



NASCSP 2026 Annual Training Conference

WAP Pre Conference Agenda

September 21 - 22, 2026

(subject to change)

Monday, September 21st

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

NASCSP At Your Service!

Whether you're new to your role, new to this network, or attending your very first NASCSP event, we'd love to meet you. Stop by, grab a coffee, and say hello to the NASCSP staff. We'll be on hand to answer questions about registration, navigating the hotel and surrounding area, what to expect, and how to make the most of your week. Veterans are welcome too! We never turn away a familiar face.

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Community Learning Tours

Explore innovative local programs through guided educational tours highlighting the impact of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). Participants will have the opportunity to observe programs in action, learn from practitioners, and gain ideas that can be adapted in their own communities. A sign-up link will be shared soon. Space may be limited, so be sure to reserve your spot once registration opens.

Community Impact Experience

Make a meaningful impact by joining fellow conference attendees in our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) volunteer project at the Gulf Coast Community Services Association (GCCSA) Food Pantry. Volunteers will assist with a variety of activities, which may include sorting and organizing food donations, preparing items for distribution, and supporting food distribution to individuals and families in the community. This hands-on service opportunity helps expand access to nutritious food while supporting GCCSA's mission to strengthen and empower local communities.

A volunteer sign-up link will be shared soon. Space may be limited, so be sure to reserve your spot once registration opens.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Seizing Opportunities: Creative Strategies to Serve More Households and Meet Your Production Goals

What gets measured gets improved. During this interactive session, you'll learn to set achievable goals, track progress, and create a practical accountability framework that keeps your program on track. You will also hear from two states putting planning into action. Minnesota and Washington State are stretching every dollar and reaching more households than ever, and they'll show you how. Presenters will break down how innovative funding streams, cross-sector

partnerships, and smart program tools are driving results on the ground. Topics include priority list and multifamily implementation, pre-weatherization strategies, solar initiatives, and more. You'll hear lessons learned, emerging best practices, and practical approaches adaptable across the Weatherization network. Walk away with actionable ideas for leveraging new opportunities and strengthening your program delivery.

PRESENTERS: **Allen Carbert**, *Managing Director, Weatherization Unit, Energy Division, Washington State Department of Commerce*; **Clara Castillejos**, *Weatherization Program Administrative Coordinator*, **Hannah Hoeger**, *Equity and Innovation Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Commerce*; **Megan Meadows**, *Weatherization Director, NASCSP*

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Networking Break

Take a moment to connect and recharge during our networking break. This is your chance to mingle with fellow attendees, exchange ideas, and build valuable professional relationships. Enjoy refreshments and engage in stimulating conversations that could spark new collaborations and opportunities.

2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

TBD

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

New Member Reception (*Invite Only*)

The New Member Reception is a special gathering to celebrate and connect NASCSP's newest members. This event offers first-time attendees the chance to meet NASCSP leadership, network with fellow new members, and learn about the resources and benefits available through our national community. Join us for this special hosted reception as we officially welcome you into the network.

Tuesday, September 23rd

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Fiscal Readiness: Proposed OMB Updates and What They Mean for Your Program

With evolving federal requirements and fiscal oversight expectations, staying informed is critical to successful program management. This session will explore potential updates to the Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Guidance and discuss their implications for Weatherization programs. Participants will also engage in discussions on key fiscal topics, including cost allowability, financial management, internal controls, and monitoring considerations. Attendees will leave better prepared to navigate fiscal requirements and support compliant, effective program administration.

PRESENTER: **Rebecca Field**, *Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP*

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

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Protecting Program Integrity

Program integrity is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring resources achieve their intended impact. This session will help participants identify common risk indicators, strengthen oversight practices, and better understand their role in safeguarding program resources. Through real-world examples and discussion, attendees will learn practical strategies for reducing risk, promoting accountability, and fostering a culture of integrity. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Inspector General (OIG) have been invited to share insights into OIG's role and oversight processes. They'll also discuss how grantees can prepare to navigate audits, reviews, and compliance responsibilities with confidence.

PRESENTERS: *Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Energy*

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

From Compliance to Culture: How Programmatic Training Changed Illinois Weatherization

With workforce shortages persisting across the WAP network, agencies can't rely solely on recruiting new talent to fill the gap. Program staff, often expected to "figure it out" on their own, deserve the same intentional investment in training and development that field crews receive. This session explores how IHWAP has built a comprehensive training framework covering procurement, multifamily weatherization, compliance, administration, and other critical operational areas. Presenters will showcase strategies that support stronger programs, better staff retention, and long-term network sustainability. Attendees will leave with adaptable approaches for investing in the workforce they already have.

PRESENTER: **Mick Prince**, *IHWAP Program Manager, Office of Community Assistance, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development*

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 pm

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3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Strong Foundations, Shared Success: A Framework for Strengthening Subgrantee Engagement

This presentation will share success stories of enhancing WAP Subgrantee engagement from the State of Texas and Colorado. Colorado has created a comprehensive approach to subgrantee engagement and performance improvement. By integrating monthly individualized check-ins, accountability-

focused summary tools, Program Manager office hours, bi-annual training, and more, Colorado and Texas have built a framework that ensures partners are well-equipped and confident in their program administration. This model fosters genuine collaboration, giving subgrantees a direct role in shaping program improvements while building a culture of shared ownership and mutual support. Attendees will leave with practical strategies for strengthening grantee-subgrantee relationships and driving stronger outcomes.

PRESENTERS: **Evan Brown**, *Program Specialist, Training and Technical Assistance, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs*;
LeAnna Warren, *Program Manager, Colorado Energy Office*;