

Advancing Equity, Health, and Well-Being by Elevating Unique Perspectives and Experiences

The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) and Social Current are conducting focus groups with community members to gain their *unique perspectives and lessons learned* from working and engaging within human services systems. We recognize building a healthy community starts with access, equity, and a broad array of support services.

We want to hear from you! As an essential voice of the human services sector, we invite you to share your expertise with us during a virtual focus group.

We seek rich perspectives around:

- Feeling valued and heard
- Co-creating policy, practices, and procurement examples
- Improving service access
- Addressing racial disparities and inequities

No identifying factors will be attributed to participants of this focus group; all information will be de-identified.

Focus Group Logistics

The focus groups will be 90 minutes in length. Facilitators will encourage participants to discuss their experiences with the services they receive(d) or engage(d) with and the opportunities for improving those services to ensure the strengthening of individual, families, and communities. Participants will be provided a participation stipend.

Dates and Times

All sessions will be virtual; all persons must access the Zoom meeting platform online. Access link to be provided for selected registrants.

Choose One Session:

- April 25, 2023, 7-8:30 p.m. EST
- April 27, 2023, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. EST
- May 2, 2023, 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. EST

Sign-up Here

Focus groups are an excellent way for participants to provide direct insight by sharing experiences to improve the future of human services. If you are interested in participating in any (one of three) focus groups, please complete the <u>registration form</u> no later than **April 19**, **2023**. <u>Space is limited. Please register in advance.</u> Only those who have received confirmation can participate in the focus group. We appreciate your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

If you have questions or need further details, please contact Trinka Landry-Bourne at <u>tlandry-bourne@aphsa.org</u> or Michon Hicks at <u>mhicks@social-current.org</u>.