



49th Annual Weatherization Day

August 11, 2025

Agenda

- Welcome
- Presenters
- Weatherization Day Overview
- National Community Action Partnership
- National Energy Utility & Affordability Coalition
- National Community Action Foundation
- Closing Remarks

Presenters



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Why is Weatherization Day Important?

- Raise awareness
- Engage policymakers
- Promote change
- Tell our own story and address misconceptions



Toolkits for Grantees and Subgrantees

Public Information/Communic ations Toolkits – NASCSP



Outreach Toolkit

- General information & background
- Timeline and themes
- Proclamations & declarations
- Policymaker outreach
- Telling your story - [Submit a success story](#)
- Reports and fact sheets
- Social media resources



Site Demonstration Toolkit

- Laying the groundwork
- Site selection criteria
- Appendix with:
 - Sample invitations
 - Demonstration scripts
 - Sample agenda and media release
 - Checklist and processes from other Grantees



Energy Awareness Month Themes

Week 1: Household Benefits: Energy Efficiency, Health & Safety

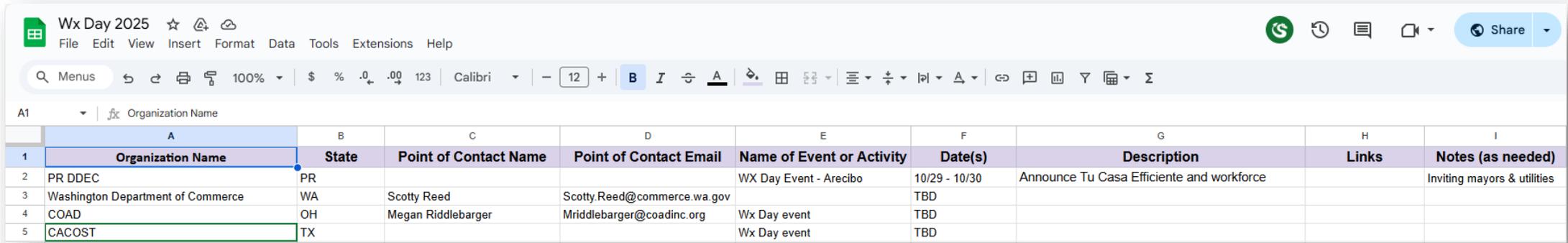
Week 2: Community Engagement & Partnerships

Week 3: Workforce Development & Training

Week 4: Client Success Stories

Logging Activities

Wx Day 2025 - Google Sheets



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Organization Name	State	Point of Contact Name	Point of Contact Email	Name of Event or Activity	Date(s)	Description	Links	Notes (as needed)
2	PR DDEC	PR			WX Day Event - Arecibo	10/29 - 10/30	Announce Tu Casa Efficiente and workforce		Inviting mayors & utilities
3	Washington Department of Commerce	WA	Scotty Reed	Scotty.Reed@commerce.wa.gov		TBD			
4	COAD	OH	Megan Riddlebarger	Middlebarger@coadinc.org	Wx Day event	TBD			
5	CACOST	TX			Wx Day event	TBD			

NCAP 2025 Weatherization Local Impact Initiatives

Denise Harlow, Chief Executive Officer



NCAP Network & Local WAP Impacts

NCAP Energy represents nearly 700 local WAP providers, not just Community Action Agencies.

Local WAP providers:

- Leverage hundreds of millions of dollars into the WAP each year;
- Administer countless federal, state, and local programs that supplement Weatherization services;
- Work on the front lines when crisis or disaster strikes;
- Embody the Community Action spirit of hope;
- Know their community best;
- *Have amazing stories to tell!*



New Administration, Evolving Needs, Local Matters

Share the stories that move the mission forward...

