



# 2025 TEXAS CONFERENCE ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS

*Rooted in Service, Rising to Action*





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## DRAFT AGENDA \*

### Wednesday, 9/17: PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Time	Session Title	Room Name
9:00 – 11:30 am	Invite Only: PATH State Meeting	Austin
9:00 – 12:00 pm	Texas Balance of State CoC General Meeting	Phoenix Ballroom South
10:30 – 12:30 pm	TICH Meeting	DeZavala

### Wednesday, 9/17: OPENING PLENARY, 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Thrive Together: Opening Plenary with Plated Lunch

\*CHANGES TO THE AGENDA ARE POSSIBLE.  
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## SPONSORS

Collaborators



Partners



## Wednesday, 9/17: **BREAKOUT SESSION, 2:30 - 4:00 PM**

Session Title	Room Name
From Stigma to Strategy: Humanizing the Homelessness Crisis to Unlock Community Investment	Phoenix Ballroom Central
Making PSH Possible Through Practical Tools and Real-World Strategies	Phoenix Ballroom North
Harnessing Your Superpowers in Times of Disaster	Phoenix Ballroom South
Dignity Is the Intervention	Dovers
Rooted Together: A Connection Circle #1	Magnolia

## Wednesday, 9/17: **BREAKOUT SESSION, 4:15 - 5:45 PM**

Session Title	Room Name
Real Talk, Real Change: How Lived Experience Can Help Transform the Homeless Response	Phoenix Ballroom Central
Breaking the Pipeline to Homelessness for Youth Leaving Foster Care	Phoenix Ballroom North
Change Starts Here: Tools to Move Policy, Build Power, & Make Change	Phoenix Ballroom South
Lessons in Clay: Art, Reflection, and Resilience for Service Providers	Dovers
Rooted Together: A Connection Circle #2	Magnolia



## Thursday, 09/18: **BREAKOUT SESSION, 8:30 – 10:00 AM**

Session Title	Room Name
From Glimmer to Go: Turning Big Ideas Into Local Action	Phoenix Ballroom Central
Breaking Legal Barriers to Housing	Phoenix Ballroom North
Reignite Your Flame with Tools to Stay Rooted and Resilient	Phoenix Ballroom South
Improving Housing Support and Transitions for Foster Youth Exiting Care	Dovers
Confronting Trauma and Homelessness With Veterans and Community Solutions	Austin
Rooted Together: A Connection Circle #3	Magnolia



## Thursday, 9/18: **BREAKOUT SESSION, 10:15 – 11:45 AM**

Session Title	Room Name
What Are We Asking People to Be Ready For? Rewriting the Rules of Engagement Through Harm Reduction	Phoenix Ballroom Central
Mapping Safety and Support for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence	Phoenix Ballroom North
No One Left Behind: Working Toward Pet-Inclusive Shelters	Phoenix Ballroom South
Working More Than One Approach: Building Vocational Pathways That Meet People Where They Are	Dovers
Session Title & Details Forthcoming	Austin
Rooted Together: A Connection Circle #4	Magnolia



## Thursday, 09/18: **CELEBRATION & AWARDS LUNCH, 12:30 – 1:45 PM**

Performance by local musicians & celebration of our statewide awardees

## Thursday, 09/18: **BREAKOUT SESSION, 2:30 – 4:00 PM**

Session Title	Room Name
Seeing the Gaps, Shifting the Practice: Building Barrier-Free Housing Support Systems	Phoenix Ballroom Central
Serving Anyway: The Risk, the Cost, and the Courage to Keep Going	Phoenix Ballroom North
Leadership in Action: Leading Teams, Building culture, Navigating Systems	Phoenix Ballroom South
Showing Up for Survivors in Housing Work	Austin
Brush Away Your Stress	Dovers
Not Housing Alone: Expanding Positive, Natural Friendships for Unhoused Neighbors	DeZavala

## Thursday, 9/18: **BREAKOUT SESSION, 4:15 – 5:45 PM**

Session Title	Room Name
Opening the Door: Re-entry, Harm Reduction, and the Path to Housing	Phoenix Ballroom Central
A Better Way to Build: Long-Term Housing Rooted in Community	Phoenix Ballroom North
Meeting the Moment with Mental Health Care for Unhoused Neighbors	Phoenix Ballroom South
Supporting Older Adults Through Housing Stability and Community Resources	Austin
Planning for Retirement in Nonprofit Work	DeZavala
Rooted & Resilient: Somatic Tools for Sustainable Care	Dovers

Friday, 9/19: **BREAKFAST PLENARY, 8:30 – 10:00 AM**

Sustaining the Work Statewide Panel: How Texas Cities Are Advancing Local Solutions to End Homelessness



Friday, 09/19: **BREAKFAST SESSION, 10:30 – 12:00 PM**

Session Title	Room Name
From Lived Experience to Leadership: Transforming Systems through Personal Narrative and Community Action	Phoenix Ballroom Central
<i>Staying With the Moment: Building Real-Time Skills for De-Escalation and Human Connection</i>	Phoenix Ballroom North
Transforming Service Delivery Models in Permanent Supportive Housing	Phoenix Ballroom South
Session Title & Details Forthcoming	DeZavala
Breathwork Reset: A Somatic Experience for Integration	Magnolia

**SNEAK PEEK OF WELLNESS & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

We know so many helping professionals are running on empty. That’s why this year’s conference includes even more intentional wellness and social activities to help refill your cup

- ALL-DAY ART STATIONS • WELLNESS/ART-BASED BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- MUTUAL AID TABLE • THERAPY DOG VISIT • DONATION-BASED HEADSHOTS**
- FACILITATED HAPPY HOURS • INTERACTIVE PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES**
- CRAFT AND JOURNAL ACTIVITIES • NETWORKING AND CONNECTION MOMENTS**

