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“Why We Can’t Wait: Reimagining Resilience Across the Heartland”

September 9–11, 2026
Kansas City, Kansas

Official Conference Agenda

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Schedule is tentative and subject to change.

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Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Time	Session	Presenter	Room
8:00 AM	Registration		
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Heartland Healthcare Leadership Summit	Todd Moore	GFI Digital Argyle Club
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Kansas Community Health Worker Symposium	Angela Scott	Great Wolf Lodge: Fallen Timber & Northwest Territory
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Know Your Rights Information Session	AIRR KC	Sunflower Room: Residence Inn
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch (On Your Own)		
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	HeartSavers CPR Training with 2-Year Certificate	Dora Scroggins	Sunflower Room – Residence Inn
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Meet n Greet w/ Dr. Joia Crear-Perry (Invite Only)	Oluoma Obi	GFI Digital Argyle Club
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	B.L.O.C.K. Party and Wellness Fair — Presented By: KUMC Center for African American Health		Mazuma Plaza, Sporting Park

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Time	Session	Presenter	Room
6:00 AM	Exhibitor Set Up		
7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast & Check In		
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Exhibitors		
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Opening Remarks	W. Todd Moore	
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Compartiendo Esperanza: Creando Espacios Seguros para Conversar sobre Salud Mental	Nancy Rios	Argyle Suite
	Medicaid and Dentistry – An Approach to Care for Our Most At-Risk Patients	Aaron Bumann	UMB Field Club
	Increasing Loss Literacy and Compassionate Miscarriage Care	Stephanie Risinger	GFI Digital Argyle Club
	Beyond the Symptom: Integrating Doula Care and Root-Cause Wellness for Radical Family Health	Abriona Markham	Buffalo Funds Executive Lounge
	From Conflict to Connection: Reimagining Family Resilience Through Birth Equity, Family Voice, and Paternal Engagement	Carmen Moore	Interview Room
	Calm Through Creativity: How Basic Art Interventions Impact Emotional Regulation	Teresa Taylor-Williams	Press Box

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10:00 AM – 10:50 AM	**Opening Plenary**	Dr. Joia Crear-Perry	Huhtamaki Shield Club
11:00 AM – 11:50 AM	**Charlas Durante la Cena: Un Espacio de Confianza para Identificar Obstáculos y Soluciones que Mejoren la Salud de la Comunidad**	Mariana Ramírez	UMB Field Club
	Welcoming and Belonging: Drivers for Equity and Growth	Carla Gibson	Argyle Suite
	Reimagining Resilience Through Shared Power: Afrofuturism and Community-Centered Maternal Health	Michelle Edison	GFI Digital Argyle Club
	Fundamentals of Local Policy Change	Kimberly Libman	Buffalo Funds Executive Lounge
	Beyond Burnout: Reimagining Wellness for Those Who Care for Communities	Rachel Russell	Interview Room
	The Power of Storytelling	Demario Richardson	Press Box
12:00 PM – 12:50 PM	**Lunch & Poster Session + Intentional Networking**		Huhtamaki Shield Club
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	**Reimaginando Crecimiento y Resiliencia en Community Health Workers Latinas**	Alma Vargas	Interview Room
	Creando Acceso Alimentario una Tienda a la Vez: Barreras y Facilitadores para Incorporar Tiendas Saludables de Kanbe's Markets en el Condado de Wyandotte, KS	Christina Baker	UMB Field Club
	Leveraging Social Media for Health Equity: Assessing Non-Profit Marketing Strategies to Promote Breastfeeding Awareness	Stacy Yeager-Okosi	GFI Digital Argyle Club
	Why Caregivers Can't Wait: Closing the Discharge-to-Home Equity Gap	Dr. Brandy Archie	Party Suite
	The LEAP! Program: Bridging the Gap in Alzheimer's Prevention Education	Rachel Sandoval	Argyle Suite
	Food Is Medicine 101: A Regional and Clinical Framework for Advancing Health Equity	Kristina Bridges	Buffalo Funds Executive Lounge

