



Community Services - CSBG Update

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Help for Puerto Rico

Many of our agencies have asked about relief efforts for Puerto Rico. Following his visit to Puerto Rico to deliver emergency supplies and see firsthand the widespread damage and devastation from Hurricane Maria, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo launched the **Empire State Relief and Recovery Effort** for Puerto Rico. The effort brings together a wide range of civic, business and industry partners to provide needed services, goods and funds to help the people of Puerto Rico recover and rebuild, and provides opportunities for New Yorkers to contribute to the relief efforts. Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's Charities Bureau will monitor the fund to ensure the organization follows all necessary rules and regulations governing the solicitation of funds. JetBlue has committed to \$1 million as an in-kind contribution to transport the customers and cargo for relief efforts. Governor Cuomo is the honorary chair of the effort, with Jennifer Lopez, Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez, Assemblyman Marcos Crespo and Cesar Perales serving as co-chairs. Follows Governor Cuomo's Relief Mission - visit ny.gov/PuertoRico to Learn More and Take Action.



October is National **Fire** Safety Month



It is important to be mindful of the hazards and prevention methods that can save your life and the lives of your loved ones. Keeping working and functioning smoke detectors, knowing multiple escape routes and having a plan in place for when a fire occurs are all crucial in saving your life and protecting your home. Please read and share the following tips to help keep you and your family safe for fire dangers.

[To view NYS DOS: Division of Consumer Protection's fire safety brochure, click here!](#)

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National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month. This year New York State celebrates the **tenth anniversary** of "Shine the Light on Domestic Violence" by once again planning to turn the State **purple** to increase public awareness of domestic violence. On October 19th you can show your support by wearing purple to "Shine the Light on Domestic Violence."





Annual Program Report (APR) Update

NASCSP is preparing the SmartForms for the FFY 2017 annual report. Each Smartform will be prefilled with the agency name, and last year's data. Each agency will enter their data for Sections E-G, and the NPIs, and submit the forms by email to the state.

While we wait for the SmartForms, please complete the Q4 PPR and begin gathering your client characteristics so you will be able to enter data as soon as the new reporting tool is delivered. Your assigned program analyst can provide you with an excel form (APR vs PPR) that will enable staff to quickly aggregate NPIs from your Q4 PPR.



Celebrating National Weatherization Day!

What are you doing for Weatherization Day?

Weatherization Day is October 30th! If you haven't utilized it already, you can find **NASCSP's** Weatherization Day Toolkit [here](#).



DCS Welcomes Our New VISTA Leader

DCS is happy to welcome Sarah Ferritto into the Division. Sarah is the new AmeriCorps VISTA Leader for Empire Corps (ESPRI). She will be working out of the Albany office. In her role she will be providing support to the ESPRI VISTA members. Sarah graduated from Siena College in 2015 with a degree in Political Science. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and spending time outdoors.



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