- Latest local challenges
- Before and after photos
- Crews in action
- Customer testimonials
- Partner recognitions
- Local impact numbers



New Generation, New Opportunities



FACES OF WEATHERIZATION

Wilfredo Cruz Jr.
Energy Program Administrator
Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK)

“ I had been volunteering my time in various nonprofits in my

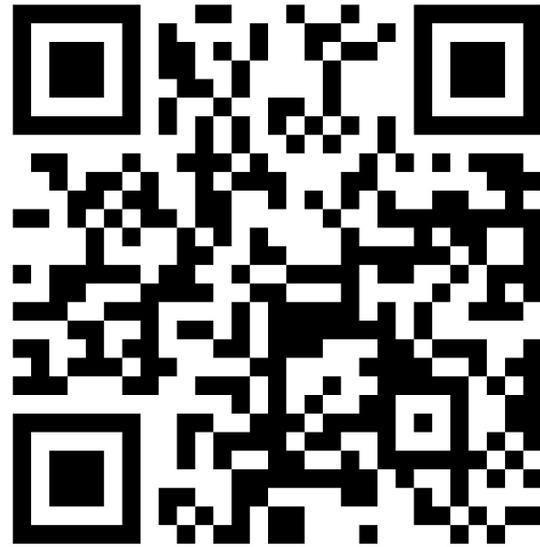
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Community Action Partnership of Kern

NEW – NCAP Energy Awareness Month Toolkit Updates!

- **NEW** – NCAP WAP Workforce and Training in Action!
- **NEW** – Voices of Weatherization!
- **NEW** – NCAP Local Impact Recognitions!

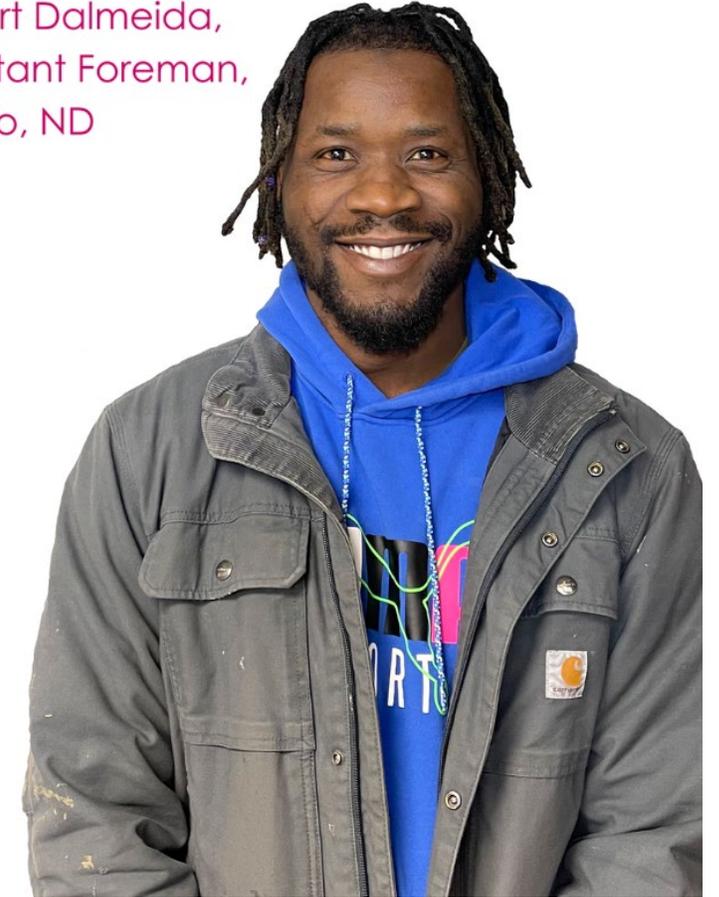
NCAP 2025 WAP Local Impact Toolkit

Download the
New NCAP
Energy Efficiency
Awareness
Month 2025
Toolkit!



NCAP 2025 Voices of WAP Initiative

Albert Dalmeida,
Assistant Foreman,
Fargo, ND



Share a Voices Weatherization Video!

