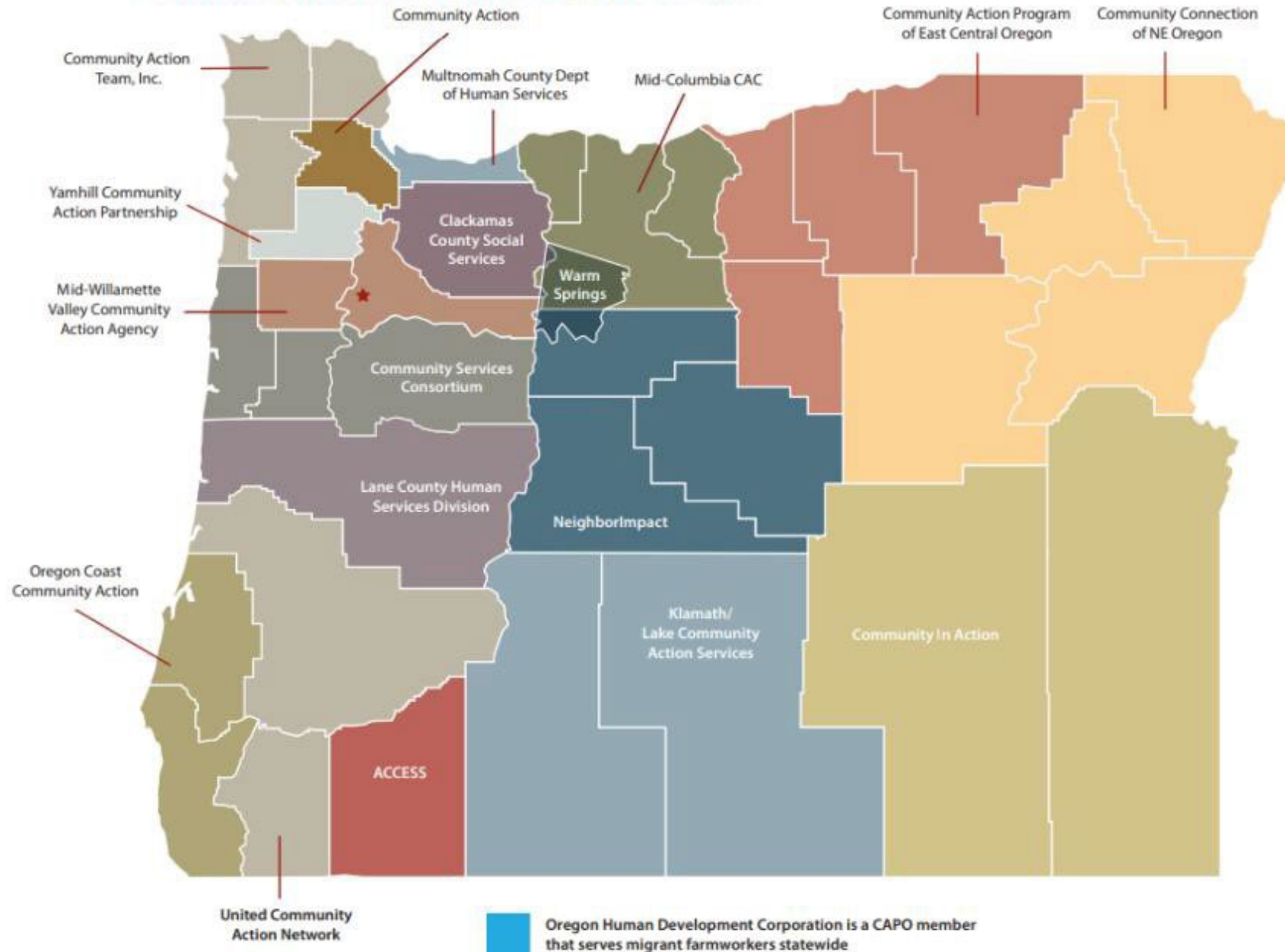


Benedikt Springer, PhD

Community Action Partnership of Oregon
Utility Policy Analyst
benedikt@caporegon.org

September 27, 2023
NASCS Conference

Community Action Partnership of Oregon



- 18 member organizations
- Oregon Population (4.2 million) below 200% (100%) of FPL: 28% (12%)
- Households served with energy assistance: 69,000 – 13% of eligible (21-22)
- Households weatherized: 972 (2022)

