



Committee Spotlight: NASWA's Interstate Benefits Subcommittee Produces Interstate Benefits and Federal UI Programs Guide

A true group effort, members of NASWA's Interstate Benefits Subcommittee, a Subcommittee of the Unemployment Insurance Committee, recently released a refreshed Interstate Program Coordinator (IPC) and Federal Program Coordinator (FPC) Guide. [The Guide](#) is available on the NASWA website under the Subcommittee's resource area.

"The IB Subcommittee set out with a goal to complete a guide that will assist states by serving as an on-demand resource, and I am pleased to say they far exceeded expectation." said Subcommittee Chair Katie Houghlin, Unemployment Insurance Director in Kentucky.

Long-time Subcommittee member Denise Beckwith, Chief of the UI Policy and Procedures Section with the Georgia Department of Labor, helped coordinate development of the new Guide. "This comprehensive document allows staff to quickly find important information about the ICON network and the Interstate and Federal Claims Programs. It was designed to be an excellent reference tool for our newest Interstate and Federal Program Coordinators as well as our seasoned IPCs and FPCs. It will quickly become the go to reference guide for answers at your fingertips."

NASWA's IB Subcommittee is the overseeing body for state UI agreements, interstate benefits processes/procedures, states' voice for the federal UI programs, and states' voice for the combined wage claim program. The mission of the IB system is to provide methods for the exchange of information among states and Canada to support Unemployment Compensation initial claims, benefit determinations, and workforce security objectives. Currently, 34 states and the District of Columbia have representation on the Subcommittee.

According to Subcommittee member Charles Spivey, Interstate and Federal Program Coordinator for the Oregon Employment Department, "the IB Subcommittee is a group of knowledgeable individuals that have a passion for helping others. Being a member of the

subcommittee has helped me learn more about the programs that I am responsible for. If your state is not represented, I would recommend researching membership.”

Members of the Subcommittee Members select Regional Representatives who serve as the contact person for states in each NASWA region for all things related to interstate benefits and federal UI programs. For questions about the Subcommittee, please contact Julie Squire at jsquire@naswa.org

