

Engage for Change: A Symposium for Participatory Research to Advance Economic Mobility

APHSA envisions a future of human services that is human-centered, community-driven, and driven by a fierce commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging (EDIB).

Drawing on participatory action research (PAR) principles, APHSA seeks to bring human services practitioners, researchers, and people with lived experience together in a one-day symposium at the 2024 Economic Mobility and Well-Being (EMWB) conference.

Through this symposium, participants will explore how to effectively collaborate with people with lived experience (PWLE) in human services research and learn how to apply PAR design principles in partnership with community members in human services to advance economic mobility and well-being.

Attendees Can Expect to:

- Learn participatory action research principles and methods, and their practical application to human services work.
- Foster relationships between researchers, practitioners, and people with lived experience in human services programs.
- Actively engage with translating PAR into sound human services policy and practice and learn how to leverage PAR to enhance and promote EDIB.
- Contribute to developing a concrete path forward for the integration and use of participatory research in human services nationally.

The Engage for Change Symposium will take place on **Sunday, August 25th 8 am – 3 pm** at the Hilton Portland Downtown in Portland, Oregon. Light breakfast and lunch will be served. The cost to attend the 1-day symposium is separate from the full conference registration. Symposium registration will close upon reaching the event capacity.

Interested attendees can register to attend the Engage for Symposium through [the Economic Mobility & Well-Being Conference registration portal](#). We strongly encourage state and local government practitioners, as well as philanthropic, academic, and industry partners committed to participatory research in human services to register. If you are a person with lived experience interested in participating, limited financial assistance may be available to support your attendance.

For any questions about the symposium, please email Khristian Monterroso – kmonterroso@aphsa.org