



## NASCSP 2024 Annual Training Conference

### WAP Core Conference Agenda

September 18 - 20, 2024

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

#### Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Opening Plenary**

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 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: **David Gipson**, *WAP Deputy Director, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*; **Khari Garvin**, *Director, Office of Head Start*; **Dr. Lanikque Howard**, *Director, Office of Community Services (invited), Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Networking Break**

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS:**

**Annual Business Meeting (Members Only)**

This member-only meeting is your opportunity to stay informed, share your insights, and connect with the membership. Be a part of shaping NASCSP's future and ensuring our continued growth and success.

**The Power of Emotion – Emotional Intelligence**

Ever wonder why you feel the way you do? Why do some conversations seem almost impossible? If you've noticed your emotions affecting your work or daily life, this session is for you. We'll explore how emotions and feelings impact your everyday experiences and discuss the benefits of developing Emotional Intelligence. Learn practical strategies to enhance this skill and become a happier, more confident version of yourself. Don't miss out on this opportunity to transform your emotional well-being!

Presenter: **Leticia Meitzen**, *Training and Public Relations Coordinator, Community Action of Nebraska*

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)**

The WAP Member Planning and Action is devoted to in-depth regional peer exchanges facilitated by your elected NASCSP regional representatives, covering critical topics around WAP operations and administration. This session is reserved for NASCSP Members only.

**Building a Sustainable Workforce: Apprenticeships, Internships, and Strategic Partnerships\*\***

Get ready to explore the critical role of registered apprenticeships, internships, and strategic partnerships in building a sustainable workforce for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). Attendees will learn how to leverage apprenticeships to develop skilled and loyal workers while discovering effective partnership strategies that overcome common barriers in workforce development. Walk away with practical insights and actionable steps to implement these strategies in your program. Don't miss out on this opportunity to supercharge your workforce!

Presenters: **Suzanne Gray**, *Workforce Development Manager*, **Drew Sizemore**, *Oregon Training Institute Director, Community Action Partnership of Oregon*; **John Knorr**, *Regional Hub Coordinator, Community College System of New Hampshire*

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**

**Healthy Homes: Improved Indoor Air Quality through Ventilation\*\***

Did you know that being exposed to pollutants indoors can lead to respiratory and cardiovascular issues? That's why proper ventilation, like following the ASHRAE Standard 62.2, is essential to maintain healthy IAQ. This session explores common indoor pollutants, their sources, and health effects. We will analyze pollutant transport with and without kitchen ventilation and local exhaust fans, review new technologies to improve IAQ, and discuss incorporating ventilation benefits into the WAP cost-effectiveness test.

Presenters: **Bill Eckman**, *Program Manager, State and Community Energy Programs*, **Easwaran Krishnan**, *Research and Development Associate, Oak Ridge National Laboratory*

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**NASCSP Welcome Reception**

**Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

**IRA Home Energy Rebates: Stacking and Maximizing Incentives\*\***

Get the inside scoop on the latest HOMES and HEEHR rebate program developments! We'll start with a rundown of state activities, then open the floor for your ideas and priorities for coordination between WAP and the rebate programs. State energy offices are key players in integrating these rebates with existing incentives, ensuring a smooth experience for contractors and households. Join us for a dynamic discussion on how states are making participation successful for everyone involved.

Presenters: **Maddie Koewler**, *Program Director, National Association of State Energy Officials*; **Skip Wilshire-Gordon**, *Senior Manager of Public Affairs, AnnDyl Policy Group*

**10:15 a.m. – 10:45 am**

**Networking Break**

**10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**DOE Federal Perspectives – Pt I\*\***

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

Presenters: **Ray Judy**, *Supervisory Technical Project Officer*, **Evan Pagliuca**, *Training and Technical Assistance Advisor*, **Amanda Rains**, *Senior Policy Advisor*, **Carrie Smith**, *Program Manager, State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*

**12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

**DOE Federal Perspectives – Pt II\*\***

Join us for an interactive Q&A session with DOE Weatherization Assistance Program managers and the NASCSP WAP chair! This is your chance to get direct answers to all your burning questions about WAP implementation, operations, training, and monitoring. Don't miss out on this opportunity to gain valuable insights and clarity straight from the experts.

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**2:45 p.m. – 3:15 pm**

**Networking Break**

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Renewed, Resilient, and Refocused: The Balanced Servant-Leader – Pt. 1**

Non-profit leadership is a journey filled with immense challenges, from overcoming adversity to managing fatigue and addressing systemic inequities. These challenges often test our resolve but also present opportunities for growth and transformation. This keynote inspires resilience, shares practical strategies, and fosters community and support. By coming together and learning from one another, we can navigate these obstacles and continue to drive meaningful change in our communities.

Presenter: **LaVada English**, *Founder and CEO, Bright Places*

**Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Renewed, Resilient, and Refocused: The Balanced Servant-Leader – Pt. II**

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 am

**Networking Break**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**WAP Innovation and Collaboration: Updates from IREC and NREL\*\***

Join the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) as we take a look at their initiatives supporting the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). Discover how to leverage NREL and IREC's cutting-edge resources, tools, and workforce initiatives to strengthen your organization's impact within the WAP network. During this interactive session, we also want to hear from you. Share your feedback and insights on how we can enhance resources and meet the ever-evolving needs of the weatherization industry.

Presenters: **Pagan Paggione**, *Program Director, Interstate Renewable Energy Council*; **Juliana Williams**, *Weatherization Lead, National Renewable Energy Laboratory*

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**Closing Plenary**

Before you rush off to catch your flight, let's gather one last time to recap the highlights of the week and discuss our next moves together. You'll also hear some inspiring closing remarks from our board president and executive director. And of course, keep those fingers crossed because there are some fantastic raffle prizes up for grabs! It's the perfect way to wrap up an incredible week.