

Next Gen HCBS Leaders: 2026 Calendar of Events



Description

The Next Gen HCBS Leaders Program (Next Gen) offers up-and-coming LTSS professionals a unique combination of networking and learning opportunities to deepen their knowledge and refine their skills in management, leadership, and content development in the Medicaid and Aging arenas.

Purpose

This document lists notable dates for the Next Gen 2026 cohort (bolded dates are events Next Gen leaders are asked to attend). All times listed are in **eastern time**.

**** Please note: dates and times are subject to change ****

2025/2026 Calendar of Events

December 2025

- December 1: Next Gen applications open for 2026 cohort

January 2026

- January 23: Next Gen applications due

February

- February 13: 2026 Next Gen cohort selections are made; all applicants are notified

March

- **March 4, 3:30-5pm:** Next Gen 2026 Kick Off Webinar
- **March 25, 4-5pm:** Next Gen Networking with Mentors Webinar

April

- **April 15, 4-5pm:** Pre-Spring Meeting Virtual Meet and Greet
- **April 26 – April 29:** Advancing States Spring Meeting, Washington, DC

May

- **May 20, 4-5pm:** Next Gen Webinar
- May 26: Foundational Leadership in HCBS course launches

June

- **June 10, 4-5pm:** Group Mentorship Session

July

- **July 22, 4-5pm:** Next Gen Webinar

August

- **August 12, 4-5pm:** Pre-HCBS Conference Virtual Meet and Greet
- **August 23-27:** HCBS Conference, Baltimore, MD

September

- September 28: Foundational Leadership in HCBS course launches

October

- **October 7, 4-5pm:** Group Mentorship Session

November

- **November 18, 4-5pm:** Final Next Gen wrap-up event

Please contact Annie Kimbrel at akimbrel@advancingstates.org with any questions.