

2023 Conference Agenda
Mesa Convention Center
263 N. Center Street, Mesa

PreConference: February 27, 2023

5:00 – 7:00 PM Travelers Lounge Delta Hotel, Starlight Room
Sponsored by [PNC](#)
For out of town attendees to relax and reconnect

DAY 1: February 28, 2023

8:00 – 9:00	Registration & Breakfast	Building C
9:00 – 10:00	Opening Session	Main Hall
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 11:25	Breakout 1	Buildings A, B & C
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch	Main Hall
12:15 – 1:00	Annise Parker Keynote	Main Hall
1:00 – 1:15	Break	
1:15 – 2:25	Breakout 2	Buildings A, B & C
2:25 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 3:55	Breakout 3	Buildings A, B & C

DAY 2: March 1, 2023

8:00 – 9:00	Registration & Breakfast	Building C
9:00 – 10:00	M. Nolan Gray Keynote	Main Hall
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 11:25	Breakout 1	Buildings A, B & C
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch	Main Hall
12:15 – 1:00	Awards Program, featuring One Way Sky	Main Hall
1:00 – 1:15	Break	
1:15 – 2:25	Breakout 2	Buildings A, B & C
2:25 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 3:55	Breakout 3	Buildings A, B & C



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Breakout Sessions – DRAFT 1.24.23

Rethinking Typologies: Considerations for Developing Specialized Programs and Policy
Richard Southee, Arizona State University

Dollars for Dreams: Writing Successful Grant Requests
Eric Marcus, BCBSAZ Health Choice

Business Etiquette for Professionals-Sophistication Skills that Build True Professionals
Jenna Juniper, Paonessa Juniper Consulting, LLC

Advancing Equitable Solutions to Addressing Evictions in Arizona
Joanna Carr, Arizona Housing Coalition; Maxine Becker, Wildfire and Lora Phillips, ASU KERR

Reframing Housing Assistance to Landlords: Implementing Source of Income Protection
Liz Morales, Fernando Moraga, and Jennifer Bonham, City of Tucson

Innovations in Housing in Arizona and Beyond
Gabriel Jaramillo and Darlene Newsom, Vitalyst Health Foundation; Seth Dyson, City of Surprise

Eighth Amendment Remedies to Municipal Anti-Homelessness Codes
Martin Coleman, Bret Rasner and Pamela Bridge, Community Legal Services

New Solution for Attainable Housing: Different Approach to the Review and Approval Process
Trevor Barger, Espiritu Loci; Angelica Guevara, City of Mesa; Tara Brunetti, AZ Dept. of Housing

Processing VA Claims and Status on the PACT Act
Art Gage and Karen Gianas, Law Offices of Arthur Gage

Direct Cash: A Radically Effective Housing Intervention
Michael Simm, The Logical Foundation



Housing for Adults with Autism & Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

Denise Resnik and Maureen Casey, First Place AZ

Staying Housed: A Shared Mission

Andy Wambach, Mercy Care and Christy Alvarado, MEB

Accessibility and Housing: What is YOUR bottom line?

Darrel Christenson, Ability360 and Brian Swanton, Gorman & Company

Re-Imagining Affordable Housing: Housing That Breaks Boundaries and Changes Communities

Keith Gregory, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Housing Department

Criminal Justice Reform and Housing

Khalil Rushdan, Arizona Faith Network

Systemic Change Through LGBTQ+ Education

Shannon Fowler, UA SIROW and Danielle Fowler, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation

Introduction to Mindfulness

Ashleigh Towse, Arizona Housing Coalition

The Other Side of the Wall: Dialogue on the Housing Needs of Justice Involved Individuals

Matthew Kelly, Mercy Care and Melissa Boudreau, Maricopa County Adult Probation Dept.

Lived Expertise: Widening the Lens on Decision-Making

Krickette Wetherington, ASU Action Nexus

University/Community Partnerships: ASU Action Nexus and Bureau of Land Management

Shana Ellis, ASU Action Nexus and Leon Thomas, Bureau of Land Management

Industry Partnerships to Leverage Affordable Housing Opportunities

Christopher Groesbeck, City of Scottsdale and Lee Cooley, Scottsdale REALTORS Association

Making Reasonable Accommodation Requests

Rose Daley-Rooney, Jessica Jansepar Ross and Skylar Colavito, Arizona Center for Disability Law



Stewarding the Past into the Future to Meet Community Housing Needs

Duffie Westheimer, Flagstaff Townsite Historic Properties Community Land Trust

Focus on Rural Services

Brad Roland and Dr. Lilla Deluca, Good Neighbor Alliance; Tia Uhler, RE:Center; Camie Rasband, Catholic Charities

Moving to Self-Sufficiency

Eric Wolverton, Habitat for Humanity of Northern Arizona; Rolanda Cephas, Pinal County Housing Department; Thomas Ryan, Housing America Corporation; Brenda Lopez, Trellis

Resilient Seniors: Post-COVID Housing Challenges and Mental Health

Jannah Scott, Berisha Black and Onyekachi Ekeogu, YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix

Wait. AHCCCS Covers That?

Liz DaCosta and Polly Knape, AHCCCS

DEI – Creating a Safe Space in the Workplace

Nicky Stevens, Racial Equity Partners; Richard Southee, Arizona State University

Info Share: Hot Topics in Funding

Darlene Newsom, Vitalyst Health Foundation; Ross Shaefer, Flagstaff Shelter Services; Rene Sonoqui, Crossroads Mission; Cheryl House, Phoenix Philanthropy Group

COVID, Housing and Tribal Regions

Joyce Hamilton, Office of Aging & Adult Services; David Reede and Dr. Natsai Zhou Chidavaenzi, San Carlos Apache Health and Human Services; Somana Tootsie, Native Americans for Community Action, Inc.; Kim Russell, Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care

YIMBY and Zoning

Vice Mayor Jamie Aldama, City of Glendale; Larry Kush, Orion Investment Real Estate; Owen Metz and Sarah Shambrook, Dominion; Ashley Marsh, Gammage & Burnham

Conversation with Arizona Department of Housing

Joan Serviss, ADOH

