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Reaching New Heights in Workforce Development

CALL FOR PROPOSALS GUIDING INFORMATION

This document provides guidance on how to submit a strong proposal

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All submissions must be completed by Friday, April 10

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TIMELINE OF DELIVERABLES

Deliverable	Deadline
Open Call for Proposals	Wednesday, February 11
Close Call for Proposals	Friday, April 10
Review and Selection by Planning Committee	Completed by Wednesday, April 22 Selection Completed by Thursday, April 30
Notification to Accepted Presenters	By Friday, May 8
Speaker and Moderator Training	Thursday, August 6, 3:00 PM EDT
All Session Titles Finalized by	Friday, August 7
Final Presentation Materials Due	Friday, September 11

INTENT FOR THE EVENT & CALL FOR PROPOSALS

At the annual NSDTA Education Conference produced by the [American Public Human Services Association](#) (APHSA), is the ideal setting to share our collective work on building capacity for training and organizational development in human services through our national network of membership. The NSDTA conference is jointly hosted by APHSA affinity group: the [National Staff Development and Training Association \(NSDTA\)](#).

The conference brings together workforce development experts to connect, learn, and exchange best practices. It is designed to support trainers, facilitators, and researchers in the human services field, empowering them to shape the future of human services programs through collaboration, integration, and modernization. The conference also provides guidance on effective methods for monitoring organizational development.

The 2026 NSDTA 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:

- Evaluation/Research
- Curriculum Development
- Human Services Leadership
- Organizational Development
- Workforce Development & Planning
- Community Well-Being

Tracks are defined on Slide 6.



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
Evaluation/Research	Using, or learning how to use, data to drive decision making; development of assessment tools; effectiveness of staff/organizational interventions; developing and testing theories of learning; measurement of skill demonstration and transfer of learning.
Curriculum Development & Facilitation	Design, development, and facilitation of training curriculum through innovative strategies and tools, including the use of new technologies that enhance teaching and learning in classroom, blended, and e-learning environments.
Human Services Leadership	Leading in workforce development, training, and OD/OE (e.g., improving management structures and processes, linking training and development with other organizational units, monitoring contract activities, and staff performance).
Organizational Development	Facilitating organizational improvement, including but not limited to assessing needs, diagnosing organizational problem areas, OD and OE strategies, and capacity building.
Workforce Development & Planning	Predicting future staff needs of an agency, planning for the attraction, selection, development, and retention of the current and future workforce.
Community Well-Being	Advancing community well-being through workforce and organizational strategies that create access and opportunities for all individuals and communities to thrive, and systemic improvements that enhance social and economic well-being. Workforce and organizational strategies that explore systemic challenges and addresses the underlying factors contributing to [disparities/barriers/imbances] through policy and practice, promoting solutions that improve outcomes for all people.

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

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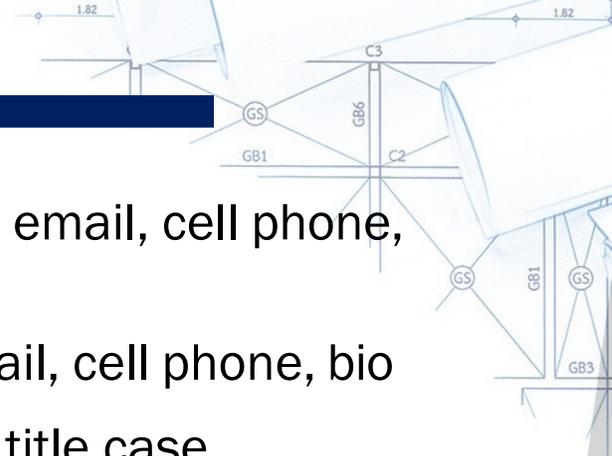
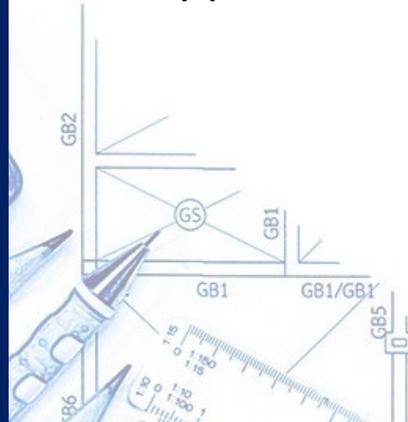
- Primary presenter's full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, photo, bio
- Co-presenter(s) full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, bio
- Session title – no more than 10 words, entered in title case
- Summary of your session – no more than 350 words
- APHSA will be offering continuing 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 NSDTA CALL FOR PROPOSALS PORTAL

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- 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: 2/15/2026
- 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 exemplars that translate evidence into real-world impact.
Submission deadline: 2/15/2026
- 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: 2/15/2026
- System Innovation and Transformation
This track explores 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: 2/15/2026
- 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 U.S. I, 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: 2/15/2026

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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 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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 - Marie Comito, mcomito@aphsa.org
- For information on registration, hotel reservations, and other important updates visit the [NSDTA website](#).