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National Leadership Innovation Summit

Advancing National Impact

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Sunday, May 3, 2026

2:00-6:00 PM	Registration Table Open
3:30-4:30 PM	2026 Spring UCEDD Directors Meeting <i>AUCD Updates, ACL Operational Drivers, Facilitated Discussion*</i>
4:30-5:30 PM	Opening Leadership Innovation Session: <i>Leadership and Innovation through Shared Priorities</i>
5:30-6:30 PM	Welcome Reception for Summit Attendees

Monday, May 4, 2026

7:30-8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30-9:30 AM	Leadership Innovation Session 2: <i>Collaboration for Outcomes</i>
9:45-11:45	TA Institute Session : Austin UCEDD Tour* <i>Session is off site.</i>
9:30-10:30 AM	Breakout Sessions: Collaboration Across Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Human Services Systems (Room TBD)• Economic and Community Systems (Room TBD)
10:30-11:30AM	Breakout Sessions: Collaboration in Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Network Partner Forum: From Collaboration to Impact: What Partners Need to Succeed at Scale (Room TBD)• Project Team Working Session (Invitation Only; Room TBD)
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own
1:00-2:00 PM	Leadership Innovation Session 3: <i>From Story to Impact: Using Narrative to Drive Change</i>
2:00-3:00 PM	Breakout Sessions: Levers for Systems Change <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TA Institute Session: Lightning Presentations* (Room TBD)• Funding Lab: Grant Concepts and Funding Strategies (Room TBD)• Policy & Systems Landscape Briefing (Room TBD)

3:00-3:30	Afternoon Break
3:30-4:30 PM	<p>Breakout Sessions: Innovation & Leadership in Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA Institute Session: Leading Innovation in UCEDD Practice* (Room TBD) • Utilizing AI Tools for Systems and Innovation (Room TBD) • Leadership Skills for a Rapidly Changing Landscape (Room TBD)
4:30-5:30 PM	<p>Open Forum Discussion: <i>Reflections and Cross-Cutting Themes from the Day</i></p>

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

7:30-8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30-9:30 AM	<p>Leadership Innovation Session 4: <i>Developing Leaders Through Mentorship</i></p>
9:30-10:30 AM	<p>Breakout Sessions: Scaling Mentorship for Leadership and Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA Institute Session: Mentorship Mapping* (Room TBD) • Developing and Sustaining the Next Generation of Leaders (Room TBD) • Scaling What Works: Tools, Approaches, and Pathways to System Change (Room TBD)
10:30-11:30 AM	<p>Breakout Sessions: Challenges, Innovations, and Collaboration Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Conversations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pacific and West US (Room TBD) ○ Regional Conversations Central and Southern US (Room TBD) ○ Regional Conversations East and Atlantic US (Room TBD)
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own
1:00-2:00 PM	<p>Breakout Sessions: Moving Work Forward Together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA Institute Session: Shared Leadership, Shared Action* (Room TBD) • Network Partner Forum: What the Network Asks of Partners and What Partners Ask of the Network (Room TBD) • Project Team Working Session: Implementation Planning, Timelines, Dependencies (Invitation Only; Room TBD)
2:00-3:00 PM	<p>Closing Leadership Innovation Session: <i>Where the Network Goes Next</i></p>
3:00 PM	Adjourn

*Sessions in Blue are for UCEDD Directors and Ass't Directors Only