

NASCSP 2026 Winter Training Conference

CSBG Core Conference Preliminary Agenda

February 4 - 6, 2026

PRELIMINARY AGENDA (subject to change)

Wednesday, February 4th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Opening Plenary
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Networking Break
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	National Partner Update
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	<u>CONCURRENT SESSIONS:</u>
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CSBG Member Planning & Action (Members Only)

CSBG Member Planning and Action is devoted to in-depth peer exchanges facilitated by your elected NASCSP regional representatives, covering critical topics around CSBG operations and administration. This session is reserved for NASCSP Members only.

What the SOP?

Many operating principles in agencies and state offices rely on informal habits that are often described as “the way we have always done it.” This workshop explores how Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) can strengthen performance management, especially for subgrantees who may be struggling. Participants will learn how SOPs help ensure consistent and reliable data that can be used to tell compelling stories about Community Action’s impact. Topics will include universal intake, customer life cycle tracking, the use of AI tools to streamline reporting and analysis, and strategies for connecting services and outcomes across multiple domains through bundled services, scales, and effective follow-up practices.

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Networking Break
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3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

CSBG Joint Planning & Action

This workshop will be focused on in-depth exchanges facilitated by NASCSP's regional representatives covering critical CSBG topics such as T/TA assessment and delivery, Annual Reporting, and more. This session will be a joint State Office/State Association/National Partner collaborative discussion.

Identifying Agency Needs for Assessment and Planning

Many strategic plans in Community Action focus on agency outcomes like strengthening programs, improving internal systems, building staff capacity, upgrading technology, or meeting organizational standards. What often goes missing is the answer to a simple question: where do the agency's needs come from in the first place? In this session we will explore data sources/organizational evidence including agency outcome reports, customer satisfaction data, past SWOT assessments and other capacity findings. Participants will understand how to link these data sources to the Community Needs Assessment and planning documents.

Thursday, February 5th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Harnessing AI for Better Service Delivery

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming how government agencies operate by enhancing efficiency, improving service delivery, and supporting data-driven decision-making. This session explores how AI tools can be responsibly and effectively integrated into state offices. Attendees will gain insights into real-world use cases, including technical report writing and data analysis. Whether you are a tech-savvy innovator or just beginning to explore AI, this session will offer practical ideas and resources to help you harness AI's potential in your role.

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 am

Networking Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

OCS Updates

We are hopeful that our partners from the Office of Community Services (OCS) will join us to provide key updates that impact CSBG and the broader Network. These sessions are expected to cover high-priority topics such as Annual Report Version 3.0, state data review and cleaning processes, data analysis efforts, and other emerging initiatives. Final details and specific topics for these sessions will be shared as they are confirmed.

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch (on your own)

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

OCS Updates (Cont'd)

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 pm

Networking Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

NASCSP Annual Report Update

This session will provide important updates related to the CSBG Annual Report, including current guidance on v2.1 and emerging information on v3.0. Participants will receive the most up-to-date insights available to support accurate reporting and effective state oversight. Additional specifics about the content and depth of the session will be provided as they are finalized.

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Awards Gala and Reception

This year marks a special milestone for NASCSP as we host our first-ever Awards Gala and Reception. Each year, NASCSP's Board of Directors honors extraordinary contributions to the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) networks through its Service Awards. We will honor individuals whose leadership, advocacy, innovation, and long-standing commitment have strengthened our network and created meaningful impact at the national, state, and local levels. Join us as we debut this special event and celebrate the people who move our mission forward.

Friday, February 6th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Aligned in Action: State-Level Leadership and Local Partnership in a Time of Change

In a rapidly shifting landscape, the strength of Community Action lies in our ability to act in unified, strategic partnership. This session explores how State Offices, State Associations, and local Community Action Agencies are working together to navigate today's challenges, from rising community needs to organizational capacity strains to unpredictable policy and funding environments. This session offers a look at how the level of the network plays a distinct yet interconnected role, and how collaborative structures and responsive technical assistance can impact communities. Join us for an honest, solutions-focused conversation on what effective collaboration looks like right now, and how we can strengthen readiness, resilience, and impact across the Network.

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 am

Networking Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

General Session

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Closing Plenary