



NATIONAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

2025 Annual Meeting Agenda

Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority Building
Floor 8, The Capitol Room (Suite 825) | 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, Chair, NEADA
Mark Wolfe, Executive Director, NEADA
- 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Appropriations Updates from Washington D.C.**
Updates about the current state of Appropriations, what to expect moving forward, and how it affects LIHEAP.
Mark Wolfe, Executive Director, NEADA
Cassandra Lovejoy, Policy & Managing Director, NEADA
- 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 low- and moderate-income households.
Ilene Stein, Vice President for Government Affairs, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
Angel Padilla, Vice President for Strategy and Policy, National Women’s Law Center
- 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, Chair, NEADA
Mark Wolfe, Executive Director, NEADA
Cassandra Lovejoy, Policy & Managing Director, NEADA
- 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, Founder & Executive Director, Powerlines
Mark Wolfe, Executive Director, NEADA
Shayon Moradi, Research Associate, NEADA



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- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Working Lunch** – Regional Group Discussions
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Contingency Planning for FY 2026**
Discussion of how to build flexibility into LIHEAP to respond to increased uncertainty in federal administration and funding for the program in FY2026.
Members of the PMIWG
- 2:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Roundtable Discussions**
- Crisis Rules After March 15
 - Monitoring
 - Zero Income Documentation
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. **Indiana Fever vs. Dallas Wings**
[Buy NEADA Group Tickets](#)
Gainbridge Fieldhouse
125 S Pennsylvania St, Indianapolis



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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**
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 & Reg. 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 PUCs 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
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Update from the PMIWG**
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Roundtable Discussions**
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **Discussion: LIHEAP and Undocumented Immigrants**
Fred Tsao, Senior Policy Counsel, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- 4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Extreme Heat Preview**
Jane Gilbert, Former Heat Officer, Miami-Dade County