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JUNE 1-4

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS GUIDING INFORMATION

This document provides guidance on how to help submit a strong proposal

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All submissions must be completed by Friday, February 28

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TIMELINE OF DELIVERABLES

Deliverable	Deadline
Open Call for Proposals	Friday, Thursday, January 23
Close Call for Proposals	Friday, February 28
Review and Selection by Planning Committee	Completed by Wednesday, March 12
Notification to Accepted Presenters	By Friday, March 21
Speaker and Moderator Training	Tuesday, May 5; 3:00 PM EST
All Session Titles finalized by	Thursday, May 1
All Materials Due to APHSA Events Team	Friday, May 16
First Day of Event	Sunday, June 1

INTENT FOR THE EVENT AND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Shape the future of human services at the upcoming American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) National Human Services Summit, June 1-4 in Philadelphia. Join the nation's brightest leaders, innovators, and changemakers as we come together to listen, learn, and inspire one another to build strategies for improving the lives of children and families across the United States, and beyond.

This year's theme, *Innovate, Elevate, Lead: The Future of Human Services*, will provide opportunities for state, tribal, territories, county, and city human services leaders to connect with one another and federal officials; to learn best practices, policy insights, and technology innovations; and to develop their leadership skills.

APHSA and its members are committed to advancing racial equity. Content addressing how to dismantle structural inequities in our systems and root causes of racial disparities through policy and practice are strongly encouraged.

We are seeking inspiring submissions that:

- **Highlight innovative policy, practice, and system approaches to** outcome measurement and impact evaluation; data analytics and interoperability; technology and service delivery; Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging (EDIB); community engagement; emergency preparedness and crisis-response; funding and procurement strategies, and other pressing issue areas across the human services ecosystem.
- **Elevate the important work of the human services sector** in empowering and strengthening families and driving meaningful, sustainable change in our communities as demonstrated in research, program evaluations, project outcomes, success stories.
- **Showcasing leadership strategies** that foster a sense of resilience, workforce well-being, productive collaboration, and deep impact.

How CONTENT Will BE ORGANIZED

The next two pages highlight the four areas in which we will organize the content.

CONTENT WILL BE ORGANIZED AROUND THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- **Innovative Practice and Policy in Human Services:** Showcases best practices and innovative approaches as well as thorny problems needing creative solutions in policy, programs and service delivery.
- **Strengthening the Human Services Workforce and Bolstering Leaders:** Sessions identify ways to strengthen the human services workforce and develop leaders' skills to support them in meeting current challenges and building resilience.
- **Data, Technology, and Interoperability in Action:** Sessions explore recent advances and challenges in data analytics, technology, and interoperability to improve human services delivery and increase accountability.
- **Building Sustainable Systems and Community Partnerships:** Sessions will highlight strategies for creating meaningful partnerships and sustainable systems to support human services in meeting the needs of their communities.

APHSA WELCOMES PROPOSALS AND PRESENTATIONS RELEVANT TO CURRENT TOPICS AND PRIORITIES ACROSS HUMAN SERVICES, WITH A PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- Best practices and policy-enabled innovations across the wide spectrum of human services-related area: aging, adult services, child welfare, child care, child support, emergency preparedness, crisis response and resilience, early childhood, disability, housing, Medicaid, SNAP, TANF
- Human Services leadership development and agency workforce strategies for supporting recruitment and retention of staff, empowering a multigenerational workforce, promoting staff mental health and wellbeing, and building a culture of belonging.
- Collective action to advance belonging and outcomes in human services, such as by engaging people with lived experience in decision-making and implementing trauma-informed practices.
- Financing, procurement, and Advanced Planning Documents
- Topics related to Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), Tribal Social Services, Tribal TANF and SNAP, and other related topics which are unique to tribal nations and territories.
- Community-engagement strategies and effective approaches for elevating the voices of people with lived experience (such as people with disabilities, people who have experienced or interacted with the child welfare system, and others who have received some type of human services.)
- Interoperability opportunities within and across systems and jurisdictions; data sharing, privacy and security lessons
- Data analytics and evaluation, dashboards, and performance objectives to promote continuous improvement and accountability
- Groundbreaking technology projects, including use of AI and machine learning, human-centered designs, with emphasis on concrete application for agencies in completing their work, engaging more effectively with customers in providing information and/or services
- Promising cross-sector partnerships focused on alignment in Medicaid, housing, public health, education
- New or ground-breaking research with implications for the human services sector

DEFINITIONS

Session Type	Definition	Notes
Interactive Sessions <i>that will spark learning and engagement</i>	Following a short presentation, session will engage and interact with participants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommend having a designated facilitator for time tracking
Panel presentation	A panel of no more than four speakers <u>including</u> a moderator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent way to showcase success stories• Private sector presenters are strongly encouraged to have state or local client present with them

WHAT YOU NEED TO START YOUR SUBMISSION

Gathering this information prior to starting each submission will be helpful

All fields marked with a red asterisk () are required*

- Primary presenter's full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, photo, bio
- Co-presenter(s) full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, bio
- Session title – no more than 10 words in title format
- Summary of your session – no more than 350 words
- **NEW:** APHSA will be offering continuing education units (CE) for approved sessions. All presenters will be required to upload a CV.
- Up to three (3) learning objectives (e.g., applied learning in an agency)
 - *What will an attendee take away that they can use immediately in their work?*
 - *What will an attendee be able to implement in their organization in the next 6 to 12 months?*
 - *How will the information presented in your session support an attendee in transforming their practice and/or agency?*

GETTING STARTED: USE THIS [LINK TO ENTER THE SUMMIT CALL FOR PROPOSALS PORTAL](#)

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- Building Sustainable Systems and Community Partnerships
Sessions will highlight strategies for creating meaningful partnerships and sustainable systems to support human services in meeting the needs of their communities.
Submission deadline: 2/28/2025
- Data, Technology, and Interoperability in Action
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Sessions identify ways to strengthen the human services workforce and develop leaders' skills to support them in meeting current challenges and building resilience.
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- You will receive an email including your username and password.
- Individual emails are required for each presenter.
- You cannot use the same email for all presenters.

- Follow each step to complete your proposal submission.
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Once all required fields are completed, you will be able to complete your submission. You can also save your work and come back to edit, as needed, until **Friday, February 28, 2025**.

QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE?

- Throughout the submission process, you will find a “**Technical Support**” button at the top right of the screen.
- Contact the Events Team at aphsaconferences@aphsa.org for questions on content, deadlines, required materials, etc. This email is being monitored by the team and can expect to receive a response within 48 hours (2 business days), Monday-Friday.
- You may also reach out directly to a member of the Events Team:
 - Donna Jarvis-Miller, djarvis-miller@aphsa.org
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- For information on registration, hotel reservations, and other important updates visit the [Summit website](#).