



NASCSP 2025 Winter Training Conference CSBG Pre-Conference Agenda February 3 - 4, 2025

Agenda (subject to change)

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 – 9:00 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! Following our morning sessions, we'll also take a trip to the National Mall (lunch will be provided) to tour some of the city's historical treasures. This will be a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow attendees in an inspiring and meaningful setting.

Monday, February 3rd

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

NASCSP At Your Service (OPTIONAL)

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Joint 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*

9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Navigating Uncertainty in a Changing World: A Two-Part Session on Change Management

Kick off the conference with an engaging and interactive session designed to empower leaders to navigate challenges with renewed optimism, energy, and hope. This session will introduce a structured approach and framework for change management, including strategies for crucial conversations and intentional wellness. Through small group discussions, participants will explore manageable techniques to maintain vision and direction in today's shifting landscape. Prepare to leave inspired and equipped to lead with confidence in the face of change.

Presenter: **Marcie Bomberg-Montoya**, *Partner, WIPFLI*

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Museums on the Mall

Choose your journey or explore both with the unique opportunity to visit two of Washington, D.C.'s most celebrated museums. The National Museum of African American History and Culture offers a moving exploration of African American history, culture, and contributions, featuring powerful exhibits that inspire reflection and understanding. The National Museum of Natural History invites you to uncover the wonders of the natural world, from dazzling gems like the Hope Diamond to fascinating exhibits on biodiversity and human evolution. Spend time at the museum of your choice or maximize your experience by visiting both if your schedule allows. Comfortable walking shoes are encouraged.

Tuesday, February 4th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Developing Actionable Insights and Making Informed Decisions through Data Analysis and Use – Part I

Data, data, and more data – you probably have mountains of it! Are you overwhelmed by not knowing where to start? Do you know how to make sense of it? Do you know how to use it effectively and efficiently? These are just a few of the questions that we will tackle in this four-part hands-on workshop. Over the course of the day, presenters will help you identify what data is needed, how to select the right data analysis tools and techniques, how to interpret and analyze it, and how to use your findings to make policy, procedures, and programmatic decisions. To see these techniques in action, you will learn about in-the-field promising and best practices being used by fellow state CSBG offices and local community action agencies. By day's end, you will have a better understanding of how to analyze and use data to develop actionable insights and make informed decisions. You will also have valuable tools and resources needed to help you implement "Data as a Strategic Model" when you return to your office.

Presenters: **Allison Meisch**, *Associate Director*, **Mallory Quigley Clark**, *Senior Research Associate*, *James Bell Associates*

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 am.

Networking Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Developing Actionable Insights...Pt. II

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch (On Your Own)

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Developing Actionable Insights...Pt. III

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Networking Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Developing Actionable Insights...Pt. IV

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