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Call for Beehive stations

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 the **Beehive**, an interactive, "adult science fair" exhibit space where participants share hands-on models, tools, and resources, at 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 Beehive: A space to share

See what the buzz is about and submit your proposal to be featured in our annual Beehive at Putting Care at the Center.

How the Beehive works

The Beehive is a semi-structured exhibition space for sharing knowledge, experiences, strategies, and challenges as well as networking with potential collaborators. Often referred to as an "adult science fair," conference attendees gather in the Beehive during designated hours to browse stations and engage facilitators in brief conversations about the work they are showcasing. Beehive stations are set up in an open space and facilitators should be prepared to actively engage attendees, answering questions, demonstrating tools or resources, and highlighting key takeaways that attendees can apply in their own programs and organizations. Beehive topics may introduce a particular model, practice, or tool and topics may include care delivery, data and evaluation, policy and advocacy, program design and operations, and leadership and collaboration.

If your proposal is selected, you will be given a station in the Beehive. Beehive facilitators can select **one of two ways** to participate in the Beehive:

- **Digital poster station:** Digital posters are physical displays highlighting patient cases, programs, research, and case studies of interest to conference attendees.
- **Tabletop station:** Participants share an open-source resource, model, tool, technology, or program they have developed and/or implemented that other attendees can apply in their programs and organizations.

[Click here to watch a video to learn more about the Beehive](#)

Beehive content

We invite submissions from leaders, practitioners, students, researchers, advocates, and others wishing to share resources and tools, innovative programs, field experiences, and significant research findings. Beehive stations should be conducive to free-flowing 1:1 and small group conversations — such as is common in an exhibit hall; conference participants will flow through Beehive stations and will generally not spend the entire time at one station. Stations can highlight:

- Surveys
- Workflows
- Data analysis tools
- Evaluation tools
- Sample payment structures
- Training manuals
- Complex care models or programs
- Partnerships and collaborations
- "How to" guides
- Assessments
- Toolkits

Digital poster and tabletop stations should be educational in nature and not promote a particular product or service. Companies, foundations, and other organizations looking to elevate their brand, promote their proprietary products and services, and grow their customer base can participate as **conference sponsors**. Sponsors receive benefits such as logo placement, complimentary conference passes, and a booth in the Beehive. To learn more about becoming a conference sponsor, please contact Matt Kalamar, Director of Strategy and Advancement (mkalamar@camdenhealth.org).

Core tenets

- Priority will be given to facilitators who have lived experience of complex health and social needs, and presenters from underrepresented and/or marginalized communities.
- Facilitators are encouraged to ground their content in relevant complex care frameworks, including the [Blueprint for Complex Care, ecosystems of care](#), 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

- There will be two dedicated Beehive sessions -- one on Wednesday, October 14 and the other on Thursday, October 15. Beehive facilitators will be assigned to **one** Beehive session.
- All Beehive facilitators are required to register for the conference at their own expense.
- Beehive stations are limited to up to three facilitators.
- **Frequently asked questions about the Beehive are [available here](#).**

2026 Timeline

- **January 7:** Call for proposals released
- **May 6:** Beehive proposals due
- **July:** Beehive selections announced
- **October 14-16:** Putting Care at the Center 2026

Application

Please provide the following information for each proposed Beehive station. 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. Facilitator's contact information:
 - 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. Race/ethnicity
2. Do you have lived experience of complex health and social needs, whether yourself or as a family caregiver?
3. For each co-facilitator (up to two additional facilitators): First name, last name, email address, city of work, state, organization name, job title, race/ethnicity, and lived experience.

Session information

4. Beehive title (10 words or less)
5. Beehive abstract (up to 50 words): Provide a concise summary of your Beehive station. Use clear, plain language so that the description is accessible and engaging for participants from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines.
6. Beehive description, specifically addressing these questions (up to 300 words):
 - a. What problem(s) or topic(s) are you trying to solve, resolve, and/or highlight with your Beehive station?
 - b. What lessons will conference attendees bring back to their own communities?
7. Diversity of experiences and identities are important in the field of complex care, so priority will be given to beehive stations that represent this value. Please describe how your beehive station incorporates speakers with diverse identities and backgrounds, including race and lived experience (up to 100 words).

Beehive station details and logistics

8. Preferred Beehive station type
 - a. Digital poster
 - b. Tabletop
9. If selecting a tabletop station, will you be using technology that requires an electrical outlet? (i.e. monitor, laptop, etc.)

Selection criteria

Conference organizers will select Beehive stations 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.
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. **Facilitator diversity**
 - a. Ethnicity & race
 - b. Geography
 - c. Type of professional and/or lived experience
 - d. Type of organization

Applications from facilitators with lived experience of complex health and social needs and presenters from underrepresented and/or marginalized communities will receive additional consideration preference in the review process.

By applying, I understand that:

- The Beehive station will be in-person.
- Beehive facilitators must register for the conference at their own expense.
- Facilitators 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.