# **2025 HCBS Conference**





# **Sponsorship & Exhibitor Prospectus**

# **HCBS Conference:** August 24- 28, 2025 • Baltimore, MD **Virtual Conference:** September 17th - 18th, 2025







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## **Greetings HCBS Sponsors & Exhibitors**

We are excited to announce that the 2025 Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Conference will be held from August 24-28, 2025, in Baltimore, MD. As one of the most significant events in long-term services and supports, this conference is a prime opportunity for your organization to engage with leaders, innovators, and decision-makers from across the country.

#### Why Sponsor the HCBS Conference?

The HCBS Conference is a cornerstone event, bringing together over 1,500 professionals dedicated to enhancing long-term services and supports for individuals of all ages and abilities. By sponsoring, your organization will gain unparalleled access to a targeted audience that includes state and federal policymakers, program administrators, advocates, and service providers.

#### Key Benefits of Sponsorship:

- **Visibility:** Showcase your brand to a diverse and influential audience. Sponsorship provides a unique platform to increase brand recognition and build your reputation within the aging and disability networks.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Engage directly with key decision-makers and stakeholders during dedicated networking sessions, workshops, and social events.
- **Thought Leadership:** Position your organization as a leader in the field by participating in discussions,

panels, and presentations that shape the future of long-term services and supports.

• **Exhibit Space:** Highlight your products, services, and innovations in our exhibition hall, which is designed to facilitate meaningful interactions between attendees and exhibitors.

#### **Event Highlights:**

- Plenary sessions with industry leaders and policymakers from CMS, ACL, and other key organizations
- Over 110 workshops focused on the latest trends, policy developments, and best practices in HCBS
- Strategic networking events that foster collaboration and partnerships
- Social gatherings that provide a relaxed environment to connect with peers and potential clients

We believe your organization would greatly benefit from the exposure and connections made possible by sponsoring the HCBS Conference. To discuss sponsorship opportunities in more detail, please contact us at <u>inform@hcbsconference</u>. org. We are eager to explore how we can tailor sponsorship packages to meet your specific goals and objectives. Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute to and benefit from this vital event.

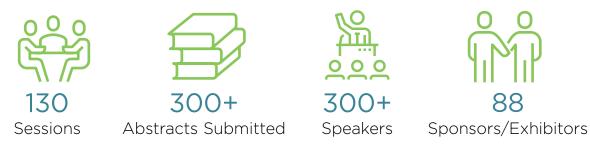
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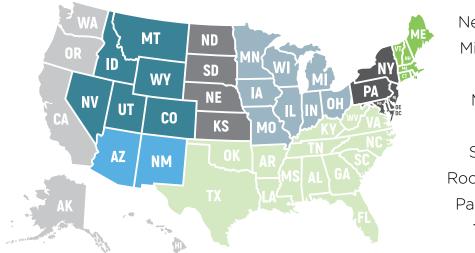
### **HCBS Conference Attendees**



1,800 + Attendees (1,500 in-person and 300 virtual) States and Territories represented

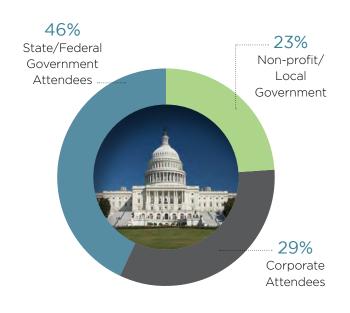


## **2024 HCBS Conference Attendees by Region**



New England: 7% Mid-Atlantic: 21% South: 29% Midwest: 20% Central: 3% Southwest: 2% Rocky Mountain: 6% Pacific Coast: 10% Territories: 1%

### 2024 HCBS Conference Participation by Percentage



"The HCBS Conference is a fantastic event to make connections with State Aging Directors, other state staff, and vendors in the aging and disability space."

