

Maine Department of Health & Human Services

Office of Aging and Disability Services

Call For Speakers: Maine Innovation Summit 2025

Event Details:

Maine Innovation Summit 2025

May 19-20, 2025 | Holiday Inn by The Bay, Portland, Maine

Submission Form for Proposals: <https://www.innovationsummitme.com/speak>

Event Purpose:

In 2023, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Aging and Disability Services awarded grants of up to \$500,000 to 19 programs to support development of innovation pilot projects in the state of Maine in alignment with Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) goals.

The Maine Innovation Summit is looking for innovative content and expert speakers from Maine, as well as Nationally, for panels and breakout sessions during our event in May 2025 in Portland, Maine. Speaker proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Maine Innovation Summit attendees will:

- **Hear directly from nationally and locally recognized leaders** implementing innovative strategies for people with IDD in the public and private sectors.
- **Explore replicable innovative strategies** that support systemic changes to align with the policy objectives of the HCBS Settings Rule, and future requirements of the Access Rule.
- Engage in interactive discussions focused on **innovations in service delivery** that benefit individuals with disabilities, families, providers, and state government.
- Learn about **Maine's multiple-year activities** to innovate and support change through their Innovation Pilot Initiative, in collaboration with National Disability Institute.
- Benefit from opportunities to **network, explore and try new technologies**, and to learn, question, and support solutions that address your quality improvement priorities.

Proposal Instructions:

1. Potential topic areas include:
 - Lifespan Services
 - Cutting-Edge Strategies
 - Implementing HCBS
 - Assistive Technology
 - Employment
 - Community Inclusion and Participation
 - Other Technology Tools
 - Other Innovations
2. Proposals must be submitted via our online form at: <https://www.innovationsummitme.com/speak>

3. Speaker proposals should include:
 - Where possible, describe opportunities for waiver participants from Maine be a part of the presentation
 - Describe how the proposed talk aligns with Lifespan policy objectives
 - Presentation type (if a panel, must limit to a maximum of four (4) panelists and the moderator and panelist info should be included in the proposal)
 - Topic theme(s)
 - Target audiences
 - Top 3 attendee take-aways
 - CEU information (if applicable)
 - Goal of the session
 - Speaker credentials (including CV, headshot and introduction bio)

4. Speaker Selection Criteria: The content team will make selections considering the following criteria:
 - Alignment with the policy objectives of the proposed Lifespan waiver (Details found at [HCBS Lifespan Project | Department of Health and Human Services \(maine.gov\)](#))
 - Concise objectives
 - Actionable takeaways for attendees
 - A unique take on the latest trends in Disability Services that will inspire and educate
 - A diverse voice and point of view
 - Shows engagement, mobilization and enthusiasm on the topic
 - Higher weight/preference will be given for presentations that include states or providers that have used a tool and can give concrete examples; OR family members or others who have used technology and can provide experience

5. Projected Timeline
If you have submitted a speaking proposal, you can expect to receive feedback in November. Here's the projected timeline:
 - Submission deadline: rolling basis
 - Program finalized: mid-January, 2025
 - Registration opens: mid-January 2025
 - Summit: May 19th and 20th, 2025

6. Speaker Compensation:
Speaking is a volunteer professional and collegial opportunity to share your insights, projects, and organization. Compensation for speaking fees and travel is not provided unless otherwise indicated. That said, the Summit will provide:
 - Complimentary and non-transferable full registration to the Summit
 - Promotion as an official speaker on relevant marketing materials
 - Speakers are responsible for arranging their own hotel and travel arrangements.

Please Note:

- Companies/organizations may submit up to three proposals. Our conference team will work with the selected speaker throughout the session development process to ensure compliance with the stated objectives and to avoid overt commercialism.

- Sessions may be recorded using video and audio and made available on a public website.

