



**Administration for Children and Families**

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# OCS Introduction/Perspective

2016 NEADA Winter Meeting

February 22 – 24, 2016

Washington, D.C.



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### Introduction

## **HHS Participation**

### **Monday**

Introduction: Lauren Christopher, Akm Rahman, & Holly Ravesloot

Working lunch: DEA Operations Branch Program Analysts, Rosa Chapman, Jamia Furbush, Kate Haydon-Thomas, & Josephine Rago-Adia

Obligations Presentation: Lauren Christopher



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### HHS Participation

**Tuesday:** Presentation by Jeannie Chaffin, OCS Director and Jeff Polich, Attorney, HHS OGC

**Wednesday:** DEA Presentation, Lauren Christopher, Akm Rahman, and Holly Ravesloot

ACA presentation: Marrienne McMullen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for External Affairs, ACF

### **Attendance**

Healthy Home: Leon Litow or Holly Ravesloot

EIA presentation: Lauren Christopher or Holly Ravesloot

ACA presentation: Kate Haydon-Thomas

CFPB presentation: Jamia Furbush or Josephine Rago-Adia



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### DEA Updates

- 2016 funding releases
- T/TA activities (onsite, regional calls, one-on-one, onsite monitoring)
- Regional grantee training meetings
- 2015 monitoring activities
- 2016 monitoring plan
- Important reporting deadlines
- LIHEAP reports



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# Block Grant Philosophy

- Broad federal parameters
- Complemented by state/tribal/territory wide laws/policies on obligations, expenditures, procurement
- Supplemented by LIHEAP specific rules for your state, tribe or territory
- See federal regulations at 45 C.F.R. 96.30(a) and the federal statute at 42 U.S.C. 8624(b)—the 16 assurances



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# Resources

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### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)


The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs. [Read More About LIHEAP](#)

LIHEAP Upcoming Webinars for FY 2016.

HHS/Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation released the intramural research brief, "Community Action Agency Activities in Affordable Care Act Outreach and Enrollment: Insights from Case Studies" today! [View the brief.](#)

*\*The HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) has created an online form to report information on potential fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in HHS programs. [Access the online form.](#)*

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<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/liheap>





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# LIHEAP CLEARINGHOUSE

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## FEATURED NEWS

### WYOMING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE VOTES TO CUT SUPPLEMENTAL STATE FUNDS FOR LIHEAP AND WAP

February 12—Mineral extraction remains the main driver behind Wyoming's economy and state revenue, but some sectors of the energy industry are starting to struggle. These downturns have led to some proposed cuts in state funding for various social service programs, including LIHEAP and WAP. State Senator Tony Ross and other members of the Joint Appropriations Committee lamented the need for such cuts, but stated that "the reality is everyone needs to chip in a little."

Several programs, such as tax refunds for the elderly and disabled, are seeing their state supplemental funds cut by half; the public elementary school system is seeing a cut of \$45 million. Supplemental funding for LIHEAP and Weatherization are being cut entirely as approved by the appropriations committee. Governor Matt Mead had supported a request to increase the current biennium amount for the programs from \$2.1 million to \$5.3 in his budget proposal. The committee, however, voted to remove state funding entirely.

[Read more...](#)

<http://www.liheap.ncat.org/>

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# Program Design Strategies

- Weatherization
  - DOE Rules
  - LIHEAP Rules
  - DOE and LIHEAP
    - MOU with Weatherization State Agency
      - Includes not only funding but the specific uses allowed for LIHEAP resources
      - Model Plan specifies uses of LIHEAP resources