

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

The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) and Social Current conducted focus groups with community members in April and May 2023 to gain their **unique perspectives and lessons learned** working and engaging within human services systems. From this collective input, we were able to map the next generation of leadership competencies for human service leaders.

**Let's Connect!** *As an essential voice of the human services sector, we again invite you to join us to share your thoughts and 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 60 minutes long. 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 with a participation stipend.

## Dates and Times

The dates and times for the proposed focus groups are listed below. All sessions will be virtual; all persons must access the Zoom meeting platform online. The meeting link will be provided once registered.

### Choose One Session:

- Nov. 16 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. ET
- Nov. 17 from 4:30pm-5:30 p.m. ET
- Nov. 27 from 5-6 p.m. ET
- Nov. 30 from noon-1 p.m. ET
- Dec. 5 from noon-1 p.m. ET
- Dec. 13 6-7 p.m. ET
- Dec. 15 from noon-1 p.m. ET

## Sign-up Here

If you are interested in participating in any (one of seven) focus groups, please complete the [Focus Group Registration Form](#) for an invite with virtual meeting details to be sent via email.

Focus groups are an excellent way for participants to provide direct insight by sharing experiences to improve the future of human services. We appreciate your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

**Space is limited. Please register for this focus group in advance.** Only those who have received confirmation can participate in the focus group.

If you have questions or need further details, please contact [Trinka Landry-Bourne](#) of APHSA at or [Robena Spangler](#) of Social Current.