



## NASCSP 2025 Annual Training Conference

### CSBG Pre Conference

September 22 - 23, 2025

### Preliminary Agenda

(Agenda subject to change)

#### **Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

#### **Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

#### **Tour of Chicago's Community Service Centers**

Get an inside look at how Chicago is streamlining support for its residents through a guided tour of the city's Community Service Centers that serve as dynamic, one-stop hubs offering case management and wraparound services for individuals and families in need. From housing assistance to food security, employment services to crisis intervention, these centers reflect a coordinated, community-centered approach to meeting people where they are. Participants will explore how this model brings multiple resources under one roof, fosters collaboration across agencies, and creates more efficient, person-focused pathways out of poverty. Come ready to ask questions, share ideas, and get inspired by what's possible when services truly connect.

#### **Community Impact Experience**

As part of NASCSP's commitment to service and community connection, we're offering a special opportunity for attendees to give back to our host city in a meaningful way. This hands-on experience is all about *Amplifying Our Impact* beyond the sessions, beyond the networking, and into the heart of the community. Join fellow attendees as we roll up our sleeves, build connections, and leave a lasting impression together. Full details to come!

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

#### **Lunch (On Your Own)**

**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

#### **Uniform Guidance Changes**

Join CAPLAW for a deep dive into the latest updates to the Uniform Guidance, with a special focus on changes to indirect cost rates and procurement processes. This interactive two-part session will break down what you need to know, how the changes may impact your organization, and what steps to take next. Whether you're navigating compliance or updating internal procedures, this session will help you make sense of the details and put them into action.

**Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

<b>7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>New Manager Orientation Part 1 - CSBG 101 - Connecting State requirements to the CSBG Act</b> In this workshop, our partners at CAPLAW will explore the statutory, regulatory, and programmatic underpinnings of the state administration of CSBG and ensure your network is getting the most out of your relationship with them.
<b>10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>
<b>10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>New Manager Orientation Part 2 - Overview of the State Plan, CNA/CAPs, and Contracting</b> This session provides new Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) managers with a foundational understanding of key components of the CSBG Framework. Participants will explore state administration requirements such as the State CSBG Plan and its role in guiding statewide anti-poverty strategies, learn how local Community Needs Assessments (CNAs) and Community Action Plans (CAPs) align with state and federal goals, and gain insight into the contracting process between state offices and local agencies.
<b>11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>New Manager Orientation Part 3 - Risk Assessments, Monitoring, and TTA</b> This session equips new CSBG managers with a practical understanding of risk assessment, monitoring, and training and technical assistance (TTA) within the CSBG administrative framework. Participants will learn how states assess risk to prioritize oversight activities, the various types and phases of monitoring (including tools, timelines, and follow-up), and how monitoring supports both compliance and continuous improvement. The session also highlights how targeted TTA is used to build capacity, address findings, and strengthen overall program performance across the CSBG network.
<b>2:30 p.m. – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>
<b>3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.</b>	<b>New Manager Orientation Part 4 - Overview of the Annual Report Process</b> The CSBG Act requires that "each State shall annually prepare and submit to the Secretary a report on the measured performance of the State and the eligible entities in the State." This session will help you better understand how the CSBG Annual Report (CAR) helps you meet this regulation. You will leave with a better understanding of why CAR is important, what is being reported on, the available tools and resources that will help with CAR completion and submission, and the roles of the State and its CSBG Eligible Entities.