> -Margaret Reiff, Business Development Events Manager, CareSource

# **Past Sponsors**

AAIDD AARP Public Policy Institute Acces\$ Financial Management Services Acentra Health Activate Care Acumen Fiscal Agent ADT Aetna Medicaid Ageless Innovation AIRS Altarum Alumni Leadership Network Alvarez & Marsal Amazon AmeriHealth Caritas Anthem, Inc. Applied Self Direction Aris Solutions Inc. AssuranceSD Aurrera Health Aveanna Healthcare Beacon Health Options Beacon Specialized Living Services Benchmark Human Services Beniamin Rose Institute on Aging Blue Cross and Blue Shield of IL, MT, NM, OK, and TX (HCSC) CareBridge Health CareCentrix Careforth Caregiving.com CareSource CARF International

CellTrak Centene Corporation Chef2Home by Metz Choice Yield Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation Cigna-HealthSpring & Alegis Care CIL Claris Healthcare Commonwealth Care Alliance Connect America Consumer Direct Care Network Cumulus Care Data Logic/ Vesta EVV Deloitte DentaQuest Direct Care Innovations DirectCourse Elevance Health Enable Dental Eventa Evernorth (formerly Cigna) eVero Fawssitt Portable Showers Federal Trade Commission FEI Systems findhelp First Data Government Solutions Fiserv **EOCoS** Innovations Four Moon Productions FreedomCare GA Foods Game-U GT Independence

Guardian Medical Monitoring Guidehouse HCBS Strategies, Inc. Health Management Associates HHAeXchange Highmark Health Options Highmark Wholecare Homeplate Solutions Humana Healthy Horizons IBM Watson Health *iCareManager* Ikaso Consulting Inclusa Independent Living Systems InnovAge IntellectAbility IntelliRide Intuition Robotics Isaac Health *iTherapyDocs* The John A. Hartford Foundation Jukebox Health Knowledge Services LIBERTY Dental Plan Liberty HealthCare Corp. Lifeline Systems Company Little Red Hen Lvft Magellan Complete Care, Inc. Mains'l Financial Management Services MapHabit Marwood Group Mathematica MAXIMUS

MeDecision MediSked MEDsvs-HCS. LLC Mercer Government MetaStar Myers and Stauffer Milliman MissionCare Collective Molina Healthcare Mom's Meals Mon Ami Morning Sun Financial Services Mv 25/Mainstav Inc. National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) National Consumer Voice National Indian Council on Aging National Institute on Aging Navigant NCQA Netsmart Nymbl Science Optimetra **Outreach Health Services** Pack4U Palco PCG Peer Place Networks PHI National Public Consulting Group (PCG) Public Partnerships | PPL Pulselight Relias **Revation Systems RTZ** Systems

Sage Squirrel Sandata Technologies Sellers Dorsev Seniorlink/Caregiver Homes Sevita Shared Health SRALabs TaskMaster Pro TCARE Telliaen Tellus Tenderheart Health Outcomes The LEAD Center Therap Services Trualta Tyler Technologies UMASS UnitedHealthcare Community & State **UPMC** Community HealthChoices USAging Ventech Solutions Vesta Healthcare Vevo Vital Research VRI Wellcare Health Plans WellSky

# **General Information**

- WHEN: August 24 28, 2025
- WHERE: Baltimore Marriott Waterfront 700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 or virtually at <u>hcbsconference.org</u>

VIRTUAL: September 17 - 18, 2025

## **Hotel Accommodations**

ADvancing States is offering special hotel rates for 2025 conference attendees and speakers. Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. We recommend booking early through a provided link available at the end of the registration process.

#### **Room Rates\*:**

Government Rate: Prevailing Government Per Diem Rate

Non-Government Rate: Hotel Rate

\*Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes in effect at the time of check-out.

