Hello and thank you for volunteering to be a guest blogger on the State of Poverty!

Our guest blogs touch on a wide range of topics! Some guest blogs focus on some aspect of community action, either through the CSBG or a program managed by a local CAA. Others highlight the great work done with Weatherization, and the impacts on healthy homes, energy efficiency and improving the lives of low-income families. Prior posts have also illustrated the great work of state offices, associations, RPICS, and community-wide collaborations featuring Weatherization or CSBG staff and programs, among other topics. For experts and thought leaders outside the WAP or CSBG network, guest blogs often feature cutting edge or best practices related to poverty alleviation. (Topics include but are not limited to: bundled services, two-generation approach to poverty, reducing energy burdens, affordable housing, criminal justice reform and its impact on poverty, safe and healthy homes, toxic stress etc.) As you can see, this is an open-ended blog post geared at enabling our blog to highlight and share important information with the wider network and readership.

Blogs can be submitted to us at any time. We will try to get them posted under a month. *Blogs will be posted in order of receipt, unless* the post deals with a time-sensitive issue or event, in which case, it will be posted prior to others to remain relevant and timely to the network.

However! Just a few specific guidelines:

When you submit your blog to Eric Behna (ebehna@nascsp.org), please be sure to include the following:

- **Subject of email = Guest Blog: Submission Finalized Post.**
- **Title for your post** around 50 – 100 characters, excluding spaces.
- If relevant JPEG, GIF, or PNG photos plus a caption for each.
- **Waiver/release** - if you mention an individual by name or include photos of people, please include a scanned copy of their consent form.
- **Links** such as Twitter handle, webpage link, and/or Facebook profile link so we can link back to you and any organization or agency mentioned in your post.
- **Your name and title. If you prefer to be anonymous, credit will be given to you as “State CSBG staff member” or “Local CAA Executive Director” for example.**
- **A sentence or two** indicating you understand and agree that NASCSP can make small edits to formatting, sentence structure and grammar for best presentation of the post. Should major edits be made, we will contact you for consent before posting.

Your blog post will be posted here: https://nascsp.org/blog/