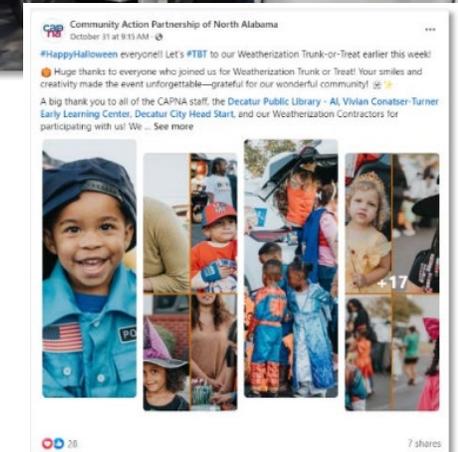
- In the field testimonial
- One-on-one interview
- Tell your personal story
- Share your local insights
- Spotlight your organization



NCAP WAP Training and Workforce in Action

Showcase your local workforce and training centers:

- Policy-makers and elected officials
- Media and the Press
- Community events
- Facility tours
- Demonstration projects
- Social media campaigns



NCAP 2025 Best in WAP Recognition

Recognize an exceptional WAP colleague in your community for with Local Weatherization Impact Recognitions!



- WAP Innovator Recognition
- WAP Community Changemaker Recognition
- WAP Personal Achievement Recognition



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2025 NASCSP Weatherization Day Webinar

Katrina Metzler
Executive Director
NEUAC

August 11, 2025

LIHEAP Weatherization Overview

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps maintain safe and healthy indoor temperatures by providing critical energy assistance services.

In addition to helping with heating and cooling bills and preventing home energy shutoffs, LIHEAP can be used to provide residential weatherization or other energy-related home repairs.

LIHEAP weatherization funds are commonly used to fund:

- home energy audits
- insulation
- major appliance replacements (e.g., heating/cooling systems and water tanks)
- energy efficient upgrades
- other energy-related minor repairs

How much LIHEAP can go to Wx?

- A maximum of **15 percent** of the LIHEAP grant can be spent on Weatherization without a waiver
- Can be increased to **25 percent** with a waiver by HHS, if certain conditions are met

Note:

- LIHEAP grantees are required to monitor LIHEAP weatherization funds
- LIHEAP grantees should consider coordinating with the DOE-funded agency to monitor subrecipients

DOE rules or HHS rules?

To streamline the eligibility process and reduce the burden on households, LIHEAP grant recipients may decide to use either LIHEAP weatherization rules or the U.S. Department of Energy, Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) rules.

It's a question of **FLEXIBILITY...**

HHS Weatherization Flexibility

The LIHEAP grantee determines the specific rules and regulations that will govern use of LIHEAP funds for weatherization

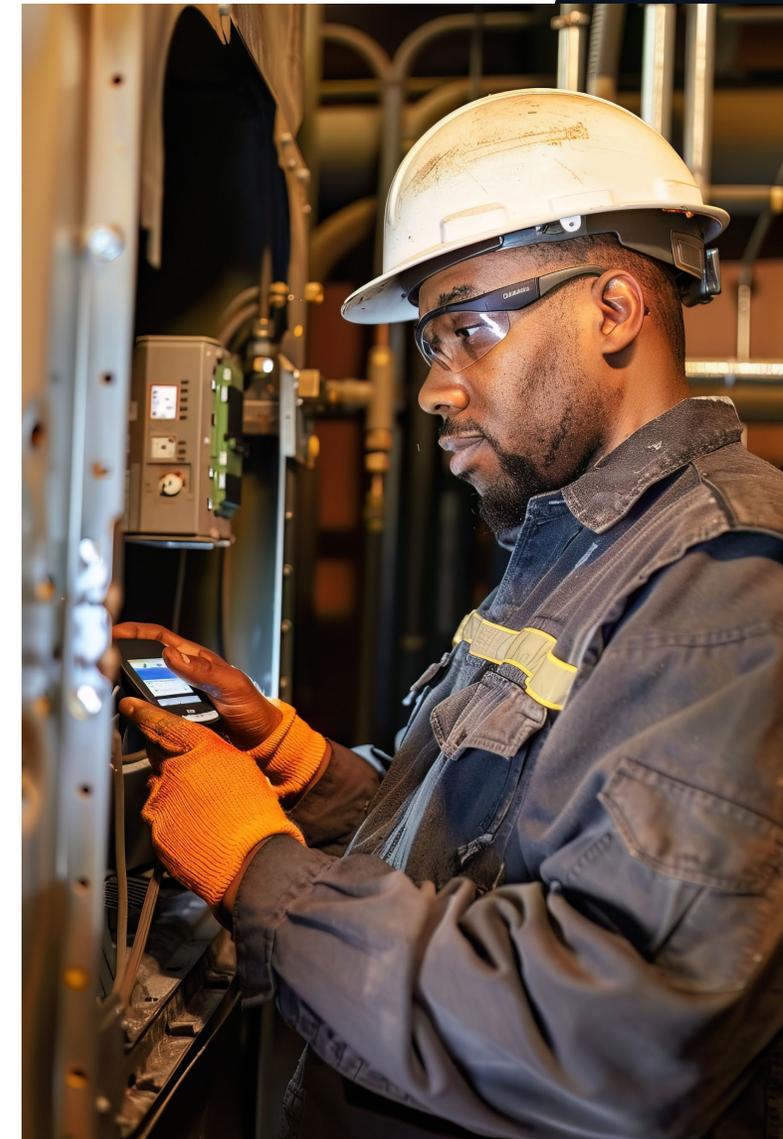
- **Option 1:** Use LIHEAP funds under the same rules and guidelines as you would use DOE funds
- **Option 2:** Use primarily DOE rules, but with certain exceptions
- **Option 3:** Use LIHEAP exclusively LIHEAP rules –where LIHEAP grantee designs their own LIHEAP weatherization program

