



NASCSP 2025 Winter Training Conference WAP Core Conference Agenda

February 5 - 7, 2025

*Eligible for BPI credits (1.25)

(Agenda subject to change)

Wednesday, February 5th

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

Dive into the latest updates on impactful federal initiatives that are driving change and empowering communities as we are joined by our partners at the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services who will unveil new opportunities, policies, and programs designed to support our shared mission. Don't miss this chance to stay informed and inspired by the innovations shaping our work

Presenters: **David Gipson**, *Deputy Director for Weatherization Assistance Program, Office of State and Community Energy Programs*; **Cheryl Zuni**, *Director, Office of Community Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Networking Break

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

National Partner Panel Discussion: The Road Ahead

As a new administration takes the helm, what challenges and opportunities lie ahead for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)? Join us for a moderated panel discussion featuring insights from our national partners. Through thoughtful dialogue, our panelists will explore potential policy shifts, funding priorities, and strategies to help your programs adapt and thrive in this evolving landscape. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with experts and prepare for the road ahead.

Presenters: **David Bradley**, *CEO, National Community Action Foundation*; **Denise Harlow**, *CEO, National Community Action Partnership*; **Allison Ma'luf**, *Executive Director and General Counsel, Community Action Program Legal Services*; **Katrina Metzler**, *Executive Director, National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition*; **Cheryl Williams**, *Executive Director, NASCSP*

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch (on your own)

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2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

WAP 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, covering critical topics around WAP operations and administration. This session is reserved for NASCSP Members only.

Recruitment and Outreach Best Practices for a More Diverse and Inclusive Industry*

Roll up your sleeves for an interactive discussion on creating a more inclusive and equitable energy workforce. Discover practical strategies to recruit youth, students, and job seekers from underrepresented populations and learn why expanding access to energy careers is vital to meeting workforce needs. Highlights include lessons learned, IREC's Green Workforce Connect platform, and actionable tools like outreach templates, messaging guides, and DEIA resources to help you hire a diverse, skilled workforce.

Presenters: **Pagan Poggione**, *Senior Program Director, Interstate Renewable Energy Council*

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Networking Break

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

WAP Member Planning & Action (Members Only) Cont'd

BPI Standards and Certifications Update

2024 was a year of progress for BPI, with updates to standards, advancements in certifications, process improvements, and strategic planning. In this session, BPI staff will share the latest developments in standards and certifications, along with updates to key processes. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, and explore the evolving role of certifications and standards in shaping the industry's future.

Presenter: **Bland Newman**, *Technical Relations Representative, Building Performance Institute.*

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

NASCSP Welcome Reception

Thursday, February 6th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Driving Social Change: A Conversation with Joan Trumpauer

Join Civil Rights icon Joan Trumpauer Mulholland as she shares her journey of courage and activism, including over 50 demonstrations such as the Freedom Rides, the Jackson Woolworth's Sit-in, and the Selma to Montgomery March. Her experiences alongside leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. and John Lewis offer timeless lessons on equity and justice. This session connects Joan's legacy to NASCSP's mission of empowering communities and advancing economic and social equity. Be inspired to drive meaningful change through the work we do today to transform lives and communities.

Presenter: **Joan Trumpauer**, *Founder, Joann Trumpauer Mulholland Foundation*

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 am

Networking Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.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, WAP BIL updates, monitoring insights and new reporting requirements.

Presenters: **Detrick Clark**, *Programmatic Project Officer Supervisor*, **Ray Judy**, *Supervisory Technical Project Officer*, **Brittany Price**, *Innovation Coordinator*, **Katy Kujawski**, *Innovation Coordinator*, **Derek Schroeder**, *Training and Technical Assistance Program Manager, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

NASCSP Awards Luncheon

Join us for the NASCSP Service Awards Luncheon, a special event dedicated to honoring individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to NASCSP and the programs we represent. Don't miss this opportunity to applaud your peers and draw inspiration from their outstanding accomplishments!

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

DOE Federal Perspectives II*

DOE Weatherization Assistance Program managers and the NASCSP Board 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.

Presenters: **Detrick Clark**, *Programmatic Project Officer Supervisor*, **Ray Judy**, *Supervisory Technical Project Officer*, **Brittany Price**, *Innovation Coordinator*, **Katy Kujawski**, *Innovation Coordinator*, **Amanda Rains**, *Senior Policy Advisor*, **Derek Schroeder**, *Training and Technical Assistance Program Manager, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 pm

Networking Break

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3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Data is Power: Maximizing data benefits to improve WAP administration

Unlock the full potential of data in today's data-driven environment! As the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) continues to evolve, having a robust and adaptive system is essential for success. Join Colorado WAP state administrators as they showcase their innovative data management system, processes, and tools. Learn how their approach has enhanced program operations, including tracking production metrics, informing policy decisions, and ensuring quality control. This session will provide actionable insights to optimize your program's impact.

Presenters: **Mitch Foresman**, *Data Analyst*, **Libby Lenox**, *Data Analyst*,
Colorado Weatherization Assistance Program

Friday, February 7th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

What's Next in WAP? Collaboration and New Resources*

Dive into the latest updates from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) on their initiatives supporting the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and help shape upcoming resources. Learn how to leverage NREL's cutting-edge resources, tools, analysis, and workforce support to strengthen your organization's impact within the WAP network. This interactive session seeks participant feedback and insights for enhancing resources and meeting the evolving needs of the weatherization industry.

Presenter: **Julianna Williams**, Weatherization Lead, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 am

Networking Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Communicating with Empathy in Times of Crisis

In our work with vulnerable communities, interactions are often influenced by trauma, systemic barriers, social determinants of health, and lived experiences. This workshop goes beyond standard crisis response, focusing on how empathy can transform challenges into opportunities for healing and dignity. Gain practical communication techniques that honor the whole person while fostering healthy boundaries and sustainable practices. Through interactive scenarios and guided exercises, learn to navigate difficult conversations with an equity lens, understand the impact of social determinants on behavior, and create spaces that prioritize the wellbeing of clients and providers.

Presenter: **Mona Jacobs**, *Co-Founder, MPOWERD Solutions*

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Closing Plenary