## **On-Site Registration/** Information Hours

#### (subject to change)

Sunday, Aug. 248:00AM - 8:00PM
Monday, Aug. 257:30AM - 5:00PM
Tuesday, Aug. 26 7:30AM - 6:00PM
Wednesday, Aug. 277:30AM - 5:00PM

# "Biggest and BEST conference on HCBS."

-Applied Self Direction

## **Important 2024 Dates to Remember**

#### **2024 HCBS Conference**

- May 2025: Early-bird registration opens
- May 2025: Lodging/Room Blocks open
- June 2025: Exhibitor Services Kit is available
- July 2025: Early-bird registration closes
- Sunday, August 24: Membership Meeting (State Members only)
- Tuesday, August 26: ADvancing States' Dance Party
- Monday–Thursday, August 25 28: General Conference



Questions? Send us a note at inform@hcbsconference.org or check out our conference webpage www.hcbsconference.org.

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## **Exhibit Hall Schedule**

*(All times listed below are tentative)* Monday, August 25, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday, August 26, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## **Booth Space Assignment**

Assignments are prioritized based on sponsorship level, date sponsorship was secured, and amount of sponsorship.

## **Installation of Exhibits**

Sunday, August 24, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Monday, August 25, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Booth must be set up by 11:00 AM** 

## **Dismantling of Exhibits**

Wednesday, August 27 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



# How we drive attendance to the exhibit hall

- Focused marketing campaigns that occur prior to and during the conference: Information on the exhibit hall, vendors, and exhibit hall activities is shared on the conference agenda, conference app, signage throughout the conference, etc.
- Planned and real-time social media postings: ADvancing States utilizes Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and other platforms to highlight activities in the exhibit hall. We encourage our exhibitors to do the same.
- Dedicated exhibit hours provide you with direct access to our attendees during our complimentary morning and afternoon breaks and an evening reception without any conflicting sessions.

- Identified events and activities to bolster exposure and access: ADvancing States works closely and collaboratively with sponsors and exhibitors to understand the value and impact most beneficial to their organization.
- Designated area of the exhibit hall focused on technology and innovation: technology and Innovation vendors highlight cutting-edge solutions.

"Provides great opportunity to get additional name recognition out there for the folks in the industry as well as hear about latest products, services, and innovations that other attendees are offering."

-Matthew Schmitt, Project Manager, Centene Corporation

# **Exhibitor Packages and Payment**

# **Benefits of Being an Exhibitor**

- Be present and part of the nation's largest conference focusing solely on long-term services and supports and home and community-based services
- Meet and connect with new prospective customers
- Network with state and federal leaders, health plans, community-based organizations, technology, software, and innovation companies, and consultants
- Build lasting relationships
- Gain insight from talking with and listening to attendees
- Highlight and strengthen your brand, get your foot in the door, and/or land your next contract

# **Exhibitor-Only Packages**

- We will begin accepting Exhibitor-Only organizations beginning January 2nd, 2025.
- Exhibit booth: 8' x 10' \$7,500-for-profit organizations
- Non-profit exhibit table: 6' x 2' \$3,500—non-profit community-based, educational, and government-based organizations
- Exhibit booth packages include:
  - Access for 1 on-site booth representative to join all general conference activities
    - ALL on-site booth representatives must register for access to the exhibit hall

 Option to share brand on conference materials, signage, and the conference app

# **Sponsorship Packages**

#### See Sponsorship Levels & Opportunities (page 6)

- All sponsorship packages include an exhibitor booth and access for 1 on-site booth representative to join all general conference activities (booth dimensions subject to change)
  - Exhibit booth—
    - 8' x 10' booth is included for Gold, Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald, and Diamond sponsorship levels
    - Premium 8' x 20' or 10' x 16' booth is included for Platinum sponsorship levels

# **Payment Information & Processes**

- To secure your 2025 Sponsor or Exhibitor-Only Package sign up at <u>advancingstates.org/2025-sponsor-sign</u>
- Please note there are many options surrounding sponsorship packages. Not sure which package to pick?
   Be sure to check out the following pages to review the possibilities.
- Need more time to make a decision? No problem!
   Stay in the loop and receive conference updates.
   Sign up <u>here</u>.