Weatherization in FY 2024

LIHEAP data on weatherized households:

- Number of households served with weatherization: **49,793**
- Total benefits – weatherization: **\$418,483,661**
- Average annual weatherization benefit per household: **\$8,404**
- Households assisted with equipment repair/replacement: **42,453**

- **All states pass through LIHEAP with exceptions of MD, MA, MS, SD (FL, HI not reporting)**



<https://liheappm.acf.gov/datawarehouse>

Weatherization in FY 2024

Grant Recipient	Percent
Florida	N/A
Hawaii	N/A
Montana	*28.89%
Wyoming	*28.70%
California	*26.64%
Ohio	24.58%
North Carolina	23.96%
Kansas	16.60%
Idaho	16.31%
Iowa	16.31%
Arizona	16.25%
Virginia	15.63%
West Virginia	15.53%
Illinois	14.95%
Vermont	14.91%
Oregon	14.81%
Arkansas	14.81%
Washington	14.64%

Grant Recipient	Percent
New York	14.08%
Utah	13.50%
Kentucky	13.10%
Colorado	12.83%
Rhode Island	12.16%
South Carolina	12.03%
Maine	11.74%
Wisconsin	11.57%
New Mexico	11.26%
Missouri	10.79%
Georgia	10.75%
Alabama	10.42%
Nebraska	10.23%
Minnesota	9.92%
North Dakota	9.79%
Tennessee	8.85%
District of Columbia	8.58%
Delaware	8.28%

Grant Recipient	Percent
New Hampshire	8.20%
Louisiana	7.83%
Indiana	7.53%
Texas	7.03%
Michigan	5.55%
New Jersey	5.39%
Nevada	4.23%
Alaska	3.95%
Connecticut	2.43%
Oklahoma	2.31%
Pennsylvania	2.15%
Maryland	0%
Massachusetts	0%
Mississippi	0%
South Dakota	0%

