



### **Pre-Conference Workshops for the 2025 National Summit on Social Drivers of Health**

**When:** Sunday, November 9, 2025; 3:00pm – 5:00pm ET

**Where:** The Capital Hilton, 1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

**Cost:** \$75 per person for members; \$100 per person for non-members

*All pre-conference workshops will be offered concurrently. Attendees may select one workshop to attend from the three available options:*

#### **Leading with Empathy: Building Resilient Cross-Sector Partnerships for Transformative Change**

**Organization:** Leah's Pantry

**Description:** Join us for an engaging two-hour interactive pre-conference workshop for managers and executive leaders ready to drive meaningful change through cross-sector partnerships. This session will equip participants with actionable strategies by blending human-centered design techniques with principles of trauma and resilience.

Through dynamic, hands-on activities, attendees will explore building strategic cross-sector collaborations centered on empathy, equity, and impact. Participants are encouraged to bring current opportunities as case studies, ensuring the workshop offers immediately applicable insights.

This session will:

- **Reframe complex challenges** using human-centered design tools.
- **Foster resilience-based approaches** to collaboration that address trauma's impact on systems and people.
- **Strengthen cross-sector partnerships** by aligning on shared goals and building trust.

Prepare to lean in, connect with peers, and leave with practical solutions and frameworks to lead transformative initiatives in your organization and beyond.

#### **Lessons in Equity through Storytelling**

**Organization:** Childrens Hospital Colorado

**Description:** In this session, participants will learn about the role and impact storytelling and simulation play in helping shift sentiment and systems, in an effort to realize health equity. Several of the Children's Colorado initiatives and programs utilize stories, simulation and role play to engage learners to impact their patients' and families' health outcomes. The Black Health Initiative and Captains of Inclusion Development Programs are flagships of the work Children's Colorado is doing, and in this session, participants will get to sample the learning sessions!

**Learning Objectives:**

- Defining the role(s) and impact(s) of simulation on learning;
- Determining ways to work toward equity in a given setting using real-world examples;



- Establishing actionable steps for implementation in specific communities.

### **Housing as the Platform: Forming and Operationalizing Outcomes-Driven Cross Sector Partnerships**

*Organization:* [Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future](#) is a collaborative of 12 of the country's largest nonprofit, affordable rental housing providers that create healthy homes connected to the resources residents need to thrive. SAHF will lead this workshop, highlighting several successful partnerships with housing providers, healthcare actors, and community-based organizations.

*Description:* Housing is a “super social determinant of health”. Especially when paired with services, stable housing can reduce racial disparities, improve outcomes, and offer residents opportunities to build agency and resilience. Service-enriched affordable rental housing provides a unique opportunity to build partnerships with high-capacity and mission-driven housing providers to reach those you serve and support in the context of a long-term and trusted relationship.

At a time when housing affordability is a historic challenge, with [as many as 74% of Americans identifying the lack of affordable homes as a significant problem](#), cross sectoral partnerships and service models are a critical part of the solution. Many mission-driven housing providers invest in on-site service models and seek to build cross sector partnerships to connect residents with resources that help maintain housing stability and improve health. Likewise, partners in healthcare and other sectors are seeking to build or support more community-based engagement models to support greater health equity and access. Despite alignment in goals, building partnerships is challenging without an understanding of the other stakeholder's operational model.

This workshop will provide a space for organizations working in health and health equity **to learn about types of affordable housing, considerations for identifying strong housing partners, and opportunities for alignment in demonstrating impact**. Attendees in this session will leave with an improved knowledge of affordable housing systems and financing, a better understanding of how mission-driven housing providers are working to drive and measure community impact, and examples of successful partnerships that support a range of outcomes including improved housing stability, food access, and social connection.