



NATIONAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

## 2025 Annual Meeting Agenda

August 12 – 13, 2025

Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority Building  
30 S Meridian St | Indianapolis, IN 46204

### Tuesday, August 12, 2025

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.      **Introductions**  
*Thomas Hartnett-Russell*, NEADA Chair  
*Mark Wolfe*, NEADA Executive Director
- 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.      **Appropriations Updates from Washington D.C.**  
*Mark Wolfe*, NEADA Executive Director  
*Cassandra Lovejoy*, NEADA Policy Director  
Updates about the current state of Appropriations, what to expect moving forward, and how it affects LIHEAP.
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      **Impact of the Big Beautiful Bill Act on Social Safety Net Programs**  
In depth discussion of the provisions in the Big Beautiful Bill Act that would impact LMI households.  
*Lucero Marquez*, Associate Director for Federal Climate Policy, Center for American Progress
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.      **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.      **NEADA Board Introductions & Projects Update**  
*Thomas Hartnett-Russell*, NEADA Chair  
*Mark Wolfe*, NEADA Executive Director  
*Cassandra Lovejoy*, NEADA Policy & Managing Director
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.      **Explaining the Rising Cost of Energy**  
Discussion about the rise in energy prices due to inflation, industry energy usage, global impacts, and more.  
*Charles Hua*, Powerlines Founder & Executive Director  
*Mark Wolfe*, NEADA Executive Director  
*Shayon Moradi*, NEADA Research Associate



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- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.      **Working Lunch** – Regional Group Discussions
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.      **We Can End Energy Poverty in the Electric Sector: Here's How**  
*Maria Castillo*, Senior Associate, Rocky Mountain Institute
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.      **Roundtable Discussions**
- Planning for FY2026
  - Crisis Rules After March 15
- 4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.      **Wrap Up**
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.      **NEADA Reception**  
Agave and Rye  
336 South Delaware Street Indianapolis, IN
- 7:30 p.m.                      **Indiana Fever vs. Dallas Wings**  
[Buy NEADA Group Tickets](#)  
Gainbridge Fieldhouse  
125 S Pennsylvania St, Indianapolis, IN 46204



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- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      **Update from the Administration for Children and Families (Remote Session)**  
*Kate Thomas*, Senior Advisor, Office of Community Services  
*Mary Watts*, Policy Branch Chief, Office of Community Services
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.      **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.      **The State of Solar for LMI Households**  
Updates on Solar for All, the impact of the Big Beautiful Bill on the solar industry and resolving billing conflicts.  
*Alex Pasanen*, Senior Policy & Regulatory Affairs Coordinator, Solstice  
*Sandy Fazeli*, Senior Managing Director, NASEO
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.      **Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.      **Working with Public Commissioners to Increase Access to Energy Affordability**  
*Mark Templeton*, Clinical Professor of Law, University of Chicago Law School
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.      **The Role of Healthcare Providers in Ensuring Energy Access for Medically Vulnerable Households**  
*Rakuya Trice*, Deputy Director & Director of Medical-Legal Partnerships, Indiana Legal Services



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| 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | <b>Update from the PMIWG</b>  |
| 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | <b>Break</b>  |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. | <b>Discussion: LIHEAP and Undocumented Immigrants</b>   |
| 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | <b>Extreme Heat Preview</b><br><i>Jane Gilbert</i> , Former Heat Officer, Miami-Dade County<br><i>Mark Wolfe</i> , NEADA Executive Director |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | <b>Roundtable Discussions</b>   |
| 4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | <b>Wrap Up</b>  |