



NASCSP 2024 Annual Training Conference

CSBG Pre-Conference Agenda

September 16 - 17, 2024

NASCSP At Your Service!

Welcome to NASCSP! We understand that many of you might be new to your roles or this network, and this could be your very first NASCSP event. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a fresh rookie, we've got you covered. On Monday morning, from 8:30 am – 11:30 am, we've set aside time for you to drop in and meet the NASCSP staff. We'll be there to answer any questions you have about registration, navigating the hotel and surrounding area, what to expect, and how to best prepare for the week. And here's something special! We'll also take a trip to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis. This will be a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow attendees in an inspiring and meaningful setting.

Monday, September 16th

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

NASCSP At Your Service (OPTIONAL)

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch (on your own)

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Welcome

Get ready to kick off our pre-conference event with a warm welcome from our board president and executive director. Join us as they set the stage to kick off the week on an exciting note!

Presenters: **Beverly Buchanan**, *CSBG Manager, Arkansas Department of Human Services and NASCSP Board President*; **Cheryl Williams**, *Executive Director, NASCSP*

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Do the Right Thing: Building a Culture of Compliance and Ethics – Pt. 1

In the face of increased scrutiny, it is more important than ever for agencies to establish and maintain a strong ethical culture within their organizations. Agencies are also being held to higher standards of accountability in terms of their ability to exercise effective financial oversight and stewardship to comply systematically with the many rules that apply to their operations, including the requirements of the WAP and CSBG regulations. This session will help agencies adopt policies and procedures that implement an effective compliance and ethics system and discuss ways that CAAs can manage risk and ensure programmatic, fiscal, and governance compliance. You'll also get access to sample documents and practical steps boards and management can take to ensure their organizations operate effectively and in compliance.

Presenters: **Allison Ma'luf, Esq.**, *Executive Director and General Counsel*, **Emily Center-Bregasi, Esq.**, *Staff Attorney, CAPLAW*

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Networking Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Do the Right Thing: Building a Culture of Compliance and Ethics – Pt. 2

The second part of this session will include peer exchange and scenarios for group discussion.

Tuesday, September 17th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

CSBG Monitoring Requirements

Monitoring isn't just about checking boxes—it's about ensuring your programs are compliant, performing well, making an impact, and constantly improving. In this session, we'll dive into the nuts and bolts of the monitoring process, covering the essential statutory, regulatory, and programmatic foundations you need to know. Join us to discover how to leverage the monitoring process to its fullest potential, ensuring your network operates at peak efficiency and effectiveness. This is your chance to gain valuable insights, ask questions, and walk away with practical strategies to elevate your agency's performance.

Presenters: **Allison Ma'luf, Esq.**, *Executive Director and General Counsel*,
Emily Center-Bregasi, Esq., *Staff Attorney, CAPLAW*

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 am.

Networking Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Mastering Uniform Guidance: From Updates to Actionable Insights

Join us for an engaging session where we'll kick off with a rundown of the latest Uniform Guidance updates. From there, we'll tackle topics like internal controls, making the most of single audit results, and tackling risk assessments and scenarios. To wrap it all up, we'll roll up our sleeves and dive into real-world case studies, ensuring you leave with practical ways to apply what you've learned.

Presenter: **Kevin Myren, CPA**

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Resilience in Action: Navigating Agency Challenges and Solutions

Sometimes issues arise within agencies that demand our intense focus and structured plans for corrective action. Join us to hear compelling firsthand stories from states that have successfully navigated tough challenges within their networks. Discover the innovative plans they implemented and gain valuable insights into the steps to take when initial efforts fall short. Don't miss this opportunity to delve into an inspiring exploration of overcoming adversity!

Presenters: **Adrian Angel**, *State Program Manager, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Office of Community Assistance and NASCSP Board Treasurer*; **Tawny Chapman**, *Social Services Program Specialist*; **Kelli Quintero**, *Social Services Chief, Nevada Department of Health*

and Human Services; Karl Hoffman, CSBG Program Manager, Washington State Department of Commerce

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Networking Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Monitoring Promising Practices for State Administrators

Monitoring is a critical function that state administrators perform to ensure agency compliance with CSBG federal and state requirements. But it's also an opportunity for states to build relationships, engage with their agencies, and ultimately, improve service delivery to the customers we serve. In this session, you'll hear firsthand from our State Management Work Group members and have the chance to discuss how to bring some of these ideas to life within your network. Join us for a dynamic session of learning and collaboration!

Presenters: **Wilmer Brown**, *Branch Chief, Community Services Division, California Department of Community Services and Development*; **Jaimi Clifford**, *CSBG State Coordinator, Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services*; **Melissa Tabb**, *Deputy Director, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development*