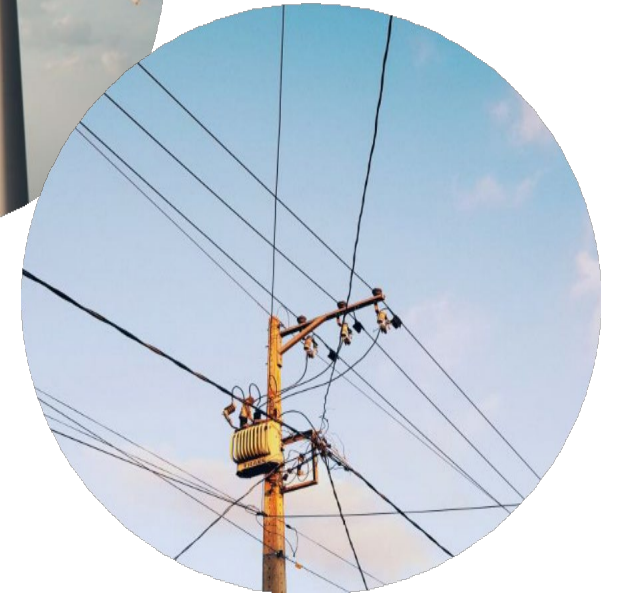
Our Activities

- (1) Education and Networking
- (2) Funding Opportunities
- (3) Program-specific Advocacy
- (4) General Advocacy
- (5) Training and Technical Assistance



(1) Education and Networking

- Get to know like-minded organizations
- Show up in relevant spaces
- Let people know what Community Action programs do
- Examples: PCEF, PUC



(2) Funding Opportunities

- Monitor opportunities, e.g. legislation
- Partners that know you will reach out
- Support funding applications of partners
- Connect them to Community Action agencies
- Example: ODOE Heat Pump Rebates



(3) Program-specific Advocacy

- Show state-administrators that you care about program improvement
- Know about and avert risks to network funding streams
- Multiple roles conflict: administrator, stakeholder, low-income advocate



(3) Advocacy Entry Point: Administrative Processes

- Many administrative processes require public input and hearings – always show up and submit comments in writing
 - DOE/LIHEAP State Plans
 - Operations Manuals = administrative rules
 - Other administrative rules
- Notice of proposed rule making
- Rules advisory committee
- Example: LIHEAP State Plan



(3) Advocacy Entry Point: Relationships with Utilities

- Many additional weatherization and energy assistance programs are funded by utilities (voluntary/mandatory)
- Ask for program improvements
- Example: CNG tariff revision



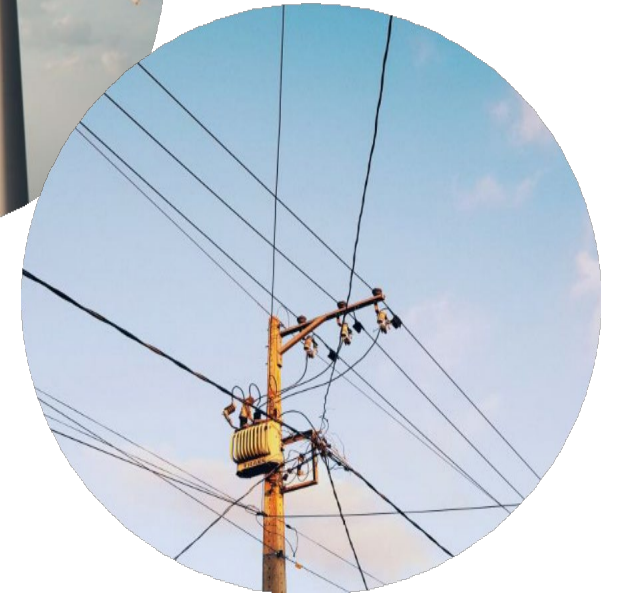
(4) General Advocacy

- Complementary action to your programs likely happens in Utility regulation at a Public Utility Commission or similar
 - Quasi-judicial proceedings are often hard to access
 - Build partnerships or create own expertise
- Lobby for or support legislative action
- Federal lobbying is best left to national advocacy organizations
- Example: General Rate Case



(5) Training and Technical Assistance

- Your network already has the expertise – need to make the connections
- Mentoring
- Exchange of best practices
- Produce training materials
- Example: conferences



Thank You!

Your feedback is needed to shape the future of NASCSP conference sessions.

Please scan the QR Code to provide feedback for this session.

