

NATIONAL INNOVATIVE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

June 3rd & 4th

Riverside Convention Center









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A Message From the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Change-Makers,

While I'm not with you in person today, I'm with you in spirit—from New Orleans, where I'm proudly representing Reach Out and the City of Jurupa Valley as we're honored with the national Culture of Health Prize by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This recognition is a powerful testament to all of your work, your voices, and the collective impact we're making across the Inland Empire and beyond.



It is with deep gratitude and great excitement that I welcome you to the 15th Annual National Innovative Communities Conference (NICC). For fifteen years, NICC has served as the Inland Empire's heartbeat of innovation—bringing together passionate leaders across generations and sectors to re-imagine what's possible for our communities.

This year's theme, GENERATIONS, is both a celebration and a call to action. We honor the pioneers who paved the way, the leaders carrying the torch now, and the emerging voices ready to shape the future. As we face uncertain times—where families are losing access to healthcare, immigrants live in fear, education is at risk due to shifting policies, and programs like SNAP are threatened—we need each other more than ever.

Our goal is not just to inspire, but to equip. NICC is designed to give you the tools, connections, and courage to double down on your work and multiply your impact—at your job, in your neighborhood, and across the region we all call home.

Together, we can shape a safer, healthier, and more just Inland Empire—for this generation and the next.

Welcome to NICC 2025. Let's get to work.

With hope and determination,

Diana Fox

Executive Director



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This year's theme, GENERATIONS, honors the legacy of changemakers past and present, while embracing the generational opportunity to chart a shared vision for the future of the fastest growing region in California: our Inland Empire.

From developing our future workforce and the built environment to protecting the civil rights of our diverse community members, attendees will be united across cultures, age, and industries to tackle the most pressing questions of our time, charting the path forward to a safer, healthier, and more prosperous Inland Empire.

Conference Topics

These topics guide our program, and a shared interest in these focus areas is what brings community members and cross-sectoral leaders together for two days of engagement.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS

Building a vibrant Inland Empire through health-first policies and programs.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & CONNECTEDNESS

Bringing communities together through trust, inclusion, and shared spaces.

ECONOMY & FUTURE WORKFORCE TRAINING

Advancing equity through workforce training and entrepreneurship.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Building healthier communities through mindful, sustainable development.

CIVIL RIGHTS & EQUITY

Fostering justice through inclusion, diversity, and opportunity for all.

Reach Out's Bill of Rights For the Residents of the Inland Empire

I. Quality Healthcare

The right to quality, affordable, integrated healthcare and preventative services, regardless of ability to pay or formal status.

II. Education

The right to effective and in-demand educational opportunities that advance a climate of safety, accountability, and innovation-based academic rigor.

III. Equitable Economic Opportunity

The right to equity-focused economic development that improves quality of life, and advances fairness, inclusion, and opportunity.

IV. Dignity in Justice

The right to a fair and constructive relationship with law enforcement, and an immigration system that respects human rights.

V. Housing

The right to affordable, stable housing.

VI. Safe Homes, Neighborhoods & Schools

The right to nurturing and safe homes, neighborhoods, and schools that are free from substance use, violence and fear.

VII. Healthy Foods & Environment

The right to a healthy physical environment and fresh, locally grown foods that promote personal and community health and well-being.

VIII. Voice and Leadership

The right to speak up about social issues and feel safe to express beliefs, culture, and opinions that allow communities to work together in unity for the greater good.



Happy, healthy neighbors. That's our mission.

Kaiser Permanente is a proud supporter of Reach Out.

At Kaiser Permanente, we continuously strive to improve the conditions for health and equity in our communities. Our doors, hearts and minds are always open to help you thrive. Learn more at **community.kp.org**

For all that is Inland Empire. For all that is you.





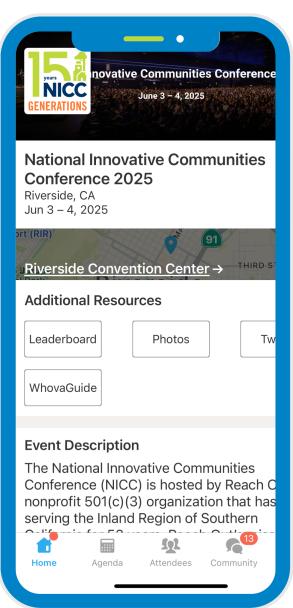
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Instructions to download the 2025 NICC app on your mobile device powered through Whova.

- 1. Search and download Whova on the app store, or **scan the QR Code.**
- 2. Create a **FREE** account.
- 3. Search for "National Innovative Communities Conference".
- 4. Enter the invitation code:

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Program Agenda Tuesday, June 3, 2025



8:30 AM • OPENING PLENARY

Ballroom: GENERATIONS: Let's Impact the World...Together

Barry E. Knight

Founder and CEO, BEK Impact Corp.