*May include FY 2023 carryover funds

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Social Media Campaign

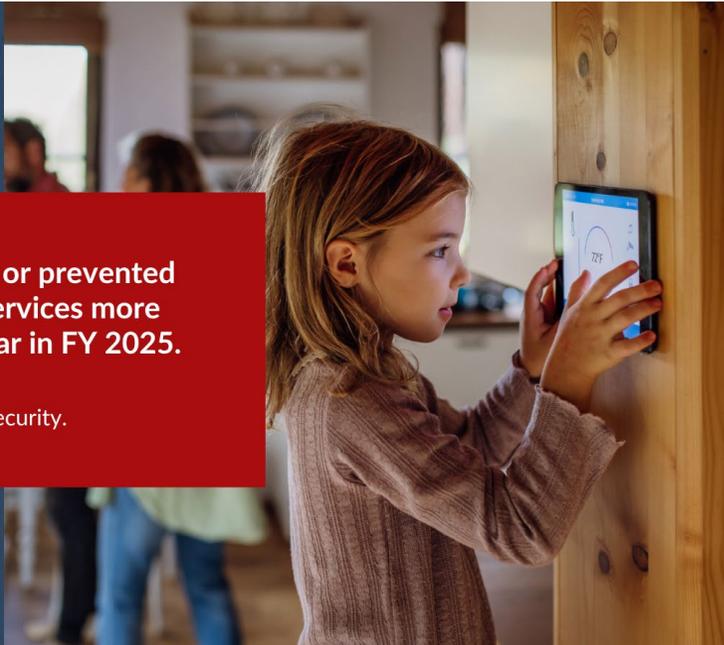
Save
LIHEAP

LIHEAP has restored power or prevented disconnection from utility services more than 1.2 million times thus far in FY 2025.

#SaveLIHEAP to help end energy insecurity.

AUGUST IS LIHEAP ACTION MONTH.
Spread the word. Share this post.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services | LIHEAP FY25 Data Dashboard (2025)



<https://neuac.org/saveliheap>

Save
LIHEAP

Nearly 50,000 homes were weatherized using LIHEAP funds in FY 2024, enhancing affordability and safety for these households.

#SaveLIHEAP to help keep homes safe and energy efficient.

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What is the National Community Action Foundation?

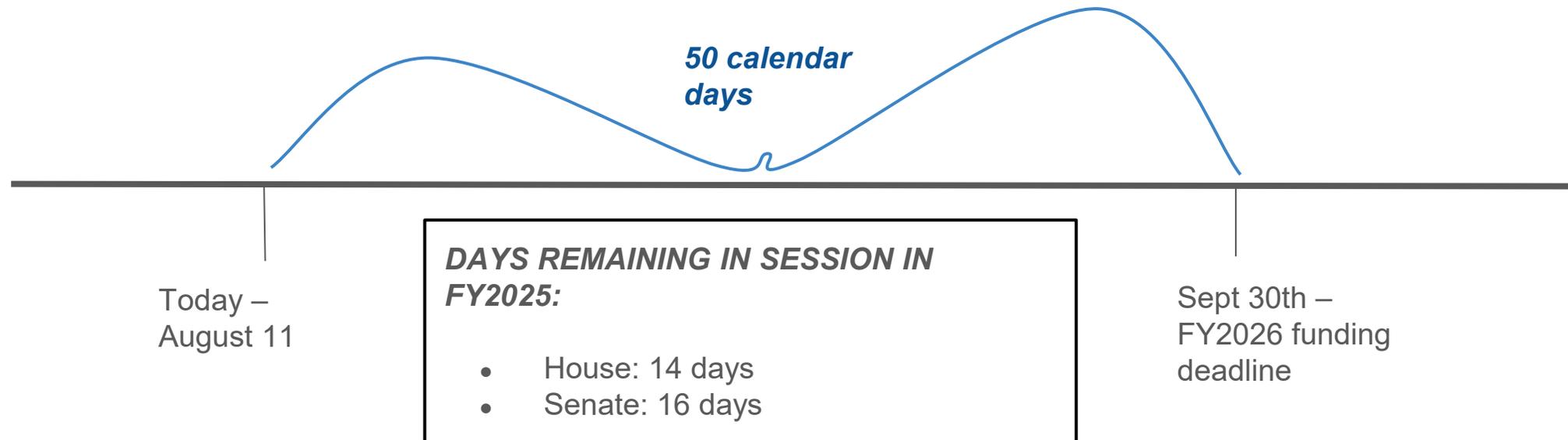


- NCAF is the federal advocate (501c4) for the national network of Community Action Agencies (CAAs) based in Washington, D.C.
 - **80% of WAP delivery organizations are CAAs**
 - **NCAF advances the local agency WAP priorities in Congress**
- NCAF was founded by CAAs in **1981** to prevent the dismantling of the CAA network.
- NCAF **works every day with Congress** to make sure CAAs and local WAP agencies have what they need to address the causes and conditions of poverty in almost every community.
- NCAF is governed by a **volunteer Board of Directors** which is composed of CAA executive directors from each region and an at-large representative.

www.ncaf.org

FY2026 Proposed Appropriations

	Current	White House Recommendation	House mark-up level	Senate mark-up level
<i>Weatherization Assistance Program</i>	\$326 million (core program); \$30 million (Readiness Fund)	SILENT	\$180 million (core program); \$10 million (Readiness Fund)	TBD





