



NASCSP 2026 Winter Training Conference

WAP | Pre-Conference Agenda

February 2 - 3, 2026

Agenda (subject to change)

****Eligible for 1.25 BPI CEUs*

WAP New Manager Pre-Conference Overview

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) New Manager Orientation pre-conference is where you'll gain essential insights into the program's administrative requirements. From fiscal management and regulatory compliance to crafting impactful key performance metrics, this training will equip you with the tools to lead effectively. NASCSP recommends all WAP staff with 0 - 5 years of experience attend the training.

NASCSP At Your Service!

Welcome to NASCSP! We understand that many of you might be new to your roles or this network, and this could be your very first NASCSP event. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a fresh rookie, we've got you covered. On Monday morning, from 8:30 am – 9:00 am, we've set aside time for you to drop in and meet the NASCSP staff. We'll be there to answer any questions you have about registration, navigating the hotel and surrounding area, what to expect, and how to best prepare for the week.

Monday, February 2nd

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

NASCSP At Your Service (OPTIONAL)

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Joint Welcome

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Federal Grant Funding – Part 1: Navigating Compliance

Federal grant noncompliance is a serious issue that can lead to audit findings, repayment of funds, and reputational risk. This two-part session provides a practical overview of what organizations need to know to stay compliant and protect their funding. We'll review recent updates to 2 CFR Part 200, explore challenging areas such as procurement, time and effort reporting, and subrecipient monitoring, and outline the internal controls and best practices that support strong grants management. Attendees will leave with clear guidance to strengthen their compliance framework and safeguard federal funding.

Presenter(s): **Rebecca Field**, *Principal, Grant Compliance Services, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP*

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Networking Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Federal Grant Funding (Cont'd) – Part 2: Navigating Procurement

Presenter(s): **Rebecca Field**, *Principal, Grant Compliance Services, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP*

Tuesday, February 3rd

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

WAP Administration Essentials: From Regulations, State Plan Submission, and Reporting

This session will equip grantees with practical tools and resources to strengthen administrative practices across the WAP lifecycle. Presenters will walk through strategies for timely and accurate State Plan submissions, key considerations for developing and managing budgets, and real-world lessons learned—highlighting common pitfalls to help participants avoid costly mistakes and improve overall program performance.

Presenter(s): **Samantha Pearce**, *Vice President of Sustainability, New York State Homes and Community Renewal*; **Keli Reynolds**, *Assistant Director of Single-Family Programs, Kentucky Housing Corporation*

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Networking Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Reaching Grantee Success

How do you define success in your Weatherization Assistance Program? What key performance metrics do you track and communicate to your network? NASCSP will share practices and online tools to help new grantee staff enhance their program management skills related to core Grantee responsibilities. Hear from grantee managers how they track key performance metrics to meet DOE spend and production commitments, while ensuring quality work on each unit. Participants will have peer-to-peer discussion time to share their definition of success and strategies to achieve them.

Presenter(s): **Christine Taylor**, *Weatherization Program Manager, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services*; **Laura Whitfield**, *Weatherization Program Manager, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority*

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Driving Subgrantee Success: Risk, Outreach, and Performance Strategies

How do you ensure your subgrantees are consistently achieving program milestones and meeting the standards you've established as the grantee? In this interactive session, we'll explore practical strategies and tools to strengthen oversight, improve communication, and foster accountability. Topics will include: setting clear expectations and performance benchmarks, developing effective monitoring and reporting systems, providing technical assistance and capacity-building support, addressing challenges and implementing corrective actions, and leveraging data to track progress and drive continuous improvement.

Presenter(s): **Maddy Kamalay**, *Weatherization Manager, Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services*; **Amanda Marcott-Thottunkal**, *Deputy Division Director, Community*

Development and Energy Programs, Oklahoma Department of Commerce;
Megan Meadows, *WAP Senior Program Manager, NASCSP*

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Networking Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Implementing WAP Technical Field Monitoring***

Discover how grantees strengthen their Weatherization Assistance Programs through effective technical field monitoring. This session will cover monitoring logistics, managing call-backs, resolving technical challenges, and applying best practices to enhance quality and consistency across the network.

Presenter(s): **Eric Beaton**, *Energy Conservation Unit Supervisor, Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities;* **Dimitri Florez**, *Green Initiatives Manager II, Housing New Mexico*