



**ECONOMIC MOBILITY & WELL-BEING CONFERENCE**  
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PROGRAM INTEGRITY

## 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, April 10

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# TIMELINE OF DELIVERABLES

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Deliverable	Deadline
Open Call for Proposals	Monday, February 9
Close Call for Proposals	Friday, April 10
Review and Selection by Planning Committee	Completed by Friday, April 24
Notification to Accepted Presenters	By Monday, April 27
Speaker and Moderator Training	Friday, July 10, 3:00 PM EDT
All Session Titles Finalized by	Wednesday, July 22
Final Presentation Materials Due	Friday, August 7

# INTENT FOR THE EVENT

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At the annual Economic Mobility & Well-Being Conference produced by the [American Public Human Services Association](#) (APHSA), we will bring together opportunities to advance solutions within and across the public and for-profit sectors. The EMWB conference is jointly hosted by three APHSA affinity groups: the [American Association of SNAP Directors \(AASD\)](#), the [National Association for Program Information and Performance Measurement \(NAPIPM\)](#), and the [National Association of State TANF Administrators \(NASTA\)](#). This conference brings together those committed to providing and improving human services programs.

The conference is designed to assist human services leaders, policymakers, and researchers in shaping the future of human services programs focused on social & economic mobility through collaboration, integration, and modernization, as well as guidance on how best to monitor quality control and performance management. By bringing policy, practice, research, and a wide array of programs together, we aim to advance our collective goal of assisting all in the achievement of economic mobility and well-being.

# INTENT FOR THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The 2026 EMWB Planning Committee is seeking proposals and presentations relevant to current topics and priorities across the broad sector of human services. The content for this conference will be organized around six tracks:

- Improving SNAP Payment Accuracy, Quality Control, and Program Integrity
- Implementing SNAP Work Requirements and Employment Supports
- Strengthening Families and Communities Through TANF and Human Services
- Modernizing Benefits Delivery to Expand Access and Improve Outcomes
- Advancing Innovation, Waivers, and Program Design

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; social impact, 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.

*Tracks are defined on the Page 7.*



# How CONTENT Will BE ORGANIZED

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



# CONTENT WILL BE ORGANIZED AROUND THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Track	Description
<b>Improving SNAP Payment Accuracy, Quality Control, and Program Integrity</b>	Examines approaches to enhancing payment accuracy through quality control and assurance, case review, and operational improvements. Sessions should explore improving SNAP QC completion rates, the relationship between QC findings and payment error rates, strategies to strengthen program integrity, and ways to recognize and address bias within quality control and oversight processes..
<b>Implementing SNAP Work Requirements and Employment Supports</b>	Focuses on implementing and aligning work requirements across SNAP and other programs including new Medicaid community engagement requirements. Sessions should highlight strategies that support compliance, reduce administrative complexity, and connect individuals to employment services, training, and career pathways.
<b>Strengthening Families and Communities Through TANF and Human Services</b>	Highlights how TANF and other human services programs can strengthen families and communities while increasing community and social impact. Sessions should explore cross-system coordination, partnerships with community-based organizations, and approaches that center the experiences and voices of program participants to improve outcomes.
<b>Modernizing Benefits Delivery to Expand Access and Improve Outcomes</b>	Centers on modernizing benefits delivery systems to improve access for eligible individuals and enhance program performance. Sessions should include eligibility and EBT modernization, streamlining and simplification, reducing administrative burden, and improving access to nutrition and health supports that promote well-being.
<b>Advancing Innovation, Waivers, and Program Design</b>	Showcases innovative policy approaches, demonstrations, and waivers agencies are using to test new ideas and improve program design. Sessions should include nutrition-related waivers, operational innovations, simplification efforts, and strategies to strengthen integrity, efficiency, and program outcomes.

# SUBMISSION TYPES

Session Type	Definition
Interactive Sessions	A dynamic and engaging format that encourages active participation and dialogue among participants. It involves collaborative activities, discussions, or exercises designed to facilitate the exchange of ideas, experiences, and insights on a specific topic. The goal is to create a vibrant and participatory learning environment that promotes audience interaction and meaningful engagement.
Panel Presentation ( <i>Up to 4 Presenters</i> )	A structured discussion format in which a group of experts share their diverse perspectives, insights, and expertise on a particular subject. Panel sessions typically involve moderated conversations, Q&A sessions, and audience interactions that offer participants a comprehensive understanding of the topic through multiple viewpoints.
Workshop Session	A collaborative and interactive session where participants engage in hands-on activities, discussions, and exercises to acquire specific skills, knowledge, or practical insights on a particular subject or theme. Workshops aim to foster active learning and skill development through participant involvement and shared experiences.