Legislation Impacting WAP

Bill	Chamber	Introduced By	Highlights
HR 1355 – Weatherization Enhancement and Readiness Act of 2025	House	Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY-20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes WAP through 2030 at \$350 million • Authorizes the Readiness Fund at \$50 million • Changes the ACPU to \$12,000 • Clarifies re-weatherization restrictions only apply to DOE money • Ensures approved renewable energy measures are evaluated like any other WAP measure
S. 1342 – Weatherization Program Improvements Act of 2025	Senate	Jack Reed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a reauthorization bill • Increases the ACPU to \$15,000 • Partly clarifies re-weatherization restrictions • Increases maximum allowable expenditure on a renewable energy system to \$6000
S.2570 - Energy Savings and Weatherization Reauthorizing Act of 2025	Senate	Chris Coons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes WAP through 2030 at \$350 million • Increases the ACPU to \$15,000 • Partly clarifies re-weatherization restrictions • Increases maximum allowable expenditure on a renewable energy system to \$6000

Set up a Congressional WAP visit:

- A great fall event for your members of Congress and state and local officials.
- A great chance for **educating** and **thanking** decision-makers.

Congress is home . . .

- Both U.S. Senators and House members are home **the month of August & the week of September 22nd**
- In October, WAP month:
 - House has three long weekends
 - Senators are home the week of October 12

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The Visit: Talking Points

- The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) efficiently retrofits low-income homes, greatly improving residents' utility costs and health outcomes.
- WAP offers good local jobs and training needed to secure stable private sector work.
- All materials – materials, trucks, appliances – are purchased locally.
- By updating low-income homes, WAP helps preserve the local stock of affordable housing and keep seniors home.
- Because WAP ensures low-income homes have efficient energy use, more utility customers are able to keep up with their bills.
- (If talking to a Democrat): WAP reduces low income households' energy consumption.

The Visit: Points everyone appreciates



Affordable, safe housing

- Utility bills are lower and more stable
- Minor repairs keep deteriorating areas from becoming major, expensive problems
- Ventilation upgrades mean healthier air and healthier residents: DOE and state evaluations prove people with respiratory diseases and allergies experience fewer medical emergencies after WAP
- CAAs prioritize serving seniors and people with disabilities - allowing them to stay in their homes

The Visit: Points everyone appreciates cont.

Workforce development

- Local Contractors and community residents work in these demanding jobs
 - Be sure your workforce, including contractors, are front and center at any meeting with Members and their staff. Have them talk. On a site where work is ongoing is best, but any meeting is good.
 - It's a good idea to mention recent retention problems, (**in a positive way**): "given their skills, we have challenges keeping this workforce when homebuilding is booming. Pending legislation in both House and Senate may help by increasing the current cost limits."
- WAP supports training in both general retrofit skills and energy efficiency measures installation

The Visit: Points everyone appreciates cont.

Effective and transparent

- Show printout of parts of the SWS (Standard Work Specifications) manual
- Say "Every home is inspected by an independent qualified Inspector at the end of the job." Have an inspector present to tell what they inspect for and about their training.
- Say "The list of measures that can go into a home is limited by the audit/priority list tool; only those items that will reduce usage for many years plus some basic safety measures can be included." Have audit output and the job task list there to review with the visitors.

The Visit: Key Components

- Bring the Member to an **active worksite** where they can see demonstrations of work being done and **meet workers**.
- Invite **the family** whose house is being worked on so the Member can put a face to the program. If the family is not available, you can invite a family who has already had their home weatherized so they can discuss the real world impact.
- **Take photos!** When possible, take action photos as well! These are great for press releases and social media!
- **Say thank you!**



Check in with the lawmaker's office about inviting press!

NCAF is here to help!



- We can help you craft invitations to lawmakers, get the invitations to the best staff members and design your presentations and itinerary.
- Ask for help with press and send us any draft media advisories or press releases .
- Stay up to date on policy progress by subscribing to CAPFacts and joining our coffee chats
- Please feel free to contact me directly at davidbradley@ncaf.org.
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