

BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES & COLLABORATIONS

to Achieve Epilepsy Equity



August 26-28, 2026 Tulsa, OK

Langston University, Tulsa Campus, 914 N. Greenwood Ave., Tulsa, OK 74106

PUBLIC DRAFT AGENDA[As of 07.11.26]

All times are Central Standard Time (CST)

Event Objectives:

- To convene the Epilepsy Foundation network and its partners to learn how to address epilepsy disparities through coalitions and strategic partnerships, in addition to other public health approaches.
- To improve the capacity of the EF network and its partners to build effective and mutually beneficial collaborations and partnerships to address unmet social needs of those living with epilepsy.
- To increase engagement between the EF network and shared-mission professionals, including injury prevention, stroke, and traumatic brain specialists.

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM - Breakfast and Training

HYATT REGENCY TULSA DOWNTOWN, 100 East 2nd Street Tulsa, OK 74103, Promenade C

Pre-conference Training: Collaboration in Practice Workshop

During the skill-building workshop, participants will learn how to “see” their work as a system of relationships and identify where stronger collaboration can create the greatest impact. Learning objectives for the skill-building session may include some or all of the following:

1. Identify key partners needed to address the social determinants of epilepsy.
2. Assess the strength and gaps in your current partnerships.
3. Apply 2-3 strategies to strengthen cross-sector collaboration.
4. Develop a short-term action plan for advancing a priority partnership.
5. Provide two examples of actions you can take to advance equitable outcomes through your collaborative efforts.

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Welcome Reception - 6:30 – 9:00 PM

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Thursday, August 27, 2026

6:30am - 7:30am

7:15 am

Location: Langston University, Tulsa Campus, 914 N. Greenwood Ave., Tulsa, OK 74106

8:00 am

8:15 am

8:30 am

Breakfast @ HYATT REGENCY TULSA

Shuttle Service from Hotel to Langston University

Welcome, Greetings & Purpose

EFA CEO Opening Remarks

Opening Public Health Plenary Session: Public Health and Collaborative Approaches to Address Oklahoma Health Disparities

Moderator & Discussant: Micah Hartwell, PhD ACSM EP-C

Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Director, Office of Medical Student Research, Oklahoma State University Cherokee Nation

Speakers:

- Carrson French, OMS III, BS
- Amanda Sellers, LMSW, SPARK Program Director
- Yashar Kalani, MD, Neurosurgeon

This group will discuss findings of our recent [paper](#) and the implications and recommendations therein.

[Urban-rural differences in healthcare access among children with epilepsy: identifying factors associated with adequate care using the National Survey of Children's health. Epilepsy & Behavior, 2026]

9:30 am

9:40 am

Networking Break

Coproduction and Collaborative Learning: Clinicians in Practice

Moderator: Kathleen Farrell, Vice President and Epilepsy Learning Healthcare System, Executive Director, Epilepsy Foundation of America

Panelists: Courtney Alberry, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, Department of Neurology, Oklahoma University Health and Sara Molisani, MD, MHQS, Attending Physician, Quality Improvement Officer, Medical Director of Medication Safety, Division of Neurology, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

10:25 am

10:40 am

Mission Moment

Movement Stretch Break: Led by Maureen Slotnick, MBA, MSW Director, Programs & Partnerships, Epilepsy Foundation

10:55 am

Epilepsy and Indigenous Health

Speaker: Yvette Brown-Shirley, MD (Navajo/Diné)

Assistant Professor of Neurology, Barrow Neurological Institute

Assistant Professor of Neurology, University of Arizona COM - Phoenix

Barrow Brain Injury & Sports Neurology Center

Dignity Health, St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center

11:30 am

SUDEP Awareness and Advocacy through Ambassador Collaborations

Moderator: Dominique Brown, State Relations and Policy Director, Epilepsy Foundation

Panelists: Tiffany Townsend, Devoted Mom; Dr. Jonathan Williams, Washington University; and OK State Health Dept Rep.

