

2026 HUMAN SERVICES LEADERSHIP AND TRANSFORMATION CONFERENCE

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“Leading Conversations about Human Services and Wellness”

Grand Cayman

June 11-12, 2026

CALL FOR PROPOSALS!

Proposal submission deadline is

January 15, 2025

Description of the Conference

This inaugural event and online production emerged from the written contributions of several scholars, practitioners, and educators in the field of human services. Their contributors enhanced our understanding about contemporary issues, trends, and challenges in the field and in our communities. As a result, there were several inquiries about exploring the possibility of professionals coming together to share their research, clinical best practice, and advocacy. Thus, this professional conference offers a unique opportunity for the exchange of ideas, encounters, and transformations that the field may benefit from.

The first conference is produced from Grand Cayman and invites human services practitioners, educators, and advocates to share their work in a professional, supportive, and caring environment. The conference provides space to discuss a myriad of human services topics that highlight leadership, community engagement, wellness, and transformation. There are diverse perspectives within the field that we are seeking to capture so that we can learn new strategies, rethink policy, and develop tools needed to manage complex circumstances or create change within our communities, agencies, and institutions. The conference allows us to reconceptualize leadership by giving us an opportunity to share our research, clinical interventions, and policies related to empowering and influencing others. Moreover, this initiative is an opportunity to dialogue about community engagement and the inherent challenges with confronting systems of power and inequities that fail to acknowledge the contributions of marginalized groups. Finally, this gathering of professionals creates a holistic and wellness space for professional and personal transformation as well as healing on the beautiful island of Grand Cayman.

Because this is a hybrid conference, professionals are able to attend online in Grand Cayman or elsewhere. If you present/attend in Grand Cayman, you are welcome to join us after the conference for continued dialogue or wellness activities.

Proposal submission considerations

Submitted proposals should consider the continuum of human service leadership, practice, policy, advocacy, or administration. Proposals may address mental health, child welfare, housing, public health, death/dying/loss, aging, addiction and recovery, disabilities, violence/trauma, crisis response, sexual health, caretaking, human development, influence of social media, artificial intelligence (AI), parenting, gender, multiculturalism/diversity within the field, racism, health disparities, social justice, community engagement, incarceration, culturally responsive service models, telehealth or remote service delivery, burnout/compassion fatigue, economic justice, workforce development, foster care, trafficking, LGBTQ affirming practices, or education.

Who this conference is for

The conference is for anyone who is a human services practitioner, researcher, or advocate. Psychologists, social workers, counselors, medical doctors, bodyworkers, educators, administrators, public health official, policymakers, and activists are invited to present and/or attend.

Types of Presentations

Traditional Scholarly Presentation

Presentations will be 30 minutes in length. While Powerpoint slides are encouraged, presenters may use handouts in order to facilitate dialogue for the presentation.

Dialogue Panel Presentation

The 45-minute dialogue panel presentations will be comprised of three or four panelists. The presentation will be followed by a facilitated dialogue between panelists and the audience to further explore the connections between the ideas presented in the briefs or explore possible outcomes. The goal of the panel presentations is to create a respectful, engaging environment to assess complementary and divergent perspectives.

Proposal submissions should include

1. Name
2. Mailing address
3. Email address
4. Telephone number
5. Institutional/agency affiliation
6. Biosketch (No more than 100 words)
7. Type of presentation (Traditional Scholarly Presentation; Dialogue Panel Presentation)
8. Title of Presentation
9. Abstract of Presentation (No more than 150 words)
10. 2 SMART Learning Objectives
11. Resume or CV

**PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SENT AS A WORD DOC TO:
JWADLEY@LINCOLN.EDU and PHDJAMESW@YAHOO.COM**

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Conference Registration

Early Bird (until February 28, 2026) = \$395

Registration on/after March 1, 2026 = \$495

<https://shorturl.at/ghYVG>

Hotel Accommodations

Grand Cayman Marriott Resort

389 West Bay Road

Seven Mile Beach

Grand Cayman

+1 345-949-0088 or 800-228-9290

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/gcmgc-grand-cayman-marriott-resort/overview/>.

Grand Cayman Marriott Resort for 299.00 USD per night - Last Day to Book : Friday, May 08, 2026.

Reservation Link

<https://shorturl.at/Zf4tx>

Terms and conditions:

Reservations by individuals will be accepted by them calling directly to the resort at (345) 949-0088 or Or a Reservation Link (RESLINK). Individuals will be required to submit a credit card and the hotel will charge 1 night in order to guarantee the reservation upon making the reservation. **At the cut-off date, May 8th 2026, the credit card will be charged a non-refundable deposit for the full stay.** Individuals are responsible for room, tax, service charge and incidentals. Individual credit cards for any incidental charges not covered by the group will be pre-authorized for \$100.00 USD per day upon check-in room.

Reduce Mandatory Resort Fee of \$30.00USD per room per day applies and attendees are eligible to all benefits. Check-In time is 4:00 pm. Check- Out time is 11:00 am. No room will be guaranteed until 4:00 pm.

If you plan on joining us from Grand Cayman and need hotel accommodations, you can contact Mary at jjirh@aol.com.

Things to do in Grand Cayman!

<https://www.visitcaymanislands.com/en-us/things-to-do/popular-attractions>