



NATIONAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

LIHEAP Training

March 10 – 11, 2025

The True Reformer Building

1200 U Street NW | Washington, DC 20009

Monday, March 10, 2025

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.	Getting Situated – Orienting New Directors <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Flexibility of the LIHEAP Block Grant & Role of States- Introduction to LIHEAP: Day 1 Checklist- What Are the Assurances and Why Do They Matter?
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Assurance 1: Uses of Funds Overview Panel of State Directors Vickie Bowling, Kentucky Brian Whorl, Pennsylvania
10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Assurance 2: Eligibility Overview Panel of State Directors Richard Giddings, Vermont Lisa Johnson, Idaho
12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Networking Lunch – Regional Group Discussions
1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Assurance 3: Outreach Overview Outreach Game
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Roundtable Discussions
4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Wrap Up



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8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Assurance 5: Benefits Overview Panel of State Directors Josh Haugen (North Dakota) Michael DeYoung (Texas) Bobbi Davis (Wisconsin)
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Assurance 8: Renters Overview Panel of State Directors Michelle Gillham, Arkansas Lisa Goben, Oregon
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Working Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Assurances Roundup (4, 6, 9, 10-16)
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	OCS Training Introduction: <i>Melissa Torgerson</i> , Verve Consulting LLC Speakers: <i>Heather Jones</i> , Energy Policy & Evaluation Branch Chief <i>Akm Rahman</i> , Operations Branch Chief <i>Andrew Germain</i> , Director, Fiscal Operations & Accountability Unit
4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Wrap Up



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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**
Thomas Hartnett-Russell, NEADA Chair
Mark Wolfe, NEADA Executive Director
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Congressional Panel on Appropriations**
Introductions: Mark Wolfe, NEADA
Speakers: *Rachel Mitnick, Office of Senator Reed*
Caitlin Peruccio, Office of Representative DeLauro
Medha Surampudy, Committee on Energy and Commerce
Ellen Nissenbaum, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
David Reich, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **LIHEAP in the Context of Other Social Safety Net Programs**
Introductions: Richard Giddings, Vermont
Speakers: *Marci Phillips, NCOA*
Nell Menefee-Libey, NWICA
Cheryl Williams, NASCSP
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Discussion: LIHEAP Planning in the Face of Uncertainty**
Speakers: *Mark Wolfe, NEADA Executive Director*
Jeff Genzer, NEADA Counsel
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Networking Lunch**

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- 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **State Roundtable: Program Updates**
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Discussion of Bylaws Changes**
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Meeting with ACF LIHEAP Staff**
Introductions: *Thomas Hartnett-Russell*, NEADA Chair
Speakers: *Heather Jones*, Energy Policy & Evaluation Branch Chief
Akm Rahman, Operations Branch Chief
Andrew Germain, Director, Fiscal Operations & Accountability Unit
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **NEADA Reception**
Location: [Busboys & Poets](#)
2021 14th St, NW
Washington, D.C. 20009
(Corner of 14th and V Streets)



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| 8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Continental Breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Energy Utility Roundtable
Introductions: Michael DeYoung, Texas
Speakers: <i>Josh St. Pierre</i> , APGA
<i>Chris Hickling</i> , Ameren
<i>Monica West</i> , Washington Gas
<i>Jennifer Stettner</i> , Washington Gas |
| 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Policies that Reduce Intergenerational Poverty
Introduction: Brian Whorl, Pennsylvania
Speaker: <i>Harry J. Holzer</i> , Georgetown University |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Heating and Cooling Relief Act of 2025
Introduction: Mark Wolfe, NEADA
Speaker: <i>Claire Kaufman</i> , Office of Senator Markey |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Break |
| 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Partnering with State/Local Extreme Heat Officers
Introductions: Lisa Goben, Oregon
Speakers: <i>Grace Wickerson</i> , Federation of American Scientists
<i>Erin Garnaas-Holmes</i> , Climate Ready DC & Keep Cool DC
<i>Jane Gilbert</i> , Miami-Dade Heat Officer |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Networking Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Update from the PMIWG |
| 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Break |
| 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Roundtable Discussions |