



NASCSP COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT TRAINING TOPICS

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New! [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act \(ARRA\) Reporting](#)

During this workshop NASCSP will review with participants the OCS CSBG ARRA funding Information Memorandum and stimulus reporting requirements. Additionally, NASCSP will review tips and tools for ensuring accountability and transparency in the use of CSBG ARRA funds.

[A Systems Approach to Monitoring](#)

Recognizing that program-by-program monitoring does not give a complete picture of an agency, this session will explain how to set up effective systems for monitoring that go beyond assessing individual programs. Session attendees will learn what systems monitoring is and the value of systems monitoring. They will also have an opportunity to discuss their monitoring systems, and how to strengthen or create new systems for their state.

[CSBG Board Governance Training](#)

CSBG eligible entities are unique in many ways, one of which is their tri-partite board structure. This training will review the basic structure, functions, responsibilities, and operations of a community action agency board; the board's role in agency planning, assessment, reporting, and fiscal oversight; and appropriate board relationships.

[CSBG Data Collection and Reporting](#)

Participants in this training will receive an overview of CSBG IS data collection and reporting, review common reporting errors and solutions, and obtain next steps for improving data collection and reporting efforts. Additionally, participants will learn about the steps other states are taking to move their CSBG IS data collection and reporting to the next level.

[Overview and History of Community Action and the Community Services Block Grant Statute](#)

This session will provide participants with an overview of the War on Poverty and Community Action. In particular, this session will provide participants with information pertaining to the Community Opportunities, Accountability, Training and Educational Services (COATES) Act, the CSBG statute, which outlines the CSBG Assurances, community needs assessment requirement, reporting requirements, and monitoring requirements.

[Performance Targeting](#)

Go beyond the basics of collecting and reporting data and explore tools, tactics, and strategies to help your agency improve targeting performance position you for success. We will also discuss effective implementation of logic models and other advanced organizational planning and management techniques.

New! [Review of the New FY 10 NPI](#)

This session will provide participants with an in-depth overview of the new National Performance Indicators for Community Action. In particular, this session will provide participants with information pertaining how each indicator was developed, what changes were made, and will provide examples of how to report using these new indicators.

[ROMA Data Collection and Reporting](#)

Participants in this training will receive an overview of the history of the National Performance Indicators and ROMA, review ROMA data collection and reporting, discuss common reporting errors and solutions, and obtain next steps on improving ROMA data collection and reporting efforts.

[ROMA Focused Monitoring](#)

This session will provide a brief introduction to Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) and focus on monitoring the four core ROMA areas – assessment, planning, implementing and reporting. The session will also include

information on how to monitor CAA implementation of ROMA, including the use of information technology, how to use CAA results as part of the monitoring process and how to create ROMA focused monitoring tools.

State Responsibilities: Administrative and Management Policies

This session is meant to provide state CSBG staff with an overview of their statutory responsibilities. Administrative tools and resources as well as Community Action Agency empowerment techniques will be shared.

Telling the Community Action Story

Stories can bring a Community Action Agency's work, challenges, and successes to life. Using the new NASCSP Storytelling Manual, we will explore how success stories can be used as essential communication tools for helping the public, your partners, and your potential funders understand how an agency works toward its many goals. Five strategic steps, proven framing techniques, and best practice models will be provided to assist agencies in identifying their results through effective success stories.

The Partnership: State CAA Associations and State CSBG Offices

State CAA associations can play a pivotal role in supporting the overall health of the CSBG network. This session will provide participants with a historical overview of the role of State CAA associations. Tools and techniques for successful partnerships between state CAA associations and State CSBG offices will also be discussed.