

## 2025 USET BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE AGENDA

<b>Monday, JULY 7, 2025</b>	
<b>10:00 am – 5:00</b>	<b>Registration</b> - <i>Level 1, Prefunction Area</i>
<b>10:00 am – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Exhibition / Vendor Hall</b> - <i>Level 1, Prefunction Area</i>
<b>12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b> (on your own)
<b>1:30 pm – 1:45 pm</b>	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> - <i>Level 1, Broadway 2 &amp; 3</i> Speaker: Kirk Francis, President, USET/USET SPF 2025 Chris Thompson Economic Development Professional Excellence Award Announcement
<b>1:45 pm – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Opening Prayer</b> - <i>Level 1, Broadway 2 &amp; 3</i>  <b>Thanksgiving Address:</b> Led by Sakyrri Jimerson and Xyleigh Jimerson
<b>2:00 pm – 3:15 pm</b>	<b>The Braided Path: Strength Through Collaboration in Uncertain Times</b> <i>Level 1, Broadway 2 &amp; 3</i>  Moderator: Dee Sabattus, USET/USET SPF Deputy Director  Panelists: Onawa Miller, Director, Office of Tribal Public Health, USET Rebecca Naragon, Director, Office of Economic Development, USET Jerry Pardilla, Director, Office of Environmental Resource, USET
<b>3:15 pm – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Weaving the Basket: Revitalizing Culture, Strengthening Programs, Holding Our Future</b> <i>Level 1, Broadway 2 &amp; 3</i>  Speakers: Wenonah Haire, Catawba Indian Nation Marvin Bouknight, Catawba Indian Nation
<b>4:30 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Scannable Sessions Close for the Day</b>
<b>5:00 pm – 7:00 pm</b>	<b>USET Game Night</b> (Casual Attire) – <i>Broadway 1</i>  Trivia with Brian Wessels Yard and Tabletop Games

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<b>Tuesday, July 8, 2025</b>	
<b>7:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Registration - Level 1, Prefunction Area</b>
<b>7:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Exhibition / Vendor Hall - Level 1, Prefunction Area</b>
<b>8:30 am – 9:15 am</b>	<p><b>Sovereignty in Action: Defending Our Rights through Programmatic Strength</b> <i>Level 1, Broadway 2 &amp; 3</i></p> <p>Speakers: Kitcki Carroll, USET/USET SPF Executive Director Dee Sabattus, USET/USET SPF Deputy Director</p>
<b>9:15 am – 10:30 am</b>	<p><b>Grounded in Policy Panel: How Program Work Shapes Strategy in Uncertain Times</b> <i>Level 1, Broadway 2 &amp; 3</i></p> <p>Panelists: Katie Klass, General Counsel, USET/USET SPF Layla Langly, Director, Development Department, USET Liz Malerba, Director, Policy and Legislative Affairs, USET SPF Onawa Miller, Director, Office of Tribal Public Health, USET Rebecca Naragon, Director, Office of Economic Development, USET Jerry Pardilla, Director, Office of Environmental Resource, USET</p>
<b>10:30 am -10:45 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:45 am - 12:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Pathway – Our Voice - Level 2, Midtown 3</b></p> <p><b>Language Revitalization Through Seed Stewardship</b></p> <p>Speakers: Levi Herne, Garden/Seed Manager, Akwesasne Seed Hub Jasmine Jimerson</p>
<b>10:45 am –12:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Pathway – Our Homelands - Level 2, Sylvan Park</b></p> <p><b>Rights of Nature and Tribal Sovereignty in Environmental Practice</b></p> <p>Speaker: Chief Anne Richardson, Rappahannock Tribal Nation</p>
<b>10:45 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Pathway – Our People - Level 2, Edgehill</b></p> <p><b>Traditions Over Addictions: Reducing Alcohol Misuse Among the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas</b></p> <p>Speakers: Camille Johnson, MPH, Public Health Director, Chief Kina Health Clinic Paula Lucas, CHW, Behavioral Health Coordinator, CKHC Jackson Langley, Peer Recovery Support Specialist, CKHC</p>
<b>12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>
<b>1:30 pm – 2:45 pm</b>	<p><b>Pathway – Our People - Level 2, Midtown 3</b></p> <p><b>Braiding Relations: Extending Indigenous Food Sovereignty Efforts through Community Partnerships</b></p> <p>Speaker: Hayley Breazeale, Food Sovereignty Coordinator, Catawba Nation</p>

