

communities of excellence, 2026 2025 FALL CONFERENCE

RISING to **NEW HEIGHTS**

Where Communities Lead & Impact Grows

October 14-15, 2025 I Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

Tuesday, October 14, 2025: Workshop Day

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m 4:00	Impact Workshops
p.m.	Tuesday will feature a morning and an afternoon workshop with valuable insights and resources to accelerate your community impact. More details will be available soon. Lunch is provided for workshop attendees.
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Community Awards Celebration & Reception

Wednesday, October 15: Community Spirit Day

You are encouraged to we	ear apparel to represent your community.
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Communities of Excellence 2026 Update
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.	Opening Keynote
9:45 – 10:00 a.m.	Morning Coffee Break
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.	From Vision to Impact: Leading the Way
	Panel Discussion
10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	Stretch Break
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Tools for the Journey
	Ready to scale the summit? These sessions will feature practical tools to help support your
	journey.
11:45 a.m 12:30	Communities of Excellence Networking Luncheon
p.m.	
12:30 – 1:10 p.m.	Roots of Collaboration: Community Roundtable
1:10 – 1:15 p.m.	Strech Break
1:15 – 2:00 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Rising Together - Community Networking Sessions
	Alumni Gathering
	Impact Journey Gathering
	General Participants Session – Getting Started with the Communities of Excellence Framework
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Stretch Break
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Promising Practice Lightning Rounds
	These interactive, rapid-fire sessions feature two communities presenting a promising
	practice.
3:15 – 3:20 p.m.	Stretch Break
3:20 – 4:30 p.m.	Keynote & Closing Session

