



NATIONAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

LIHEAP Training

April 9, 2024

The Beacon Hotel

1615 Rhode Island Ave N.W. | Washington, D.C. 20036

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Continental Breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Introductions |
| 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Flexibility of the LIHEAP Block Grant Learn how the structure of LIHEAP allows you to take ownership of the program and design it to serve the needs of your state. |
| 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | LIHEAP Program Design Part 1 |
| 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Break |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | LIHEAP Program Design Part 2 |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. | Networking Lunch – Regional Group Discussions |
| 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | LIHEAP Program Design Part 3 |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | Break |
| 2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Roundtable Discussions |
| 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Report Back and Wrap Up |



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NEADA Spring Meeting

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- 8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Barb Klug, NEADA Chair
Mark Wolfe, NEADA Executive Director
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Washington Update Roundtable with Congressional Staffers**
LIHEAP supporters on the Hill provide an update on how the program fits into the current federal budget and political climate.
Moderator: *Mark Wolfe*, NEADA
Speakers: *Rachel Mitnick*, Office of Senator Jack Reed
Molly Ross, Office of Senator Susan Collins
Caitlin Peruccio, Office of Representative Rosa DeLauro
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Developments in Community Solar and LIHEAP**
Community solar is becoming more accessible to low- and moderate-income populations. Consumer protections play an important role in its expansion.
Introductions: *Brian Sarensen*, Washington
Speakers: *Michael Schmitz*, Minnesota
Charlie Harak, National Consumer Law Center
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Energy Advocates Roundtable**
National partners in energy assistance and weatherization provide updates on their efforts to support LIHEAP.
Introductions: *Barb Klug*, Wisconsin
Speakers: *Cheryl Williams*, NASCSP
Brian Caudill, AGA
Katrina Metzler, NEUAC
Jeff Genzer, NEADA Counsel



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- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Networking Lunch**
State Update Roundtable
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **The Increasing Unaffordability of Home Energy**
A new report shows that when energy prices rise, struggling families go to extreme lengths to pay the bill.
Introduction: *Brian Whorl*, Pennsylvania
Speaker: *Victoria Wenxin Xie*, Santa Clara University
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Residential Energy Conservation Survey Update**
The Residential Energy Conservation (RECS) survey provides a wider range of data on how households use energy. EIA experts will provide an update on recent data releases and an outlook on energy prices this year.
Introduction: *Michael DeYoung*, Texas
Speakers: *Chip Berry*, Energy Information Administration
Ross Beall, Energy Information Administration
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Update on the Child Tax Care Expansion**
Congress is poised to pass an expansion to the Child Tax Credit. Learn how this expansion would affect families served by LIHEAP.
Introduction: *Theresa Kullen*, Colorado
Speakers: *Anna Aurilio*, Economic Security Project
Elisa Minoff, Center for the Study of Social Policy
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Roundtable Discussions**
- Changes to the Model Plan for FY 2025
- Administrative Cap
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **NEADA Reception**
Beacon Hotel Overlook Room



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Meeting with ACF LIHEAP Staff

Update and discussion with federal LIHEAP staff.

Introductions: *Barb Klug*, Wisconsin

Speakers: *Megan Meadows*, Director, Division of Energy Assistance
Heather Jones, Energy Policy and Evaluation Branch Chief

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 am

Break

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Update on Federal Energy Efficiency Programs

Implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act is underway. Learn where the federal government and state energy offices are in rolling out their programs.

Moderator: *Mark Wolfe*, NEADA

Speaker: *Adam Hasz*, U.S. Department of Energy

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Update on NEADA Projects

Speakers: *Mark Wolfe* and *Cassandra Lovejoy*

- Media & Press Campaign
- Energy Hardship Report
- National Cooling Standards Initiative
- Integrated Shared Solar Initiative
- Community Solar Energy Connector

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Working Lunch

State Update Roundtable Part 2



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| 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. | Performance Goals and Measures: Work Group Report Hear from the state-led LIHEAP performance measures workgroup on their most recent efforts and resources. |
| 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Health and Extreme Heat The increase in summer temperatures and extended heat waves are impacting the health of LIHEAP households. Learn from experts what these impacts are and how we can help families combat them. Introductions: <i>Lisa Goben-Toninato</i> , Oregon Speakers: <i>Grace Wickerson</i> , Federation of American Scientists <i>Chris Worsham</i> , Harvard Medical School |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Break |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | Discussion NEADA member discussion about current issues and trends in LIHEAP |
| 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. | Wrap-Up and Debrief |