

2010 ANNUAL REPORT



National Association for State Community Services Programs

“Building Capacity in States to Respond to Poverty Issues”

From the President

Cowardice asks the question - is it safe? Expediency asks the question - is it politic? Vanity asks the question - is it popular? But conscience asks the question - is it right?

--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King's words challenge us to ask the right questions about the world around us, and ask us what our response will be. This calling inspires our annual report. Since our last report, an additional 2.6 million Americans have fallen into poverty. Through these dire circumstances, State CSBG offices have ramped up their leadership, training, and resources.

And there comes a time when one must take a position...

Dr. King's call reminds us that if ever there was a time to act fearlessly, selflessly, and with integrity, that time is now. The times call for innovative, bold strategies. In Fiscal Year 2010, we provided just that through our leadership to help local agencies and their communities invest only in what works and sharpen focus on high-impact initiatives.

NASCSP and its members responded to the economic crisis by expanding initiatives, grants, and resources to help States redouble their efforts to create jobs and improve the income, energy savings, health, and well-being of vulnerable Americans. I'm proud that in FY 2010 NASCSP grew both in size and capability

...that is neither safe,...

Job Creation

Creating jobs was not easy nor safe, yet Federal recovery spending data ranked the Community Services Block Grant 8th and Weatherization 9th out of approximately 200 federal programs in jobs created or retained. Moreover, we achieved this success in Recovery Act jobs creation despite the dangerous lack of administrative funding in the CSBG ARRA grants.

...nor politic,...

Shaping Policy

Our legislative efforts drew us into the political fray more than ever. On CSBG appropriations, we presented testimony urging Congress to support State administrators' ability to make wise use of the funds, to give States the authority and flexibility they need to hold local agencies accountable, and to respond in times of crisis.

As the experts in the energy efficiency market for a generation, NASCSP provided key expertise and information to federal legislators designing energy policies. Fielding legislative

and press inquiries about WAP ARRA implementation gave us a platform to tell the full story of WAP's achievements and NASCSP's best practices tools.

Good policy begins at home, and in our own backyard, we amended our by-laws and elected a new slate of board members to keep the board balanced and to better distribute its workload, as well as to provide leadership development for future board directors.

...nor popular...

Energy Independence and Sustainability

In FY 2010 we continued to make the case for the interdependence of income, energy, and health issues, and for the importance of each of these to economic security. Connecting income and energy security is a relatively new concept in the United States.

Weatherization Plus Health, our newest initiative funded through the Department of Energy (DOE), allows us to comprehensively and strategically coordinate resources to improve the energy efficiency, health, and safety of low-income homes.

...but one must take it BECAUSE it is right.

"The United States can achieve its full economic and social potential as a nation only if every individual has the opportunity to contribute ..." (Economic Security Act of 1964). What was right 56 years ago is still right today. At NASCSP we've not lost sight of the founding vision: to end poverty in America once and for all. The challenges and the opportunities for us have never been greater. CSBG & WAP reauthorization is an opportunity to press for the Federal assurances and supports we need to do our jobs well. Our ongoing work on the Hill will help States become even more effective in realizing the ambitious vision of the founding Act.

This is also a time of unprecedented opportunity for WAP. Our new partnership with the Department of Energy and the expansion of our efforts into the Healthy Homes Initiative gives us a significant role in creating a sustainable future and ending energy poverty.

NASCSP's expanding initiatives, grants, and resources place States in a good position as we move forward. I'm proud that we have not turned away from doing what is right. Our most successful efforts have changed lives. I look forward to working alongside all of you as we together embrace our calling to lead this nation to economic and energy security... BECAUSE it is right.

Steve Payne



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About NASCSP

NASCSP's membership includes State administrators of both the U.S. DHHS' Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the U.S. DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). CSBG provides core funding to local agencies to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities and to empower low-income families to become self-sufficient. WAP helps low-income families reduce their energy costs by making homes more energy-efficient.

CSBG Services

Last year, NASCSP continued as the exclusive source of comprehensive, timely, and meaningful data about the CSBG Network and contributed to the knowledge and practices of the Network through:

- Collecting and analyzing the FY09 CSBG Information System & National Performance Indicator data.
- Convening national training webinars around CSBG & CSBG ARRA reporting.
- Providing information, resources and tools to ensure accountable and effective spending of CSBG Recovery Act dollars.
- Convening quarterly regional calls led by CSBG Regional Specialists.
- Convening a monitoring training for State CSBG administrators, the only training of its kind.
- Preparing States for monitoring visits by the federal Office of Community Services, US HHS Office of Inspector General and the Government Accountability Office.
- Distributing best practices, innovative program resources, and anti-poverty tools for the Network.
- Providing training and technical assistance tailored to the individual needs of numerous states, associations and agencies.
- Providing CSBG orientation training for new staff of the federal Office of Community Services.
- Working with public officials, stakeholders, and partners to share the states' position on key legislative issues.

WAP Services

In 2010, NASCSP was the voice for States in matters concerning the WAP, providing reliable, complete, and relevant data to interested parties through:

- Extensive involvement in further success of the Recovery Act WAP nationwide, assisting grantees of the WAP and the DOE in identifying and resolving issues and roadblocks and providing technical assistance as needed. Further expansion of information and resource documents incorporated into the WAP Technical Assistance Center (www.waptac.org).
- Collection and tabulation of information requests and surveys, including the 2010 WAP Funding Survey.
- Informing public officials, stakeholders, and partners of States' positions on DOE initiatives and WAP issues including the FY11 Budget.
- Development and implementation of Public Information Campaign materials and training at various national conferences, including revisions to the Site Demonstration and Weatherization Day kits as well as the newly developed guide to using social media.
- Began implementation of the DOE Weatherization Plus Health initiative to comprehensively and strategically coordinate resources to improve the energy efficiency and health and safety of low-income homes, and to facilitate the establishment of strong, effective partnerships between WAP and healthy homes providers.

Tools & Training

NASCSP is a trusted source of information for its membership and Network partners, the public and private sectors, as well as for members of Congress and their research committees. Last year:

- NASCSP's presentations at dozens of events across the country resulted in new relationships with partner organizations.
- In order to share the perspective of the association and the states on policy affecting WAP and CSBG, NASCSP submitted annual testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.
- NASCSP published 12 monthly issues of the NASCSP Newsletter to inform the membership on legislative matters and Network activities.
- During NASCSP's Annual Winter Training Seminar in Washington, DC, national and federal partners addressed attendees and new WAP and CSBG Directors received two days of detailed training in introduction to their programs.
- In September, the State of South Carolina co-hosted NASCSP's Annual Conference. During the conference, participants received critical information to advance the programmatic and managerial success of the CSBG and WAP.
- Throughout the year, NASCSP provided ongoing technical and management assistance to state WAP and CSBG offices.

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Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

Statement of Activities

INCOME

Grant Revenue	2,399,324
Membership Dues	221,124
Conference Registrations	227,665
Contract Revenue	45,485
Other	18,059
Total	2,911,657

EXPENSES

Personnel and Fringe	1,096,995
Contract Services	698,570
Program Operating Costs	607,556
Management & General	377,116
Total	2,780,237

NET INCOME

131,420

Statement of Financial Position

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash & Cash equivalents	333,012
Grants receivable	420,040
Accounts Receivable	21,344
Other	31,429
Equipment, net	14,905
Total Assets	820,730

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	58,217
Deferred Dues	131,781
Other	40,656
Total Current Liabilities	230,654

Net Assets - unrestricted

590,076

TOTAL LIABILITIES

AND NET ASSETS

820,730