

**Learning Community Sessions**  
**2017 Annual Convention**  
**Thursday, August 31**

**Ready, Set, Go—Tools and Tips on Leading a Learning Community**

[Presentation slides](#) – During this session, State Association and RPIC staff will learn about the Partnership’s Learning Community Framework and how to develop and facilitate localized groups on antipoverty topic areas that will help agencies maximize outcomes for families and communities. State CSBG office staff are also invited to participate in this workshop.

- Tiffney Marley, CCAP, NCRT, Project Director, LCRC, Community Action Partnership
- Hyacinth McKinley, MA, NCRT, Program Associate, LCRC, Community Action Partnership

**Beyond the "Racial Stalemate**

[Handout material](#) – In his 2008 speech on race titled "A More Perfect Union," then-candidate Obama described a "racial stalemate we've been stuck in for years." He suggested that, if we don't do something different, "nothing will change." Nine years later, we're still stuck. How do we move forward? This session will discuss the science of implicit bias, de-biasing and racial healing as radical tools for moving beyond the "stalemate."

- Dushaw Hockett, Executive Director, Safe Places for the Advancement of Community and Equity (SPACES)

**The Health Wealth Connection: How Healthcare Organization Can Help You Tackle Poverty**

[Presentation slides](#) – Partnerships between anti-poverty organizations and healthcare providers have been sprouting up to help patients improve their health and finances. In this session, you'll learn about how poverty impacts physical and mental health and how you can partner with healthcare organizations to do something about it. We will also discuss promising federal policies, illustrated in our brief, "Integrating Financial Capability Services into Community Health Centers (CHCs)," to bring financial capability services into CHCs to help enhance patients' financial and health outcomes.

- Joanna Ain, Senior Policy Manager, Prosperity Now
- Ariel Sankar-Bergmann, Program Manager, Prosperity Now

**Decreasing Family Homelessness: Lessons Learned**

[Presentation slides](#) – Communities are transforming homeless service programs and systems to more effectively and efficiently support families experiencing a housing crisis. This workshop will examine how communities have reduced family homelessness; the strategies adopted and the results achieved. Speakers will provide an overview of diversion assistance and rapid re-housing models and how they can be used in diverse communities. The role of Community Action Agencies in supporting, facilitating, and leading the transformation of homeless assistance systems will also be examined.

- Sharon McDonald PhD, Director, Families and Youth. National Alliance to End Homelessness

## The Futures Project: Clarity, Impact, and Performance

[Part 1](#) – [Part 2](#) – In this session you will learn how the Futures project is using storytelling and data to advance the clarity, impact, and performance of programs in the region to strengthen communities and prepare people to exit poverty. The Futures project is a 3-state initiative equipping CAAs in WA, ID and OR to tell a collective story of how they are working together to improve the impact of their programs and services. With ROMA and the National Performance Indicators, you will hear how to launch a similar initiative in your community, leaving with a toolkit that shows steps to implement a single, regional theory of change as well as deploy a continuous learning process.

- Merritt Mount, Executive Director, Washington State Community Action Partnership
- Kim Tully, Strategic Information Systems, Manager, Solid Ground

<b>Futures Structure ...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Timeline of Futures</li><li>• Funding of Futures</li><li>• Steering Committee Structure</li><li>• Lessons Learned</li><li>• Futures 3-State MOU</li><li>• MOU Background &amp; Purpose</li><li>• Futures Facilitator Job Announcement</li></ul>
<b>Research ...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 13 Dimensions Cards</li><li>• Futures Final Report OSU</li><li>• Theory of Change Infographic</li><li>• Futures TOC Beliefs</li></ul>
<b>Learning Program ...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Designing a Learning Program</li></ul>
<b>Personas ...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Megan the Manager</li><li>• Dina the Director</li><li>• Carol the Caseworker</li></ul>
<b>Recommendations ...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future Recommendations</li></ul>

[Futures Tool Kit](#)

## Getting Results at the Community Level

[Presentation slides](#) – This session will cover the three key elements of community level work and how they can be applied to get results. Examples from the Results at the Community Level Learning Community Group will be showcased and participants will have a chance to troubleshoot their own community level strategies.

- Barbara Mooney, Director, Association of Nationally Certified ROMA Trainers"

## Connecting National Economic Trends to the Local Economy: A New Toolkit for Local Economic Analysis

[Economic Analysis Toolkit](#) – Since the late 70's, the ability to earn a living has trended mostly negative for the bottom 50% of wage earners. This workshop explains how to determine how national economic trends play out in your local area. The number of people who dropped out of the workforce entirely; went on disability; working as temps; working only part-time; or working full time but at below poverty wages—are just five of the 37 dimensions of the economy that are in this new Toolkit for Local Economic Analysis that you can use to “show the facts” about your area to your stakeholders.

- Jim Masters, CCAP, Knowledge Worker, Center for Community Futures
- Allen Stansbury, Public Policy Research Analyst, Center for Community Futures

## What's Behind the Bundle?

[Presentation slides](#) – Bundling services is more than simply grouping together all of an agency's services or creating a single application process. It starts with a clear understanding of the system of care that has been established and strategically considering how a service bundle supports the care being offered to customers. This session will look behind the bundle and discover what has led to the success of Douglas County Cares, an integrated care program that has bundled services for the last 3 years.

- Rand Clark, Community of Care Navigator, Douglas County