## **2025 HCBS Conference Event Sponsorships**

Through sponsored activities, available to all interested parties, organizations can gain and enhance exposure, network at business and social events, and promote your brand and message.

Each sponsor has the opportunity to choose **one activity** associated with the designated level, while available. <u>If interested</u> in sponsoring an additional activity, there will be an additional cost of \$15,000 per activity. Please see the following pages for more details.

Sponsorship contributions support ADvancing States' mission to design, improve, and sustain state systems delivering long-term services for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers.

#### ADvancing States will offer all

sponsorships to the sponsoring company from the same event the year before prior to solicitation of new and/or additional sponsors for that sponsored item. If the previous sponsor company chooses not to sponsor the same event, ADvancing States reserves the right to seek alternative sponsors at their own discretion. For more information on how to secure your conference sponsorship, please contact us at inform@hcbsconference.org.

2024 Sponsorship Levels/Pricing	Platinum \$56,500+ 💎	Diamond \$46,500+ 🕅	Emerald \$36,500+ 💎	Sapphire \$26,000+ 💎	Ruby \$15,500+ 💎	Gold \$12,500+
Sponsored Activity	~	~	~	>	~	~
Logo on Conference webpage	<b>v</b>	~	~	>	~	~
Differentiated Signage at Exhibit Hall Entrance	~	<b>&gt;</b>	~	>	~	~
Screen Projection Loop before and after general sessions	~	>	~	>	~	~
Promotional Item in Tote Bag	~	<b>v</b>	<b>v</b>	>	~	
Logo Displayed on the HCBS Clearinghouse webpage	~	>	~	>		
Conference App— Promotional Post	~	~	~			
10-second commercial played during conference	~	~				
Invitation to the MLTSS Symposium/Spring Meeting	•					
*NEW* Quarterly Policy Update Webinar Hosted by ADvancing States	~					
Advertisements	Full page, Premium location	Half page, Priority location	Half page	Quarter page	Quarter page	
Exhibit Booth (includes 1 conference registration)	8'x20' Premier location	8'x10' Premier location	8'x10' Premier location	8'x10'	8'x10'	8'x10'
Additional Conference Registrations	6	5	4	3	2	1

# **Platinum Exclusive Features**

Opportunity to sponsor ADvancing States Member Breakfasts, Lunches, Dinners, Receptions, and the Band! With officials anticipated from all 55 states and territories, sponsors of these activities will work with ADvancing States staff on identifying and personally inviting state directors in targeted states. This is an exclusive opportunity to mingle, have an informal meeting with targeted contacts, and discuss your products and programs. Sponsors will be recognized by having their logo displayed during the event, as well as throughout the meeting agenda materials.

- Private Breakfast with ADvancing States Executive
  Members (3 available)
- Private Lunch with ADvancing States Members at the Spring and Fall Membership Meetings (1 available)
- Private Dinner with ADvancing States Members (3 available)
- Private Presidential Reception for ADvancing States Members (3 available)

ADvancing States hosts receptions for state members during the HCBS Conference. These events are well attended by the ADvancing States board and membership and are a highlight of the conference. Sponsoring organizations will have their logo displayed on reception tables, as well as in the membership agenda materials. Sponsors are invited to join the reception to mingle and network with ADvancing States members.

HCBS Band

Your company will sponsor and host our annual dance party, featuring everyone's favorite "Millennium Band." They are led and anchored by Season 4 American Idol finalist, Travis Tucker. Conference attendees gather to cut a rug and celebrate on the dance floor. Sponsor will have their company's logo displayed on the bandstand and will receive recognition from the band.

#### • HCBS Party Toys

Your company will provide additional fun for all attendees during ADvancing States Dance Party and Celebration.



#### Platinum Sponsorship Activities (Continued)

• Escalator Clings

Showcase your branding as attendees travel up and down the escalators between session rooms and the exhibit hall.

#### • Bottled Water at the Dance Party

Hydration is key to keep bustin' a move while on the dance floor. Your logo will be displayed on the bottled water for the party-goers to see! Sponsors of the bottled water will receive a prime booth in the exhibit hall's dance floor.

