

Suggested Topics by 2026 Conference Participants

- **AI topics:**
 - AI and cybersecurity
 - AI and information privacy
 - AI ethics
 - AI and crisis services
 - New AI solutions for Centers
- SB12 impact on the ability for partnership with school districts. Perhaps a panel or session on an LMHA that has successfully created MOUs with districts, how that was accomplished, and group discussion opportunities to share what others may want to try.
- Audit best practices panel
- Building partnerships with local entities
- Care Continuum
- CBT/CPT
- CCBHC vs TAC requirements. They do not always align.
- **Child and Adolescent mental health topics:**
 - Mental health and juvenile justice
 - More topics related to gender and sexuality, especially how this impacts the younger populations we serve
 - Crisis de-escalation
 - Play therapy
 - Early childhood/infant mental health and family systems
 - New clinical techniques/research related to impact of social media
- **Client-focused topics:**
 - Client rights
 - Empowering clients
 - How to get families and clients involved in advocacy for funding IDD services
- Clinic safety and compliance
- Community Diversion Programs
- Competency Restoration
- Continuous Quality Improvement
- **Crisis topics:**
 - Crisis diversion
 - Crisis interventions for youth with behavioral challenges
 - Crisis System Innovations
- Data Supported Service Expansion
- Direct care for Center staff
- Disaster response
- Diversion Centers update, comparison across Texas
- Emergency detention information follow-up

- Ethics
- **Financial topics:**
 - Innovation around revenue diversification
 - Innovative ways to fund engagement and outreach
 - Access and billing for out-of-network clients
 - Creating and Implementing Grant Budgets
 - Grant Sustainability & Funding Strategies
 - Funding sources and best ways to access them, from HHSC and other opportunities
- Forensic psychiatry
- **IDD topics:**
 - Persons with IDD involved with the criminal justice system
 - Self-harm in special needs populations
 - Forensic programs for individuals with IDD
- **Innovative Programs from Texas Centers**
- Integrating trauma informed care approaches when working with LGBTQ populations when executive orders present a barrier to that approach
- Intersection of nutrition/food with SUD and MH
- Jail-Based Behavioral Health Services
- **Leadership topics:**
 - Skills training for new managers
 - Succession planning for leadership
 - Improving employee satisfaction, preventing burnout, communication in the workplace
 - Long-term staff retention
 - Trauma Wise Leadership and Coaching
 - Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) in workplace, staff coaching through TBRI lens
 - Psychological safety and trauma-informed practices in organizational culture
- Lessons Learned from Implementing a Patient Portal
- Multisystemic therapy
- **Peer-related topics:**
 - Peer Workforce Development
 - Cohesive training on role clarity for peer specialists and other care team members
 - Peer support and peer ethics in action (practical implementation)
 - Growth opportunities for peers
 - Marketing peer services to clients
 - How peer support helps continuity of care, directed towards clinicians and other care team members
- **Professional skills training:**
 - Clinical supervision skills
 - Using interpreters in services and mental health encounters

- Training on billing
 - Utilizing interns
 - Enhancing Critical Thinking in Staff
- Rural Behavioral Health Solutions
- **SUD topics:**
 - Psychopharmacology
 - SUD in the IDD community
 - More info on newer substances and treatments
 - Effective systems for supporting people with substance abuse issues who are involved in the criminal justice system
 - Evidence-based interventions for youth and young adults
 - Psychotherapy techniques related to SUD
 - Integration of SUD into MH and IDD
- Texas Legislative and Policy Updates for Counselors
- The Impact of Social Determinants of Health on Mental Wellness
- **Trustee topics:**
 - Best Practices for Boards
 - Understanding Funding Streams for Your Community Center
 - Understanding the Relationships/Roles of the State and the Federal Government with Your Community Center
 - How to utilize the skills and connections of trustees
- Understanding dual recovery; dual diagnosis treatment
- Veteran Services
- Working with unhoused population