



NASCSP 2025 Annual Training Conference

WAP Core Conference

September 24 - 26, 2025

Preliminary Agenda

(Agenda subject to change)

Wednesday, September 24th

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Opening Plenary**

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **National Partner Update**

Our collective voice is strongest when we lift it together. In this session, national partners will share key updates on federal policies, funding opportunities, and advocacy efforts that are shaping the landscape for CSBG and WAP. With a focus on collaboration and alignment, presenters will highlight how our shared priorities and partnerships are *amplifying our impact* at the national, state, and local levels. Attendees will leave with timely information, strengthened connections, and a deeper understanding of how national advocacy translates into tangible outcomes for communities across the country.

Presenter(s): **David Bradley**, *Chief Executive Officer, National Community Action Foundation (invited)*; **Denise Harlow**, *Chief Executive Officer, National Community Action Partnership*; **Allison Ma'luf**, *Executive Director and General Counsel, CAPLAW*; **Katrina Metzler**, *Executive Director, National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition (invited)*; **Cheryl Williams**, *Executive Director, NASCSP*; **Mark Wolfe**, *National Energy Assistance Director's Association (invited)*

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)

Join us for NASCSP's Annual Business Meeting, where members will receive key updates on organizational priorities, board activities, strategic initiatives, and financials. This meeting is an opportunity for members to engage with leadership, participate in decision-making processes, and help shape the direction of the association. Your voice and vote matter so don't miss this critical session.

Fresh Perspectives in Weatherization: From Crew to Program Leadership

This session offers a unique dual perspective on achieving success in weatherization. Hear from a seasoned professional who has worked every level of the field—from crew member to auditor to QCI, now serving as a Jr. Technical

Advisor at the Grantee level. Alongside him, a first-year program manager shares her journey stepping into leadership with no prior weatherization experience—tasked with building a program from the ground up, without a crew or established training. Together, their stories reveal the full project arc, from audit through Quality Control Inspection, and the real-world challenges and breakthroughs along the way. Through personal narratives, honest insights, and a few hard truths, this session highlights how fresh perspectives can uncover blind spots, humanize the work, and spark innovation in even the most experienced weatherization programs.

Presenter(s): **Matt Kolb**, *Technical Advisor, Tennessee Housing Development Agency*; **Logan Smith**, *Weatherization Manager, District 6 Human Resources Development Council*

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Lunch (on your own)
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.

Empowering Efficiency: Illinois's Paperless Path to Weatherization

Discover how Illinois modernized its weatherization program with IWx, a cloud-based, mobile-ready system that transformed applications, audits, and contractor management. Learn how the state tackled training challenges with interactive, simulation-based modules and empowered its network to adapt in real time. This session offers insights into leveraging technology for smarter energy modeling and more efficient service delivery, raising the bar for weatherization programs nationwide.

Presenter(s): **Madden Delaney**, *Multimedia Asset Developer, Marcy Mulholland-Chandler*, *Senior Instructional Designer, Community and Economic Development Corporation of Cook County*; **Mick Prince**, *Weatherization Program Manager, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity*

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

WAP Workforce Potentials: Expanding Hiring Pools and Unleashing Untapped Potential

The weatherization workforce of tomorrow demands new thinking today. In this interactive session, we'll explore bold, forward-looking strategies to meet the shifting demands of the Weatherization and energy sectors. What if your next

great hire is a returning citizen, a high school graduate, or someone walking away from corporate America in search of more purpose-driven work? These often-overlooked groups are full of potential—but do they know how to find you, connect with you, and see your organization as a place worth joining?

Presenter(s): *Mia Harnos, Director of Energy Partnerships, National Community Action Partnership*

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Beats, Bites, and Bowling: The NASCSP Welcome Reception

Get ready for a night of food, fun, and friendly competition hosted by our state members at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Office of Community Assistance. We're taking over Pinstripes for an unforgettable evening. Whether you're hitting the lanes, shooting pool, or just relaxing with colleagues, this is your chance to unwind and connect with your colleagues.

