**What is the State Plan?**

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) State Plan is the application process that State Lead Agencies use to apply for CSBG federal funding from the Office of Community Services. The State Plan is used for planning purposes including but not limited to statewide goals, public hearing requirements, use of funds, training and technical assistance, state linkages and communication, etc.

**Promising Practices**

1. *Complete a Two-Year State Plan*
2. *Start Early:* Timeline Mapping
   * Develop a timeline that is individualized to the State’s needs
3. *Educate the Network:* State Plan Training, utilize the State Association
   * Host annual State Plan kick-off webinar for the Network to highlight what is the State Plan and why a CAA should care (MD, ND, VA)
   * Utilize the State Association to present the State Plan draft at the annual conference and hold a discussion​
   * Summarize Network comments regarding the State Plan and explain why/why not these suggestions were included in the final draft
4. *Gather input First:* Follow up on All Comments

* Gather input at the beginning of the State Planning process
* Be open and transparent about any changes

1. *Public Hearing:* Host a hybrid, coordinate with the LIHEAP planning process

* Host a hybrid (phone/computer and in-person) public hearing
* Coordinate the State Plan process with the LIHEAP planning process – Utilizing the time of the Network to complete both