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2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	**De la Comunidad al Plan de Estudios: Integrando las Voces de Pacientes y Comunidades en la Formación de Médicos de Medicina Familiar**	Jonathan Balderrabano	Buffalo Funds Executive Lounge
	Breaking Bread and Building Trust	Amber Adams	UMB Field Club
	Building Equity-Centered and Trauma-Informed Organizations: From Awareness to Systems Change	Danielle Small	GFI Digital Argyle Club
	Beyond Survival: Advancing Professional Identity, Leadership, and Institutional Belonging for Black Women in Higher Education	Dr. Conni Mansaw	Interview Room
	Are We There Yet? Addressing Medical Mistrust Around Cancer Clinical Trials in Kansas City	Amanda Trout	Press Box
	Beyond the Referral: Engaging Pregnant and Parenting Families with Compassion — Lessons from the TIES Program	Emma Sexton	Argyle Suite
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	**JUNTOS por la Equidad: Mejorando el Acceso a Servicios Genéticos en las Familias Latinas con Riesgo de Cáncer**	Brenda Romo	GFI Digital Argyle Club
	Hot Topics in Women's Health	Sharla Smith	Argyle Suite
	Healing the Whole Family: Reimagining Resilience Through Faith, Wellness, and Community Connection	Michelle Vann	Interview Room
	Bridging the Gap Between Community Health Workers and Diabetes Prevention Programs: Challenges, Opportunities, and Community-Based Solutions	Dr. Terry Ann Scott	Buffalo Funds Executive Lounge
	Reimagining Health Equity & Philanthropy in an Era of Structural Health Divestment	Carla Gibson	UMB Field Club
4:00 PM – 4:50 PM	**Efectos de un Programa de Mensajes de Texto en la Depresión y el Malestar Emocional de Cuidadores Latinos de Personas con Demencia**	Jaime Perales-Puchalt	Party Suite
	It Takes Practice: Using Interactive Theater to Advocate for Better Health Outcomes	Brandi Turner	Buffalo Funds Executive Lounge
	Strategies for Equitable Policymaking	Jami Crespo	GFI Digital Argyle Club
	Inclusive Reproductive Health Care: Integrating Supported Decision-Making for Women with Disabilities	Shea Kampsen	Interview Room
	Healing Is Everybody's Work: Storytelling, Belonging, and Community Voice as Catalysts for Health Equity	Danielle Binion	UMB Field Club
	From Trust to Transformation: Building Resilient Community Health Worker Pathways Through Training, Technology, and Sustainable Reimbursement	Colby Takeda	Press Box
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	**Rural Health Meet & Greet**	Cherayla Haynes	Argyle Suite

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5:00 PM – 5:50 PM	**Fathers Matter 2: A Paternal Mental Health Initiative**	Elizabeth Madrigal	Buffalo Funds Executive Lounge
	Practicing Partnerships	Paloma Juarez	Party Suite
	Creating a Community Action Plan to Address Perinatal Behavioral Health and Maternal Mortality Prevention	Patricia Carrillo	GFI Digital Argyle Club
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	**Meet the Sporting KC Mascot: Blue**		Huhtamaki Shield Club; UMB Field Club
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	**Health Equity Awards Ceremony**		UMB Field Club
7:00 PM	**Dine Around, Legends Shopping Experiences**		KC Legends
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	**Sponsors Reception (Invite Only)**		The Boot Room

Friday, September 11, 2026

Time	Session	Presenter	Room
7:00 AM – 7:30 AM	**Birth Justice Walk**	Kansas Birth Equity Network	Pitch Apron
7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	**Exhibitors**		
7:30 AM	**Continental Breakfast & Check In**		Huhtamaki Shield Club
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	**Opening Remarks**		Huhtamaki Shield Club
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	**Opening Plenary**	Riisa Rawlins, MSW	Huhtamaki Shield Club
10:00 AM – 10:50 AM	**Del Duelo a la Acción: Por Siempre en Mi Corazón**	Liliana Rodriguez Rivera	Buffalo Funds Executive Lounge
	From Crisis to Collaboration: Advancing Health Equity Through the Wyandotte County Health Equity Task Force	Kali Chatmon	UMB Field Club
	Courage, Community, and Care: Turning Breastfeeding Data into Action	Katie Givens	GFI Digital Argyle Club
	Mental Wellness for At-Risk Youth	Rachelle Dillard	Press Box
	Focus on HER: Reducing Stress, Building Community, and Enhancing Capacity using a Doula-Led Group Prenatal Education Program	Shea Kampsen	Argyle Suite
	Advocacy Academy: Building the Confidence, Skills, and Strategy to Advocate for Health Equity and Community Change	Rachel Russell	Interview Room

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11:00 AM – 11:50 AM	**Educación Violencia Doméstica**	Rev. Rutila Valle	Argyle Suite
	The Developing Brain — From Conception to Six Months & the Power of Mindful Connection	Tiffany Bartley	Buffalo Funds Executive Lounge
	Closing the Loop: Exploring How Health Care and Community-Based Organization Collaboration Can Address Social Drivers of Health	Meredith Cantrell	UMB Field Club
	Reimagining Pharmacy as a Health Equity Hub: Pharmacy-Based Community Health Workers Across the Heartland	Amanda Applegate	Interview Room
	Stronger Together: Equipping Birth Partners for Confident, Connected Support	Florese Nelson	GFI Digital Argyle Club
	Frontline GLP-1 Literacy: An Interactive Workshop Empowering Community Health Workers as Trusted Guides Through the GLP-1 Boom	Shadrach Smith	Press Box
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	**Closing & Debrief**		Huhtamaki Shield Club
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM (Post-Conference)	**Reimagining the Regional Health Equity Council: A Strategic Plan Listening Session**		Huhtamaki Shield Club

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