Thursday, September 25th

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

How the Weatherization Assistant MulTEA Tool Works to Implement Multifamily Retrofits

Multifamily housing represents a significant share of the U.S. housing stock—and a growing opportunity for energy efficiency upgrades. The Weatherization Assistant Multifamily Energy Audit Tool (MulTEA) was developed to meet the increasing demand for multifamily retrofits within the Weatherization Assistance Program. This session will introduce the purpose and capabilities of MulTEA, demonstrate typical applications in multifamily settings, and highlight key features of the software's interface and functionality.

Presenter(s): *Claire Cressman, Project Specialist, Jason Schmidt, Collaborations Technical Project Specialist, Oak Ridge National Laboratory*

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Networking Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Scaling Innovations in WAP

Explore highlights from Minnesota Weatherization's most innovative projects, including solutions for rental housing, community-scale weatherization for manufactured homes, and strategies for optimizing funding. This session will also spotlight the Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers (SERC) Windows Program, supported by the U.S. Department of Energy, which enhanced energy efficiency and safety through targeted window replacements. Presenters will share practical insights into program design, key implementation lessons, and how these efforts are advancing weatherization outcomes in cold climates. Attendees will gain strategic guidance for integrating window replacements into broader weatherization initiatives.

Presenter(s): *Jason Foy, Housing and Weatherization Director, Tri-County Community Action Partnership; Monica McDaniel, Lead Project Developer,*

Tracy Smetana, *Energy Affordability Office Director, Minnesota Department of Commerce*

11:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

State Synergy: Maximizing Energy Efficiency through WAP, HEEHRA, and HOMES Collaborations

This session will explore innovative strategies for integrating the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) with state-level energy efficiency initiatives, including those funded by the High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Act (HEEHRA) and Home Energy Rebates (HOMES). Join representatives from the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) alongside state grantees from Washington and Colorado as they share their pioneering approaches to leveraging these programs for greater impact. Attendees will learn how these states are fostering cross-program collaboration to expand access to energy upgrades, maximize cost-effectiveness, and achieve ambitious energy savings goals.

Presenter(s): **Wayne Hartel**, *Assistant Weatherization Program Manager*, **Mick Prince**, *Weatherization Program Manager, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity*; **Maddie Koewler**, *Program Director, National Association of State Energy Officials*

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 pm

Networking Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

The Mic, the Message, and the Movement

Get ready for an energizing and interactive session with Chicago's own Kendall Moore, radio personality, truth-teller, and tireless community advocate. As host of *The Kendall Moore Show* on WVON 1690AM, Kendall has become a trusted voice for the people, tackling everything from housing and education to justice and joy with grit, humor, and heart. Through candid conversation, Kendall will invite us to reflect on the power of voice, visibility, and accountability in driving meaningful change. He'll explore how trusted messengers, bold storytelling, and community-rooted action can fuel movements and why centering people over policy is key to lasting impact. This session is a space for reflection and recharging and will remind you why the work matters, and why *you* matter in it.

Presenter(s): **Kendall Moore**, *CEO, Moore Enterprises, LLC.*

Friday, September 26th

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Energy OutWest Updates

Updated 8/25/2025

Representatives from Energy OutWest will lead a lively panel discussion on best practices in Weatherization. Discussions will include sharing success stories in workforce innovation, technical tools and resources, WAP monitoring, and more.

Presenter(s): **Dimitri Florez**, *Green Initiatives Manager, New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority*; **Phil Hull**, *Training Center Director, Community Housing Partners*; **Geoff Wilcox**, *Weatherization Director, Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity*

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 am

Networking Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Jesse White Tumblers – Flipping the Script on Youth Empowerment

Prepare to be inspired and energized as the world-renowned Jesse White Tumbling Team takes the stage! Founded in 1959 by former Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, this high-impact acrobatic team has dazzled audiences across the globe while transforming the lives of thousands of young people from underserved communities. Their electrifying performance combines athletic excellence with a powerful message about discipline, education, and leadership. More than just entertainment, this session showcases the power of community investment and reminds us all of what's possible when youth are given the support and structure to soar.

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Closing Plenary

As we bring this year's conference to a close, join us for a dynamic and reflective final session designed to recharge your spirit and refocus on your purpose. This plenary will celebrate the collective impact we've made, highlight key takeaways from the week, and inspire us to carry the momentum forward.