



**NASCSP 2024 Winter Training Conference**  
**WAP CORE CONFERENCE**  
**March 13 - 15, 2024**

**Agenda (subject to change)**

**Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Opening Plenary**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Federal Partner Update**

Join us for an important update on federal initiatives from our partners at the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Presenters: **Khari Garvin**, *Director, Office of Head Start, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*; **Dr. Lanique Howard**, *Director, Office of Community Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*; **David Gipson**, *Deputy Director for Weatherization Assistance Program, Office of State and Community Energy Programs*

**11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Networking Break**

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**National Partner Update**

Join us for important updates on national CSBG and WAP initiatives from our national partners

Presenters: **Denise Harlow**, *CEO, National Community Action Partnership*; **Allison Ma'luf, Esq.**, *Executive Director and General Counsel, Community Action Program Legal Services, Inc.*; **Katrina Metzler**, *Executive Director, National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition*; **David Terry**, *President, National Association of State Energy Officials*; **Mark Wolfe**, *Executive Director, National Energy Assistance Directors Association*

**12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Lunch (on your own)**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS:**

**Member Planning & Action (Members Only)**

WAP Member Planning and Action is devoted to in-depth regional peer exchanges facilitated by your elected NASCSP regional representatives. The session will cover critical topics around WAP operations and administration.

### **Elevating Efficiency: Insights from NEL and State-Level Badge Training (Non-Member Session)**

Discover NREL's latest advancements in training and highlighting efficient methods and new resources for the WAP badge toolkit, a transformative training approach that offers standardized and verifiable recognition for home energy professionals. Additionally, learn about the success of the badge training initiative, with insights from Everblue and the Minnesota WAP implementation. This session offers a comprehensive guide on how to ensure the success of such training initiatives and aims to provide the needed guidance on implementation, including a strategic plan and a framework for evaluating its success.

Presenter(s): **Chris Boggiano**, *President, Everblue*; **Cory Chovanec**, *Energy Market and Policy Analyst*, **Jal Desai**, *Researcher, National Renewable Energy Laboratory*

3: 15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

### **Networking Break**

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS:**

#### **Member Planning & Action (Members Only) Cont'd**

#### **Advancing the WAP Workforce: Updates and Resources from National Partners**

Stay informed and engaged with our national partners as they provide essential updates on workforce development initiatives and resources tailored for Weatherization. This session offers a unique opportunity to gain insights into the latest efforts aimed at enhancing and expanding the Weatherization workforce. Join our panel of experts to learn about various projects and tools shaping the future of Weatherization.

Presenter(s): **Kye Garvin**, *WAP Workforce Program Manager, NASCSP*; **Aimee Gendusa-English**, *Project Director, Energy Partnerships Project, National Community Action Partnership*; **Pagan Poggione**, *Program Director, Interstate Renewable Energy Council*; **Juliana Williams**, *Weatherization Lead, National Renewable Energy Laboratory*

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

### **NASCSP Welcome Reception**

**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Communicating for Change**

Policy changes the lives of people, and people using their voices can help change policy. Join us for a discussion about communicating for change in our communities. This session will cover ways that individuals and organizations are using traditional and outside-the-box communication tools and strategies to help advocate, empower, and shift policies and perceptions on several local, state and national issues.

Presenter(s): **Clarence Fluker**, *Lecturer, Johns Hopkins University, Advanced Academic Programs*

**10:00 a.m. – 10:30 am**

**Networking Break**

**10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

**DOE Federal Perspectives I**

Staff from the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program, will provide an overview of regulatory updates, planned program enhancements, recently released Weatherization Program Notices and Memo's, BIL updates, Justice40 and new reporting requirements. DOE will also share promising practices and updates related to the Enhancement and Innovation and Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers grant projects.

Presenter(s): **Detrick Clark**, *Programmatic Project Officer Supervisor*, **Ray Judy**, *Supervisory Technical Project Officer*, **Amy Klusmeier**, *Innovation Program Manager*, **Chelsea Mervenne**, *Project Officer*, **Amanda Rains**, *Senior Policy Advisor*, **Carrie Smith**, *Program Manager, Readiness and Retrofit, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**NASCSP Awards Luncheon**

**1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**DOE Federal Perspectives II**

DOE Weatherization Assistance Program managers and the NASCSP WAP chair will conduct a live question and answer session. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about WAP implementation, operations, training, and monitoring.

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**3:00 p.m. – 3:30 pm**

**Networking Break**

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

### **Data Management System Selection: Considerations for Smooth Sailing**

Many Grantees are considering upgrading their Data Management Systems (DMS) or changing them from one provider to another but get caught up in what feels like a Herculean task! Learn about Indiana's stakeholder engagement process and the importance of building a strong team to define what functionality is required at all levels of the program. We will also hear from a panel of experts who have navigated this process and will offer advice for a smooth DMS selection process.

Presenter(s): **Eric Beaton**, *Energy Conservation Unit Supervisor, Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities*; **Phil Crow**, *Lead WAP T&TA Policy Analyst, Wisconsin Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources*; **Robert Leuchs**, *Senior Energy Services Program Officer, Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity*; **Emily Nash**, *Energy & Utility Programs Special Projects Analyst*, **Joely Pope**, *Energy and Utility Programs Special Projects Manager, Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority*

**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

### **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

### **Demystifying Solar in WAP**

Interested in including solar or community solar in your WAP program, but unsure how? Over the last two years, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) has identified the pathways for implementing solar in WAP and LIHEAP and practices for successful implementation. Learn about successful implementation models from around the network and the new resources that can give you a head start in planning solar into your program, including a demonstration of tools to help evaluate solar potential and cost-effectiveness at the household level, as well as a new tool from the U.S. Department of Energy National Community Solar Partnership to help connect households receiving LIHEAP assistance to community solar subscriptions that guarantee energy bill savings. This lively session will address your solar and community solar questions and give you the information you need to get started!

Presenter(s): **Kimberly Shields**, *Program Analyst, Solar Energy Technology Office, U.S. Department of Energy*; **Juliana Williams**, *Weatherization Lead, National Renewable Energy Laboratory*

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 am

### **Networking Break**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **Centering Diversity and Inclusion in Workforce Development and Culture**

Workforce challenges are front and center right now and addressing them takes multiple approaches. This session will speak to how to center diversity and inclusion in your workforce recruitment and scaling process. Centering inclusion brings new voices and a diversity of experiences and ideas to workplaces, and this helps create systems that work better for everyone. This session will explore real-world examples of how to implement diversity and inclusion in the workplace and why it is important for retention and overall organizational performance.

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Presenter(s): **Darnell Johnson**, *Executive Director, Urban Efficiency Group*

**12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**Closing Plenary**

Before you grab your boarding passes and Ubers, reconvene with your peers to discuss key takeaways from the week and share next steps. Also, hear closing remarks from our board president and executive director. Oh, and don't forget to keep your fingers crossed to win some great raffle prizes!