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Call for workshop proposals

Putting Care at the Center 2026

About Putting Care at the Center 2026

The Camden Coalition's **National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs** (National Center) is seeking proposals for **workshop presentations** for its national conference, ***Putting Care at the Center 2026***, co-hosted by **Kaiser Permanente**. The conference will take place in **Oakland, CA**, from **October 14-16, 2026**, at the Oakland Marriott City Center hotel.

Putting Care at the Center is the annual venue for the **complex care** field to learn, network, and create a shared agenda for improving care for people with complex needs. It attracts thought leaders, innovators, interdisciplinary team members from healthcare and community-based organizations, people with lived experience of health and social needs, policymakers, researchers, and data analysts from communities across the US. Anticipated conference attendance is 750-900 people.

About the workshop sessions

Putting Care at the Center 2026 workshop sessions are intended to equip the complex care field with knowledge and skills that are relevant and easily actionable. Examples include addressing a common challenge in complex care delivery, teaching a specific skill, or discussing a widely applicable research finding or policy topic. Successful applications often include representatives from multiple organizations who can speak from different perspectives on a shared topic. We encourage workshops to be interactive with the audience, with features including, but not limited to, group exercises, polling, word clouds, discussion boards, live Q&A, and small group discussions.

Workshop content

Workshops should focus on generalizable takeaways for a broad audience and centered around one or more of the following areas of focus. Please note the examples under each area of focus are not exhaustive, and we encourage submissions that explore other relevant topics within the area of focus.

1. Workforce
 - Community-based workforce

- Leadership and supervision
 - Team culture and collaboration
 - Hiring, sustaining, retaining, and advancing workforce
2. Complex care practice
 - Client engagement and authentic healing relationships
 - Social needs screening and navigation
 - Cross-organizational teaming
 - Program design and improvement
 3. Research and evaluation
 - Emerging research findings
 - Impactful metrics
 - Data workflows and shared IT platforms
 - Quality improvement
 - Evaluation strategies
 4. Leadership of people with lived experience
 - Advisory boards and councils for PWLE (e.g., Patient-Family Advisory Committee, Community Advisory Boards, Member/Beneficiary Advisory Committees)
 - Inclusion of PWLE in organizational governance
 - Community leaders/community-led initiatives
 - Community-partnered research
 - Lived experience work force roles
 5. Payment and policy
 - 1115 and ILOS implementation experience (including CalAIM)
 - Implementing justice-involved waivers
 - Value-based payment and complex care
 6. Medical-legal partnership (MLP)
 - Effective approaches to addressing and preventing legal needs
 - Scaling and sustaining effective MLP programs
 - Measuring impact and outcomes of MLP interventions
 - Advancing health justice through policy advocacy
 7. Hubs and backbone organizations
 - Governance and leadership of cross-sector initiatives
 - Data sharing and operational efficiency for hubs
 - Partner and network management
 - Designing and operating cross-sector coordination models
 - Financing and sustaining hub functions
 8. Housing and health
 - Supportive housing models and services integration
 - Addressing barriers to housing access for justice-involved or medically fragile populations
 9. Food and nutrition
 - Food is medicine interventions
 - Scaling and sustaining nutrition support programs

Core tenets

- Priority will be given to presenters who have lived experience of complex health and social needs, and presenters from underrepresented and/or marginalized communities.
- Presenters are encouraged to ground their content in relevant complex care frameworks, including the [Blueprint for Complex Care, ecosystems of care](#) framework, and the [complex care core competencies](#).
- Presentations should be designed for attendees from diverse sectors, disciplines, and professions, using clear and accessible language to ensure content is understandable to participants with varied backgrounds and levels of expertise.

Logistics

- Accepted workshops will be assigned to a track that best fits the area of focus.
- Each workshop may include up to five presenters.
- We will provide continuing education credits (CEUs) for workshops, which requires workshop presenters to provide a relevant financial relationships (RFR) disclosure form along with other materials (i.e., bio, headshot).
 - Lead presenters are required to submit the completed disclosure during the workshop submission process.
 - All co-presenters are required to submit the completed disclosure within 30 days of workshop approval. Please note that co-presenters will be contacted directly for profile information and a disclosure form after a proposal is submitted.
- Time allotted for a workshop session is 60 minutes. A limited number of 2-hour, double workshop sessions will be offered. A double workshop includes more extensive content structured as two consecutive workshop sessions separated by a 15-minute break. Applicants can indicate that they would like to be considered for a one-hour workshop if they're not accepted for the limited two-hour session slots.
- If your workshop is selected, you will receive presenter pricing of \$495 each for up to two workshop presenters to participate in the conference.

Timeline

- **January 7:** Call for proposals released
- **March 4:** Workshop proposals due
- **June:** Workshop selections announced
- **30 days after approval:** All presenter RFR disclosure forms due
- **August 12:** Draft presentation slides due
- **September 28:** Final presentation slides due
- **October 14-16:** *Putting Care at the Center 2026*

Application

The following information must be provided for each proposed workshop. The information below is for reference only — applications **must be submitted through the [online portal](#)**. Only proposals with all the required information will be considered.

Presenter information

1. Workshop point of contact (note: information for additional workshop presenters will be collected after submission through a follow-up process):
 - a. First name
 - b. Last name
 - c. Email address
 - d. City, state
 - e. Organization name
 - f. Job title
 - g. What professional discipline BEST describes you?
 - h. Short bio (up to 100 words)
 - i. Race/ethnicity
 - j. Do you have lived experience of complex health and social needs, whether yourself or as a family caregiver?
2. For each co-presenter: First name, last name, email address, organization name, and job title.
3. Diversity of experiences and identities are important in the field of complex care, so priority will be given to sessions that represent this value. Please describe how your workshop incorporates speakers with diverse identities and backgrounds, including race and lived experience (up to 100 words).

