



NASCSP 2024 Annual Training Conference WAP Pre-Conference Agenda September 16 - 17, 2024

*Sessions marked with asterisks (**) eligible for BPI CEUs*

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.

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, ethical scenarios for group discussion, and practical steps boards and management can take to ensure their organizations operate effectively and in compliance.

Tuesday, September 17th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse in the Weatherization Assistance Program**

Why did the Office of Inspector General (OIG) reach out to the DOE right after BIL funding was announced and awarded to Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Grantees? What concerns might the OIG have about WAP? Join us for an engaging session where we'll dive into these questions and examine fraud within WAP. We'll explore how to identify fraud, the typical behavior of fraudsters, and what they look like. It's a tough topic, but it's an important conversation that needs to happen.

Presenter: **Ray Judy**, *Supervisory Technical Project Officer, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 am.

Networking Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

DOE Monitoring: Why it Matters**

Everyone's curious about the success of the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), which means it's up to DOE to ensure WAP fulfills its mission. So, how does DOE ensure this? The answer is in the title of our session—MONITORING! This session will examine what DOE captured in current monitoring and share why that information is important, what DOE does with monitoring results, and what insight is gained by developing monitoring trends.

Presenters: **Troy Cucchiara**, *Green Initiatives Manager*, **David Gutierrez**, *Program Manager, New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority*; **Ray Judy**, *Supervisory Technical Project Officer, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Managing Risks While Ramping Up**

Join us for an engaging panel discussion with NASCSP and a group of grantees as they share how they're gearing up to meet BIL and formula spend goals. We'll dive into effective strategies for maintaining production and spending goals, integrating the required annual risk assessment, and boosting the performance of struggling sub-grantees. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and practical tips to enhance your program's success!

Presenters: **Stacy Humbert**, *Weatherization Policy Specialist, Wisconsin Department of Administration*; **Scott Kashuba**, *Energy Program Developer, Ohio*

Office of Community Enhancements; Meghan McMillen, Director of Weatherization Programs and Services, Community Housing Partners

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Networking Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Making TTA Work for You**

Join us for an engaging presentation on maximizing your training and technical assistance (T&TA) budgets within WAP. Hear from fellow grantees as they share creative ways they've used T&TA funds to support workforce recruitment and retention, staff training, work quality, monitoring, and more. After the panel presentations, participate in interactive discussions to explore priorities, strategies, and opportunities for using T&TA funds to enhance your program. Don't miss this chance to learn, share, and discover new approaches to support your team and improve your programs.

Presenter: **Allison Moe**, *Project Manager III-Research, NREL*