

2026 NATIONAL LIVED EXPERIENCE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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“I was very impressed with how everyone had lived experience from the organizers to the staff and presenters. I felt very comfortable like I actually belonged there... It helped me become more comfortable with advocacy, knowing I have good knowledge even if I don't have a fancy degree or title.”

Conference Attendee

450+ ATTENDEES

217 FIRST-TIMERS
supported through
scholarships

37 STATES & 1 CANADIAN PROVINCE

230+ ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED

140+ SPEAKERS

across **32 sessions**,
exploring the theme
“Answering the Call:
Bridging Communities,
Systems, and Policy.”

99% HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE



“What stood out most was the genuine connections, shared resilience, and collective passion for creating change. It was inspiring to see people who have experienced so much adversity come together not just to share their stories, but to shape solutions.”

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THE NATIONAL LIVED EXPERIENCE LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY BOARD MADE ITS DEBUT WITH TWO SESSIONS:

one to strengthen leadership and move organizations toward shared decision-making, and another to collect feedback that will help shape the Board's national policy and advocacy agenda.

18 ARTISTS FEATURED

at the Connecting Systems. Centering Humanity. exhibition, another platform that elevated voices often not heard in policy conversations. All had lived experience of homelessness and/or incarceration.



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