<p><b>1:30 pm – 2:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Pathway – Our People - <i>Level 2, Midtown 2</i></b></p> <p><b>Change with Purpose: Mastering the Patient Centered Medical Home Transition</b>  Speaker: James Spillane, CEO/Owner, Health IQ</p> <p><b>Patient Centered Medical Home</b>  Speaker: Kristen Ogden, Director of Quality Improvement, The Compliance Team</p>
<p><b>1:30 pm – 2:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Pathway – Our Homelands - <i>Level 2, Sylvan Park</i></b></p> <p><b>Power, Connectivity, Sovereignty: Seneca Nation and Resources Advancing Tribal Energy Independence</b></p> <p>Speakers: Anthony Giacobbe, Director, Seneca Energy and Telecommunications  Matt Dannenberg, Head of Tribal Affairs, Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy  Christopher McKosato, Senior Tribal Liaison, Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy</p>
<p><b>1:30 pm – 2:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Breakout Session – Our Homelands, <i>Level 2, Edgehill</i></b></p> <p><b>Rethinking Rock Bottom: Healing Through Indigenous Harm Reduction and Decolonizing Western SUD Services</b></p> <p>Speaker: Arlene Brown, Manager, Harm Reduction Program, Bishop Paiute Tribe</p>
<p><b>2:45 pm – 3:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p><b>3:00 pm – 4:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Barket Market (Bring your barter items) - <i>Level 1, Broadway Ballroom 2 &amp; 3</i></b></p> <p>Facilitator: Lea Zeise, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Resource Management</p>
<p><b>4:30 pm – 5:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Scannable Sessions Close for the Day</b></p>
<p><b>5:00 pm – 7:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Culture Night Reception - <i>Level 1, Broadway Ballroom 2 &amp; 3</i></b></p> <p><b>Performance by Haudenosaunee Smoke Dance Group</b></p>

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<b>Wednesday, JULY 9, 2025</b>	
<b>7:30 am – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Registration - Level 1, Prefunction Area</b>
<b>7:30 am – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Exhibition / Vendor Hall - Level 1, Prefunction Area</b>
<b>8:30 am – 9:15 am</b>	<b>Fireside Chat with Chief Lynn Malerba - Level 1, Broadway 2 &amp; 3</b> Speaker: Chief Lynn Malerba, Mohegan Tribe
<b>9:15 am – 10:30 am</b>	<b>In the Language of Our Ancestors: Carrying Home What We've Gathered</b> <i>Level 1, Broadway 2 &amp; 3</i> Speaker: Chief Spencer Lyons, Onondaga Nation
<b>10:30 am – 10:45 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:45 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Breakout Session – Our Voice - Level 2, Midtown 3</b> <b>Implementing a Community Health Assessment as a Foundation for Providing Health Services</b> Speakers: Jessica Bradby, Enrollment & Citizen Services Manager, Pamunkey Indian Tribe Richard Matens, Executive Director, Pamunkey Indian Tribe
<b>10:45 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Breakout Session – Our People - Level 2, Midtown 1</b> <b>Developing Native Workforces: Engines for Sustainable Economic Development - Unveiling NCAI's New Toolkit</b> Speaker: Ian Record, Consultant, National Congress of American Indians
<b>10:45 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Pathway – Our Homelands - Level 2, Sylvan Park</b> <b>Trauma, Addiction and Recovery from an Indigenous Perspective</b> Speaker: Ericka "She Who Walks Through Fire" Pursley, Behavioral Health Specialist, Catawba Indian Nation
<b>12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>
<b>1:30 pm – 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Pathway – Our People - Level 2, Midtown 3</b> <b>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act – 105L Leasing Best Practices</b> Speaker: Martha Ketcher, CEO, Yona Consulting
<b>1:30 pm – 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Pathway –Our People - Level 2, Edgehill</b> <b>Chronic Diseases: Investigating Systemic Health Effects Through Oral Health</b> Speaker: Tiffany Wuebben, RDH, Founder & CEO, The Hygienepreneur
<b>1:30 pm – 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Pathway – Our Homelands - Level 2, Sylvan Park</b> <b>Grant Management During Times of Change: A Finance and Development Perspective</b>

	<p>Speakers: Layla Langley, Development Director, USET Steve Adams, Finance Director, USET</p>
<p><b>1:30 pm – 2:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Pathway – Our Voice – <i>Level 2, Midtown 1</i></b></p> <p><b>Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program</b></p> <p>Speaker: Ali Burrell, ODMAP Program Manager, Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area</p>
<p><b>2:45 pm – 3:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p><b>3:00 pm – 4:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>In the Round: Facilitated Roundtable Discussion - <i>Level 1, Broadway 2 &amp; 3</i></b></p> <p>Facilitator: Onawa Miller, Office of Tribal Public Health Director, USET</p>
<p><b>4:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Prayer - <i>Level 1, Broadway 2 &amp; 3</i></b></p> <p>Speaker: Chief Spencer Lyons, Onondaga Nation</p> <p><b>Friendship Dance - <i>Level 1, Broadway 2 &amp; 3</i></b></p> <p>Facilitator: Ericka “She Who Walks Through Fire” Pursley, Behavioral Health Specialist, Catawba Indian Nation</p>