

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

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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, Lunch 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 and community needs of those living with 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.

Featuring Co-Facilitators:

- **Stephanie Bultema, PhD, MAAL** [she/her/hers], Founder & Principal Strategist, Collaborative Capacity Co (CoCap)
- **Esmeralda Salas**, CoCap Co-Facilitator

4:15 – 4:30 PM

Wrap Up and PHI Outlook

- Thometta Cozart, MS, MPH, MCHES®, CPH, Multicultural Outreach & Health Equity, Senior Director, Epilepsy Foundation
- Desmond W. Delk, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor & Chair, Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, Langston University

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Welcome Reception - 6:30 – 9:00 PM – “Purple Boots on the Ground”

HYATT REGENCY TULSA DOWNTOWN, 100 East 2nd Street Tulsa, OK 74103, Tulsa North Ballroom, First Floor

Reception Remarks:

- Gregg Fort, Vice-President, Field Team and Operations, Epilepsy Foundation
- Hannah Whitten, Board Co-Chair, Epilepsy Foundation Oklahoma
- Bernice Martin Lee, Chief Executive Officer, Epilepsy Foundation
- Oklahoma State Representative Dan Pae

Social Activity: *Karaoke and Line Dancing*

Thursday, August 27, 2026

6:30am - 7:30am

7:00am – 7:15 am

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

8:00 am

Breakfast @ HYATT REGENCY TULSA, Room TBD

Shuttle Service from Hotel to Langston University

Welcome, Greetings & Purpose

- Kathleen Farrell, MB, BCH, BAO, Executive Director, Epilepsy Learning Healthcare System & Vice President, Public Health Outcomes, Epilepsy Foundation
- Dr. Sherri Smith-Keys, Executive Director Tulsa Campus, Associate Vice President, Clinical Affairs & Interim Nursing Site Director-Tulsa, Langston University
- Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Hoskin Jr.
- Lee Waltman, Board Co-Chair, Epilepsy Foundation Oklahoma

8:15 am

Opening Remarks

Introduction: Brandy Fureman, PhD, Chief Outcome Officer, Epilepsy Foundation

Speaker: Bernice Martin Lee, Chief Executive Officer, Epilepsy Foundation

8:30 am

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, OSU-COM CN

Speakers:

- Carrson French, OMS III, BS Findings of our recent paper, and the implications and recommendations therein.
- Amanda Sellers, LMSW, SPARK Program Director, Growing a resource network, working with state entities, and applying for funding.
- Yashar Kalani, MD, Neurosurgeon who also has a child with epilepsy. He brings a unique perspective as someone who has performed surgeries for individuals with epilepsy while also caring for one.

9:30 am

Networking Break

9:40 am

Coproduction and Collaborative Learning: Clinicians in Practice

Session Leader and Moderator: Kathleen Farrell, MB, BCH, BAO,

Executive Director, Epilepsy Learning Healthcare System & Vice President, Public Health Outcomes, Epilepsy Foundation

Speakers:

- 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

Mission Moment: Brandy Wilson, Board Member, Epilepsy Foundation Oklahoma and Deacon Wilson

10:40 am

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

10:55 am

Neurological Health Care Considerations for Native American Patients
Moderator: Sara E. Stowell, Research Ambassador, Epilepsy Foundation of America & PhD Candidate, Binghamton University

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

11:30 am

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

SUDEP Awareness and Advocacy through Ambassador Collaborations

Session Leader and Moderator: Dominique Brown, MPA, State Relations and Policy

Panelists:

- Tiffany Townsend, Devoted Mom
- Jonathan Williams, MD, MSCR, Medical Doctor & Assistant Professor of Neurology, Epilepsy Division, Department of Neurology, Washington University

12:15-1:00 pm

Networking Lunch

1:00-2:00 pm

SDOH Mini Grantee and Equity Poster Presentations & Visit Exhibits

2:00-3:00 pm

Resources and Engagement Breakout Sessions

A. Linkage, Referral and Helpline Collaborations Across the Network

Moderator and Panelist: Tom Buckley, MHS, HS-BCP, CRS, CRS-A/D, CRS-DC, Senior Director, Health Information Services, Epilepsy Foundation

Panelists:

- Renee Roederer, Senior Director Programs & Community Care, Epilepsy Foundation Michigan
- Amy Haugen, Associate Executive Director, Mission Outcomes, Epilepsy Foundation Minnesota
- Ella Tanner, Manager, Support Services and Community Outreach, Epilepsy Foundation Colorado & Wyoming

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

Session Leader & Moderator: Lily Komraus, MS, Senior Director, Training and Education, Epilepsy Foundation

Panelists:

- Lorraine Newborn-Palmer, DNP, MS, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNRN, CBIS, FAES, School Nurse Consultant, Epilepsy Foundation
- Camille Washington, Operations Manager, Florida Epilepsy Services
- Nicole Fitzpatrick, Community Program Manager, Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan

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

Session Leader and Moderator: Elizabeth Dueweke, Communications Consultant, Epilepsy Foundation

Panelists:

- Dr. Rakale Quarells, Professor of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Associate Director, Prevention Research Center, Morehouse School of Medicine
- Lavonia Sampson Jones, Social Media and Community Outreach Manager, City of Roswell, GA
- Amber Wiggins, PsyD, CRC, Chief Executive Officer, Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia

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

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

Panelists:

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

3:10-4:10 pm

4:00-4:30 pm

4:30-5:00 pm

Repeat of Resources and Engagement Breakouts

Networking & Resource Fair

Shuttle to Host Hotel

Friday, August 28, 2026

7:15-7:30am

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

7:30-8:15 am

8:30 am

Shuttle Service from Hotel

Networking Breakfast and Visit Exhibits

Welcome and Greetings

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- Abby Thompson, Board Member, Epilepsy Foundation Oklahoma

8:40-9:00 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 and Panelist: Gregg Fort, Vice President, Regional Teams, Epilepsy Foundation
Panelists:

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

10:00-10:20 am **Mission Moment:** Katie Reed, Board Member, Epilepsy Foundation Oklahoma

10:20-10:30 am **Transition Break**

10:30-11:30 am ***Building Trust through Community Collaborations***
Discussant: Brandy Fureman, PhD, Chief Outcomes Officer, Epilepsy Foundation
Panelists:

- Kim Hindery, Chief Executive Officer, 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

11:30-11:55 am **Closing Remarks**
Closing Remarks: Dr. Brandy Fureman, Epilepsy Foundation

Acknowledgements and Looking Ahead: Thometta Cozart, MS, MPH, MCHES®, CPH, Epilepsy Foundation

****END OF PROGRAM****

12:30 pm **Shuttle to Host Hotel**

Food Trucks for Lunch on Your Own

POST-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

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

SFA TRAINING for Langston University Students/Staff and PHI Attendees

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: Victor Solis, Spanish Language Training Program Manager, Epilepsy Foundation

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

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

Optional Tulsa Historical Tours and Events

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