



BRIDGING HORIZONS 2026

DAY 1 BREAKOUT SESSION GUIDE

MORNING SESSIONS

Session snapshots to help you choose where to go.

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Tomorrow*

🕒 10:00–11:00 AM

- Room 2001**
Building Belonging: Affordable & Multifamily Housing in San Diego and Imperial Counties
Saralynn Keenan, SDRC
Explore how housing partnerships with developers and property managers can expand affordable, community-based housing options.
- Room 2002**
Understanding HCBS Modifications
CVRC Federal Compliance Department
Learn what HCBS modifications are, when they are appropriate, and how to document them clearly.
- Room 2003**
Taking Person-Centered Thinking & Planning to the Next Level: An Introduction to Person-Centered Active Support
Julie Beadle-Brown, CCLN
Discover active support strategies that help people build skills, choice, and fuller participation in daily life.
- Room 2004**
Understanding EVV: Simple Steps to Stay on Track
Jennifer Parsons, DDS and Omar Flores, CVRC
Get a practical overview of EVV requirements, common issues, and steps to stay compliant.
- Room 2005**
Navigating Puberty, Dating, & Sexuality on the Spectrum
BEHAVRIUM Health Services
Gain practical strategies for supporting autistic and neurodiverse individuals in healthy development and relationships.
- Room 2008**
Planning for Tomorrow: Succession Strategies for Sustainable Provider Leadership
Aaron Olson, CVRC and James Clark, Jay Homes Inc.
Consider succession planning approaches that strengthen leadership continuity and long-term stability.
- Room 2011**
Fiscal Audit 101: How to Prepare and What to Expect
Jimmy Gomez, CVRC
Understand how to prepare for audits, organize records, and reduce stress before review.
- Room 2012**
Quality Incentive Program - Measuring Quality
Joshua Sudarma, DDS
Learn the goals of QIP and how quality is being measured across services.
- Room 2016**
Building Inclusive Communities Through a Strong DSP Workforce: Department Strategies Making a Difference
Department of Developmental Services
Review statewide workforce initiatives designed to support DSP recruitment, retention, and career growth.

🕒 11:15 AM–12:15 PM

- Room 2001**
Do's and Don'ts of HCBS
CVRC Federal Compliance Department
A practical refresher on provider practices that support HCBS rights and common pitfalls to avoid.
- Room 2002**
Improving Organizational Safety Outcomes by Cultivating Positive Workplace Culture
Bryndahl Childers, LCSW, CVRC
See how a healthy workplace culture can improve safety, consistency, and outcomes.
- Room 2003**
A Place to Belong: Community-Based Care for Medically Fragile Adults with Developmental Disabilities
Dana Lennemann, Celeste Fisher, RN, and Patricia Garza, LVN/III
Learn how community-based ICF/DD-N services can support positive outcomes for adults with complex medical needs.
- Room 2005**
Advancing the DSP Workforce in California
Teresa Anderson, CPCIDD and Mark Melanson, CCLN
Hear key lessons on professionalizing the DSP workforce, improving retention, and building career pathways.
- Room 2008**
Generations Making a Difference: Foster Grandparents in Action
Jean Martens, CVRC
Discover how foster grandparent programs build connection, purpose, and community impact.
- Room 2011**
From Isolation to Belonging: Pathways to Recovery, Reentry & Community
Craig Grant and Jessica Lujan, WestCare STOP Area 3
Explore trauma-informed pathways that support recovery, reentry, housing, and employment.
- Room 2012**
By the Numbers: Proactive Strategies from the Field
CVRC Federal Compliance Department
Review practical field-based strategies and data-informed approaches to strengthen compliance work.
- Room 2014**
Understanding HCBS Modifications
CVRC Federal Compliance Department
Another opportunity to learn the fundamentals of HCBS modification requirements and documentation.
- Room 2016**
California's Changing Service Landscape: Rate Reform, Technology & Outcomes
Aaron Christian, DDS; Aaron Olson, CVRC; Josh Sudarma, DDS; and Tony Anderson, ARCA
Examine how rate reform, outcomes, and technology are reshaping the service system.

See the breakout agenda pages for full room grid and times.



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