Session information

4. Workshop title (up to 15 words)
5. Abstract (up to 100 words): Provide a concise summary of your workshop that captures its focus, goals, and key takeaways. This abstract will be used on the conference website and mobile app to help attendees decide whether the workshop aligns with their interests or professional needs. Use clear, plain language so that the description is accessible and engaging for participants from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines.
6. Workshop description (up to 500 words): Provide a detailed explanation of your workshop for the review committee. This description should help reviewers understand what the session will cover, why it is important, and how it will be facilitated. Please include:
 - a. A summary of the session content
 - b. An explanation of how the session addresses a need or challenge in the complex care field
 - c. A description of how your proposal meets the selection criteria listed below
7. Session format (up to 500 words): Provide a brief draft agenda outlining how you plan to structure the session. Include details on your facilitation approach (e.g., lecture, small group discussions, interactive activities, panel, or other methods). We strongly encourage applicants to build in sufficient time for audience Q&A or discussion. Feedback from past conferences shows that attendees value opportunities to engage directly with presenters.
8. Workshop learning goals (up to 100 words): List three goals that describe what participants will be able to do as a result of attending your session. Each goal should:
 - a. Describe specific knowledge or skills participants will gain and be able to apply
 - b. Include at least one measurable action verb (e.g. identify, analyze, demonstrate, apply, develop, etc.)

Example:

Participants will be able to incorporate social complexity into their current patient risk stratification
Participants will be able to identify key elements of a community-based care model supporting older adults
Participants will be able to develop messaging for key stakeholders

Session details and logistics

9. Preferred length of workshop:

- 1-hour workshop
- 2-hour double workshop
- Either option

Please note there are a limited number of 2-hour workshop sessions available.

10. Content level: To ensure the conference offers content that meets the needs of attendees with varying levels of experience in complex care, please select the level that best represents your session. This information will help us create a balanced program and guide attendees toward sessions that fit their background and professional goals. Please select one of the following levels:

- a. Foundational – Designed for attendees who are newer to complex care or to the session’s topic. Covers core concepts and introductory frameworks.
- b. Intermediate – Intended for attendees with some experience in the topic. Focuses on applied strategies, emerging practices, lessons learned, and real-world implementation challenges.
- c. Advanced – Geared toward attendees with significant experience in complex care or the subject area. Format should be more participatory and/or problem-solving rather than presentation focused.

11. Select up to two of the following areas of focus that best describe your workshop

- a. Workforce
- b. Complex care practice
- c. Research and evaluation
- d. Leadership of people with lived experience
- e. Payment and policy
- f. Medical-legal partnership (MLP)
- g. Hubs and backbone organizations
- h. Housing and health
- i. Food and nutrition

12. Select up to 5 keywords that best describe your workshop content. Keywords will help attendees identify workshops that will fit within their areas of interest.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Health equity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backbone/hub organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Health information exchange/Community information exchange/referral platforms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral health | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing and homelessness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CalAIM | <input type="checkbox"/> Justice-involved populations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caregiving | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership and governance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community health workers | <input type="checkbox"/> Measurement, research, and evaluation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complex care models | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data sharing and integration | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical-Legal Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications for opioid use disorder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecosystems | <input type="checkbox"/> Older adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FQHC/primary care | <input type="checkbox"/> Payment and financing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food security | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatrics | <input type="checkbox"/> Substance use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peer recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Systems change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program design and operations | <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth and family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social work | |

13. Indicate primary target audiences (Please select two):

- Patient/client facing staff (CHW, case managers, social workers, nurses, physicians)
- Program management/administrative staff
- Organizational leadership
- People with lived experience
- Data, evaluation, and QI professionals
- Social/human services providers
- Advocates and policy experts
- Legal services professionals
- Other

14. Download and complete [RFR disclosure form](#). Lead presenters must upload the form during the submission process.

Selection criteria

Conference organizers will select workshops based on the following criteria:

1. **Applicability** - Extent to which the knowledge applies to others and can make a difference in how others do their work. There will be a preference for workshops that feature free, open-source tools and resources.
2. **Quality** - Material is professional, well organized, and interactive.
3. **Innovation** - Content is innovative and pushes participants to think differently about complex health and social needs.
4. **Incorporation of core tenets (see above)**
5. **Speaker diversity**
 - a. Ethnicity & race
 - b. Geography
 - c. Type of professional and/or lived experience
 - d. Type of organization

By applying, I understand that:

- The workshop session will be recorded and may be made available to learners in the future.
- Presenters must register for the conference at their own expense.
- Presenters agree to promote the conference through social media and other networks.

Questions can be directed to Alice Smart at alice.smart@horizonmeetingmanagement.com or 512-651-3549. Applications available online - [apply now](#).

About the Camden Coalition

The Camden Coalition works to improve care for people with complex health and social needs in Camden, NJ, and across the country. The organization implements person-centered programs and pilots new models that address chronic illness and social barriers to health and well-being. Supported by a robust data infrastructure, cross-sector convening, and shared learning, its community-based programs improve outcomes for some of society's most vulnerable individuals. The Camden Coalition's National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs (National Center) connects complex care practitioners with each other and with data, tools, and other resources. For more information, visit www.camdenhealth.org