# **Diamond Sponsorship Activities**

• Plenary Speaker

The plenary speaker of the Conference draws attendees together during the week and serves as one of the few collective experiences of the Conference. Our plenary will be live allowing for branding opportunities before and after the speech. This year's Plenary sponsor will be able to play a pre-recorded 30-second video/commercial ahead of the Plenary address and receive a thank you slide with logo branding at the conclusion of the presentation.

HCBS Bar during the Dance Party

Conference attendees will enjoy a cocktail bar hosted by your company while they dance the night away with our live HCBS band. Sponsors of the bar will have their company's logo displayed and will receive recognition during the HCBS band concert.

 HCBS Conference Registration Station and Electronic Badging

Welcome to electronic badging and kiosk registration! All registrants will check in to receive their electronically printed badge and tote bag. Your company's logo will be featured at our registration desk, as well as on floor decals leading up to the registration station.

# **Emerald Sponsorship Activities**

HCBS Conference Smartphone App

Wish you could send a message to a speaker you just heard? Or send a message to an attendee? The HCBS Conference Smartphone App allows for attendees to bookmark and save the people they meet and sessions they attend within a full online listing of the agenda. Sponsorship for the App includes your logo displayed on posters throughout the conference, as well as in communication about the app. Your company's name will also be highlighted within the app. This is a fantastic way to be at the fingertips of every attendee!

Name Badge Lanyards

In-person attendees will wear your company's logo or name around their necks to display their name badge for the conference.

#### • After-party Sponsor (3 available)

Looking to chillax after a long-day of learning, meeting new people, and conference activities? Host an afterparty. We will work with you to plan an after-party experience to be remembered.

#### Headshots for State Members

Spend quality time with state members before and after they receive a digital and print copy of their 2025 Head Shot. Their printed copy will be provided to the state members in a folder with your branding and message.

# **Sapphire Sponsorship Activities**

#### Conference Wi-Fi

Conference attendees will appreciate Wi-Fi available throughout the conference, allowing them to easily connect to exhibitors' and speakers' websites, and to engage with the Conference App. Sponsorship includes your name on all materials highlighting the conference Wi-Fi, as well as throughout the conference agenda.

#### Elevator Door Banners

Capture the undivided attention of attendees each day at the HCBS Conference as they ride up and down the elevator banks at the hotel.

#### • Innovation Track Workshops (5 available)

This track will allow for corporations and private funders to present to a large and diverse group of individuals. This will be the opportunity to present a session during the conference and sell your product/products to a broader audience.

#### • Bottled Water at Registration (4 available)

Quench attendee thirst by sponsoring bottled water for one day of the conference, which will be made available near the registration area.

#### • Charging Stations

These days everyone is on their smartphone or tablet, using it to take notes, and to gather contact info from other conference attendees. Sponsorship of a charging station include a screen display, showcasing a slideshow loop that can be used as advertising space, as well as your logo displayed on the kiosk.

#### Hotel Key Cards

Be the first thing attendees see as they check-in for the conference at the hotel. Your logo will be printed on the hotel key cards, providing repeated views at your logo and messaging.

#### Exhibit Hall Dessert

Your company will host dessert during the first day of the Exhibit Hall for all attendees. As attendees visit booths and network, they will enjoy a sweet treat, sponsored by your organization.

#### State Member Lounge

The lounge is designed just for state attendees to relax and/or connect with each other. A table will be provided for your company's materials and any promotional items you would like to provide. Your company will also receive logo visibility and branding on signage outside of the lounge.

# **Ruby Sponsorship Activities**

#### • Water Stations

Keep conference attendees well hydrated during the action-packed, fun-filled days! Your logo will be highlighted at water stations throughout the conference space.

#### • Exhibit Hall Coffee/Tea

Everyone loves a coffee or tea break! Mingle with attendees in the exhibit hall as they grab coffee for the afternoon.