## **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

# WHAT YOU NEED TO START YOUR INTERACTIVE SESSION OR PANEL PRESENTATION SUBMISSION

*Gathering this information prior to starting each submission will be helpful*

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

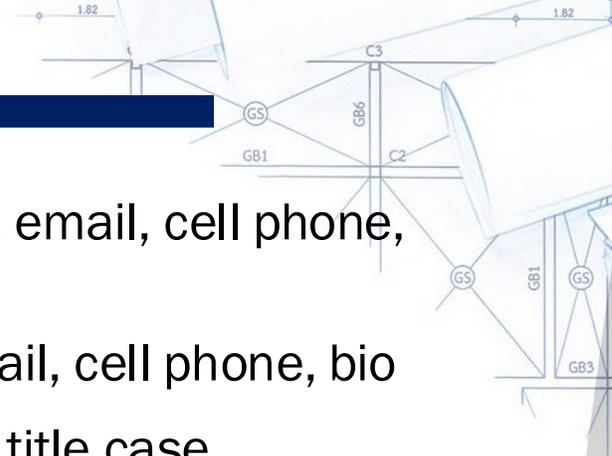
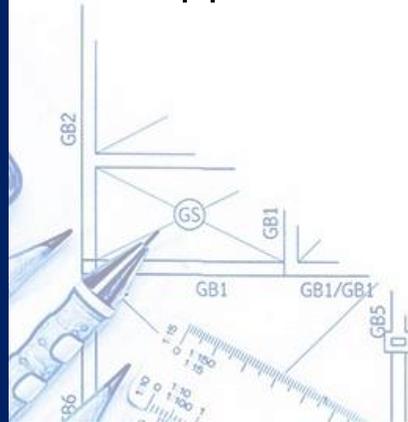
- Primary presenter's full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, photo, bio
- Co-presenter(s) full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, bio
- Session title – no more than 10 words, entered in title case
- Summary of your session – no more than 350 words
- APHSA will be offering continuing education units (CE) for approved sessions. All presenters will be required to upload a CV.
- 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?*

# WHAT YOU NEED TO START YOUR RESEARCH TO PRACTICE POSTER SUBMISSION

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prior to starting each  
submission will be helpful*

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- Primary presenter's full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, photo, bio
- Co-presenter(s) full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, bio
- Poster title – no more than 10 words, entered in title case
- Abstract - a concise abstract (350 words maximum) that summarizes the purpose of the study, pilot, and initiative, the approach to the research, and the key outcomes
- Three (3) key takeaways
- APHSA will be offering continuing education units (CE) for approved sessions. All presenters will be required to upload a CV.



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

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## New Submission

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Select a category

- Community-Driven Solutions  
Submissions for this track center community voice and the power of cross-sector collaboration to address pressing challenges and opportunities. Proposals will demonstrate how public agencies, nonprofits, and communities can move beyond service delivery toward true system transformation. Share how your community or partnership is co-creating solutions with those most affected by policy and practice decisions. Ideal for submissions grounded in collaboration and community and social impact.  
Submission deadline: 2/13/2026
- Practice Excellence Across Human Services Domains  
This track features proven and promising approaches from across human services domains, including aging, child care, child welfare, early childhood, disability, housing, food security, and economic support. We want to share how your policy-enabled innovations and cross-sector partnerships are improving results for individuals and families. Ideal for case studies and examples that translate evidence into real-world impact.  
Submission deadline: 2/13/2026
- Research, Evaluation, and Evidence in Action  
Built in partnership with the National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics (NAWRS), this track elevates the role of research, evaluation, and evidence in driving measurable change. We invite studies, evaluations, and success stories that strengthen families and communities, especially those that demonstrate how research translates into effective practice. Includes opportunities to be featured in the Research to Practice Showcase.  
Submission deadline: 2/13/2026
- System Innovation and Transformation  
This track spotlights cutting-edge strategies in data, technology, and policy that reimagine how systems operate, optimize performance, and deliver superior, lasting outcomes for all served. Share your innovations in interoperability, artificial intelligence, system redesign, or funding models that build long-term sustainability, resilience, and widespread impact. Submissions that elevate trauma-informed approaches and lived experience are especially encouraged.  
Submission deadline: 2/13/2026
- Workforce and Leadership Development  
This track focuses on strategies that strengthen workforce well-being, leadership capacity, and collaboration at every level. Share how your organization is supporting your workforce in adapting to H.R. 1, building belonging, or redefining the culture of human services work. Ideal for leaders and innovators shaping the future of the human services sector.  
Submission deadline: 2/13/2026

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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.
- Click "Next" to proceed to the next step.
- You will have the opportunity to return to the previous screen if you need to make any changes.

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, April 10, 2026**.

# QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE?

- Throughout the submission process, you will find a “Chat” button at the bottom right of the screen. This will connect you with technical support for the submission portal.
- Contact the Events Team at [aphsaconferences@aphsa.org](mailto: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.
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