- By submitting via OADS Maine Innovation Summit Call for Papers system, speakers understand and agree to the official terms, as detailed in this section and speaker requirements.
- By speaking at the OADS Maine Innovation Summit, you are granting the OADS Maine Innovation Summit permission to record, reproduce, distribute, advertise, and show your presentation, including but not limited to the OADS Maine Innovation Summit, you are granting the OADS Maine Innovation Summit URL, conference proceedings and materials, audio, video, printed and/or electronic ads, fliers, mailers, etc.
- Reviews, acceptances and/or declines are conducted on a rolling basis.
- All correspondence and queries should be sent to this email address: info@innovationsummitme.com. Prospective speakers should not directly contact any OADS review panel members regarding the status of submissions or feedback.
- OADS will provide a laptop, projector, screen, WiFi and microphone(s) (if necessary) for the on-site presentation. Speakers are responsible for providing all other necessary equipment.
- If the presentation is deemed to be a work of plagiarism or a blatant vendor pitch, OADS will revoke the speaker's session and not consider the person for future speaking opportunities.
- Speaking at the OADS Maine Innovation Summit means representing a community that we respect and appreciate. All participants must work together to provide value to their fellow attendees, speakers, and sponsors, as well as volunteers and staff at the show. Please act accordingly.
- The OADS Maine Innovation Summit is committed to an event and culture that are comprised of people of different ages, races, nationalities, ethnic groups, sexual orientations, genders, classes, religions, abilities, and educational levels. We strictly oppose unfair discrimination, harassment and derogatory language and reserve the right to terminate an agreement, end a presentation, and ask the speaker to leave the premises at any time for behavior in opposition to these values.
- OADS reserves the right to change scheduled speaking times, as necessary. While every effort will be made to honor assigned times, speakers may be called upon to present at any time during the conference.
- OADS reserves the right to rescind an accepted submission without reason.
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Thank you for your interest!

Applications accepted on a rolling basis! Thank you!

By submitting this form, you agree that if your submission is accepted you understand your commitment to attend the Maine Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Aging and Disability Services' Maine Innovation Summit May 19-20, 2025 in Portland Maine. *

- I understand and intend to attend Maine Innovation Summit May 19-20, 2025 in Portland, Maine

Name***Email*****PLEASE TELL US ABOUT THE SPEAKER:****Name*****Company/Organization*****Title*****Email***

OADS is seeking valuable, relevant and inspiring content for its audience. Proposals that appear to be a sales pitch for unsolicited products or services will not be considered. Please indicate your acknowledgement and understanding of this policy below. *

ABOUT THE PRESENTATION

Please specify presentation type:*

- Individual/Breakout (50 minutes)
- Panel (max 4 panelists) (50 minutes)

Presentation Title*

OADS is seeking content that aligns with the themes below. Please select the theme that your proposal speaks to below:*

- Lifespan Services
- Cutting-Edge Strategies
- Implementing HCBS
- Assistive Technology
- Employment
- Community Inclusion & Participation
- Other Technology Tools
- Other Innovations
- Other:

Who is the moderator of the presentation?

Moderator's Company/Organization

Moderator's Title

Moderator's Email

Please list panelists' information below.

Panelist Name

Panelist Company/Organization

Panelist Title

Panelist Email

Please clearly outline the topic of the presentation in 200 words or less.*

Max: 200 words

Who is the target audience?*

Please select only those that apply.

Service Provider

Patient

Clinician

Administrator

Other:

Please list your top 3 key take-aways for attendees:

#1 Take-away*

#2 Take-away*

#3 Take-away*

Would the speaker like to offer a CEU for this presentation?*

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

What is the goal of this session?*

Speaker credentials:*

Please check all that apply.

- Masters and Enrolled in ...
- Doctorate
- Certification

Has the speaker given this presentation and/or another presentation at another conference?*

- Yes
- No

Please describe:*

Please upload speaker's CV

Choose files or drag here

Please upload speaker's headshot.*

Note: This is the image that will be used in promotion if you are selected.

Choose files or drag here

Please add a 150-word speaker bio.*

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