#### Workstation Room

It happens. Sometimes you just need to take a quick call or hop on a virtual meeting during a conference. Instead of taking the call sitting in that big comfy chair in the hallway, without a table or anywhere to plug in, the HCBS Conference will provide a workstation room. As the workstation room sponsor, your organization's logo and branding will be displayed for those needing to sneak away for that quick call.

# **Gold Sponsorship Activities**

- Co-Sponsor a Continental Breakfast (3 available) Conference attendees will enjoy a continental breakfast with coffee and tea. Join the breakfast crowd, do some networking, and see your sponsorship activity in action.
- Conference Spirit Competition Host (2 available) Get attendees involved with your fun, daily spirit competitions that run alongside the official Conference agenda. Your company will unify attendees in a daily common experience that promotes getting to know one another and a little competition! Examples of spirit contests include state spirit day, wacky hat day, etc. If you want, you can award a prize to the winner at the end and collect leads along the way.

#### Notebooks

Be ready to have each attendee take conference notes in your customized notebook. Your organization provides the customized notebook and ADvancing States will distribute notebooks at registration.

#### • Pens

Do you want attendees to have your organization in mind, every day of the conference? Yes? Just provide ADvancing States a pen with your company logo and/or message and ADvancing States will distribute them throughout the conference, in multiple locations.

#### • Ad in Program

Share a quarter-page advertisement for your organization in our printed program distributed to in-person attendees.

#### Promotional Item

Include a promotional item with your logo and branding in our goodie boxes for virtual attendees and totes for in-person attendees.

## Custom Sponsorship (Available at any level)

Is the item you were hoping to sponsor sold out? Or do you have another idea in mind that will bring great value to your organization? Let's talk! Reach out to <u>inform@</u> <u>hcbsconference.org</u> to brainstorm or build the custom sponsorship of your choice.



# **ADvancing States Rules & Guidelines**

- Registration. All exhibitors and sponsors, including booth staff, are required to register as participating attendees at the ADvancing States 2025 HCBS Conference. Conference registration entitles exhibitors and sponsors to participate fully in all open conference workshops, keynotes, and social events on the program agenda.
- Exhibit Hall. Each booth area is 8 x 10 ft., unless otherwise designated and includes one 6 ft. skirted table and two chairs. All exhibitors are expected to fill out the appropriate forms with the decorating company for any additional drayage, AV, electrical, etc. All necessary order forms and shipping information will be provided in the Exhibitor's Manual.
- 3. Booth Blocks. If two exhibitors would like adjoining space, this request MUST be indicated on the Booth Application forms and must be received at the same time as spaces are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Every effort will be made to accommodate adjoining booth requests, but final assignment is at the discretion of ADvancing States. If a customization is desired beyond what is provided in traditional booth setup, the request must be shared in writing with ADvancing States. Supplemental charges may apply.

- 4. Sponsored Activities. Each sponsor will select one activity from their sponsorship level unless otherwise discussed with ADvancing States.
- Exhibit Installation. Exhibit installation hours are Sunday, August 24 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and Monday, August 25 from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Exhibitors agree that all booths will be operational and staffed during designated exhibit hall hours.
- 6. Dismantling Exhibits. Exhibits must be dismantled on Wednesday, August 27 by 12:00 PM EST.



"The HCBS Conference is a very sociable show where people are eager to mingle and there's plenty of familiar faces to engage with."

> -Madeline Champlin, Events Coordinator, WellSky

- 7. Cancelled Sponsorships or Exhibitor Booths. Cancellations made by July 14, 2025 will receive a refund, less the \$1,000 conference sponsorship cancellation fee or \$100 exhibitor cancellation fee. There will be no refunds after July 14, 2025. All cancellations and requests for refunds must be made in writing and sent to the attention of inform@ hcbsconference.org.
- 8. No Shows. If an Exhibit Hall Exhibitor fails to install or display in assigned space or fails to comply with any other provision of this agreement, ADvancing States shall have the right, without notice to Exhibitor, to take possession of said space and lease said space, or any part thereof, to such parties, and upon such terms and conditions, as it may deem proper. Any exhibitors who do not show up will not get a refund. If you e-mail, fax, or mail your cancellation notice, please call to

confirm receipt.