12:15-1:00 pm

1:00-2:00 pm

2:00-3:00 pm

Networking Lunch

SDOH Mini Grantee and Equity Poster Presentations & Visit Exhibits

Resources and Engagement Breakout Sessions

Session Topics:

A. *Linkage, Referral and Helpline Collaborations Across the Network*

Session Leader: Tom Buckley, MHS, HS-BCP, CRS, CRS-A/D (HE/HIM)
Senior Director, Health Information Services, Epilepsy Foundation of America

Panelists:

- Amy Haugen, EF Minnesota
- Renee Roederder, EF Michigan
- Ella Tanner, EF Colorado & Wyoming

B. *Partnering with Purpose: Driving Value and Impact through Training-Based Partnerships and Collaborations*

Moderator: Lily Komraus, MS, Sr. Director, Training and Education, Epilepsy Foundation of America

Panelists:

- Lorraine Newborn-Palmer, DNP, MS, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNRN, CBIS, FAES, School Nurse Consultant, Epilepsy Foundation of America
- Camille Washington, Florida Epilepsy Services
- Nicole Fitzpatrick, Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan
- Alyx Ransom, Epilepsy Foundation of America

C. *Building Community Partnerships to Advance Reach, Collaboration, and Dissemination*

Moderator: Elizabeth Dueweke, Communications Consultant, Epilepsy Foundation

Panelists:

- Dr. Rakale Quarrels, Morehouse School of Medicine;
- Lavonia Sampson Jones, City of Roswell, GA
- Amber Wiggins, EF Georgia

D. *Operationalizing Equity, Literacy and Trust Across the Epilepsy Network*

Moderator and Discussant: Ayesha Akhtar, MPH, VP Health Equity, Education & Advocacy, EF Greater Chicago

Panelists:

- Kim Martin, Chief Executive Officer, EF Central & South Texas,
- Angela Bowles Edwards, Director of Health Equity, EF Minnesota
- Janette Locke, Multicultural Outreach Coordinator, EF Eastern Pennsylvania

3:00-4:00 pm

4:00-4:30 pm

4:30-5:00 pm

Resources and Engagement Breakouts

Networking & Resource Fair

Shuttle to Host Hotel

Friday, August 28, 2026

7:15 am - 7:30am

Location: Langston University, Tulsa Campus, 914 N. Greenwood Ave., Tulsa, OK 74106

7:30-8:30 am

8:30 am

Shuttle Service from Hotel

Networking Breakfast and Visit Exhibits

Welcome and Greetings

8:40 am

Mission Moment: Jessica Eddings, ReNU Syndrome United, Rare Epilepsy Network (REN)

9:00-10:00 am

Network Discussion: State-Funded Public Health Epilepsy Programming

Moderator: Gregg Fort, Vice President, Regional Teams, Epilepsy Foundation of America

Panelists:

- Lenore A. Brinson, Executive Director, Florida Epilepsy Services
- Roxanne Cogil, Executive Director, Iowa, Epilepsy Foundation
- Jeremiah Stone, Executive Director, Alabama, Epilepsy Foundation

10:00-10:20 am

Mission Moment

10:20-10:30 am

Transition Break

10:30-11:30 am

Stronger Together: Building Trust through Community Collaborations Domestically and Aboard

Discussant: Brandy Fureman, PhD, Chief Outcomes Officer, Epilepsy Foundation of America

Panelists:

- Kim Hindery, CEO, Children's Neurology Foundation
- Edwin Trevathan, MD, MPH, Amos Christie Chair in Global Health, Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology, Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

11:30-12:00 pm

Closing Session

12:00 pm

Shuttle to Host Hotel

Food Trucks for Lunch on Your Own

POST-CONFERENCE TRAINING (*Open to non-PHI Attendees*)

Friday, August 28, 2026 -1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Register Here: <https://bit.ly/LangstonPHISeizureFirstAid>

Seizure Recognition and First Aid Certification Training

Location: Langston University, Tulsa Campus, Auditorium, 914 N. Greenwood Ave., Tulsa, OK 74106

Moderator: Alyxandra Ransom, Training Program Manager, Epilepsy Foundation

Instructors: Dr. Crystal Hall, Eastern Regional Director & OH/IN Executive Director, Epilepsy Foundation of America & Dr. Desmond Delk, Assistant Professor, Langston University

Mission Moment: Jennifer Tou, Mother of Child Living with Epilepsy, Epilepsy Foundation of America

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