- 9. Fees. Full payment of any sponsorship or exhibitor booth must be received no later than August 1st, 2025. All outstanding payments after this date are subject to loss of sponsorship/ exhibiting at the HCBS Conference.
- **10. Exhibitor/Sponsor Meetings**

& Events. Any promotion of products, services, and meetings that directly compete with those offered by ADvancing States during the conference are prohibited. No sponsor, exhibitor, or attendee may host/sponsor/ promote an event that directly competes with the ADvancing States conference agenda. Please reach out to gpassos@ advancingstates.org if you have any questions.

**11. Badges.** Lanyard/Registration badges must always be worn in conference spaces and time-frames. Badge sharing



is prohibited. If you need to purchase an additional registration, please contact <u>inform@hcbsconference.org</u> preconference for assistance or visit the registration desk on-site.

12. Changes. ADvancing States reserves the right to make changes to these rules. Any matters not specifically covered herein are subject to

decision by ADvancing States. ADvancing States reserves the right to make such changes, amendments, and additions to these rules as considered advisable for the proper conduct of the exhibitor, with the provision the exhibitors will be advised of any such changes.

# Sponsorship and Marketing Code of Conduct

- No other onsite marketing or promotion of company, brand, or products outside of the contracted booth or sponsorship space is allowed.
- 2. Sponsors will not be permitted to dismantle their booth early unless otherwise arranged with show management.
- Ancillary Events are only available to Sapphire Level Sponsors and above. For more

information on Ancillary Events, please review the following page.

**Questions?** Contact Gabriel Passos at <u>gpassos@advancingstates.org.</u>

"The conference provides attendees with the opportunity to share and connect across states and programs...which leads to new ideas for how we can continually evolve to provide the best services to people utilizing LTSS."

-Michelle Martin, Sr. Policy Director of LTSS at UnitedHealthcare Community & State



## Details

ADvancing States allows sponsors at the **Sapphire Level and above** the opportunity to host an ancillary event. An ancillary event is any function held adjacent to the 2025 HCBS Conference by a group other than ADvancing States. Ancillary events include but are not limited to:

- Client or Customer Meetings (including all meetings with state representatives)
- Educational Events
- Focus Groups
- Hospitality Sales
- Hospitality Desks
- Internal Corporate Business
   Meetings
- Investor Meetings
- Office Space
- Social Events
- Staff Meetings

# **Event Promotion**

Promotion and marketing of all ancillary events are the **sole responsibility of the hosting sponsor.** Ancillary events will not be listed on any official 2025 HCBS Conference materials. Display of signage promoting an ancillary event will not be allowed in the conference space.

# Guidelines

- Any company interested in hosting an ancillary event, as defined above, must be a paid sponsor of the HCBS Conference at the Sapphire Level or above.
- The event must comply with approved time frames and be scheduled to permit attendees sufficient time to participate in official conference activities and sessions.
- All fees associated with the procurement of onsite event space will be billed directly to the sponsoring company by the venue. If a sponsoring company is interested in securing space for an ancillary event at an off-site venue in the host city, they must receive written approval from ADvancing States prior to making arrangements.

- All charge for service levied by the hotel and/or other venue are the sole responsibility of the sponsoring company.
- If a sponsoring company is requesting a multiday event, completion of one form per event is required.
- Violation of these guidelines may result in the company being prohibited from participating in future HCBS Conferences at the discretion of ADvancing States.

# **Approved Times**

Saturday, August 23, 2025: All Day

Sunday, August 24, 2025: Before 10:00 a.m.

Monday, August 25, 2025: Before 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 26, 2025: Before 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 27, 2025: Before 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 28, 2025: Before 8:00 a.m. ; After 1:00 p.m.





# **HCBS Conference Contacts:**



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