10:15 AM • BREAKOUT SESSION 1

RC-FC: From Protection to Empowerment: Supporting Families Facing Injustice

RC-EB: Improving your Leadership's Impact by Understanding Behavior's Link to Performance

MR 7: Community Health Workers in Motion (Where Are We and Where Are We Going)

MR 8: Bridging the Gap: The Importance of University-Community Partnerships MR 9: Shifting Narratives: Maternal Mental Health Through the Generations

2nd Floor: Youth Court Advisory Committee - Closed Session

11:30 AM • LUNCH PLENARY & KEYNOTE

Ballroom: The Modern Native American Story

Eric Hernandez

World Renowned Native American Hoop Dancer & Filmmaker

1:30 PM • BREAKOUT SESSION 2

RC-FC: We're Better Together - Building Resilience Through Unity

RC-EB: Prepared Together: Building Resilient Communities Before the Next Crisis

MR 7: Stronger Together: Anchoring Inland Empire Community Support

MR 8: Dose of Reality: Unmasking Fentanyl and Saving Lives

MR 9: Youth Disrupting the School-To-Prison Pipeline

2nd Floor: Community Vital Signs - Closed Session

3:00 PM • BREAKOUT SESSION 3

RC-FC: Embracing Mentorship: Strengthen Communities Through Connection and Growth

RC-EB: Silent Inheritance: Healing Trauma through Listening, Love, and Community - Spanish Session

RC D: Conocimiento que Salva: Prevención y Respuesta al Fentanilo - Spanish Session

MR 7: Creating a "Culture of Health" in the Inland Region

MR 8: Partnering with the Community to Foster Self-Advocacy

MR 9: Beyond the Binary: Addressing the Realities Facing LGBTQ+ Youth Today

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Program Agenda Wednesday, June 4, 2025



8:30 AM • OPENING PLENARY

Ballroom: Rooted in Wellness: Strengthening Healthcare for the Inland Empire

Jarrod McNaughton

Chief Executive Officer, Inland Empire Health Plan

10:15 AM • BREAKOUT SESSION 1

RC-FC: Safe Workplaces and Stronger Rights: AB 540, Immigration and Beyond

RC-EB: Building Bridges to Belonging

MR 7: Beyond the Stigma: It Ends With Us

MR 8: Youthful Minds: Strong Bodies, Prioritizing Social Emotional Wellness

MR 9: Embracing Body Diversity: How to Promote Body Image & Foster Self-Confidence in Youth

MR 2 & 3: Innovating for Impact: IHPC's Bold New Direction

11:30 AM • LUNCH PLENARY & KEYNOTE

Ballroom: For the Long Haul: Guarding Our Futures

Natalie Hidalgo, Gabriel Maldonado, Malek Bendelhoum, Luz Gallegos, Kimberly Starrs

1:00 PM • BREAKOUT SESSION 2

RC-FC: Pass It On

RC-EB: Becoming the Bridge: Cultivating Identity, Belonging, and Voice in the Next

Generation of Change-Makers

MR 7: Beyond the Buzzwords: Operationalizing Equity in Youth Systems

MR 8: Mindfulness Matters: Cultivating Inner Peace

MR 9: Everyone Can Save a Life

2nd Floor: Community Vital Signs - Closed Session

2:30 PM • CLOSING PLENARY

Ballroom: Celebrating 15 Years of National Innovative Communities Conference

Dr. Cid Pinedo

President & CEO, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation

Sidle Entertainment

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HEALTHY JURUPA VALLEY WINS CULTURE OF HEALTH PRIZE



















For Advancing Health, Equity, and Community Power

About the Prize

Reach Out and the City of Jurupa Valley have been named one of just nine communities nationwide to receive the 2024 Culture of Health Prize from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) — one of the most prestigious national honors for advancing health equity and social justice at the community level. The award recognizes their collaborative efforts through the **Healthy Jurupa Valley** initiative.

Why Jurupa Valley?

Over the past 12 years, Reach Out and local leaders have built and sustained the **Healthy Jurupa Valley** initiative — a resident-led coalition that brings together city officials, schools, and neighbors.



Policy Innovation

Adoption of the Healthy City Resolutions and Riverside County's first Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance.



Community Activation

Creation of community and school gardens, weekly farmers markets, and public art projects that reflect local voices.



Youth & Education

Implementation of restorative justice programs and comprehensive violence prevention strategies.

This award recognizes the heart and determination of our community.

— Natalie Hidalgo, VP of Strategy & Innovation

Looking Ahead

Building on this national recognition, Healthy Jurupa Valley and the City of Jurupa Valley are creating a strategic plan to expand resources, elevate resident leadership, and drive equity across key areas like health, housing, and education — shaped by community voices every step of the way.





Molina Healthcare is proud to support

Reach Out and its National Innovative Communities Conference.





Community Vital Signs is a **community-wide** initiative supporting the Wellness Element under the Countywide Vision.

Bringing together community voices, local leaders and organizations to tackle health issues together!

Community Vital Signs helps build a healthier and stronger county by:

Listening to the community's health needs

Using local data to set health priorities

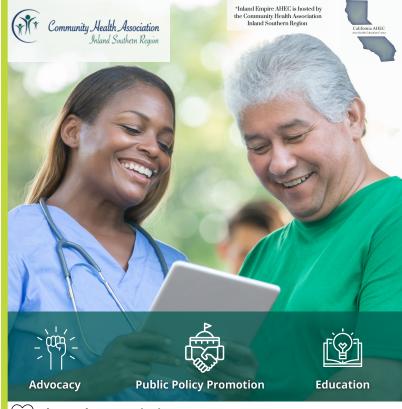
Uniting partners to take action

JOIN THE MOVEMENT AND BE PART OF THIS TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE!



Learn more at: www.CommunityVitalSigns.org





About the Association:

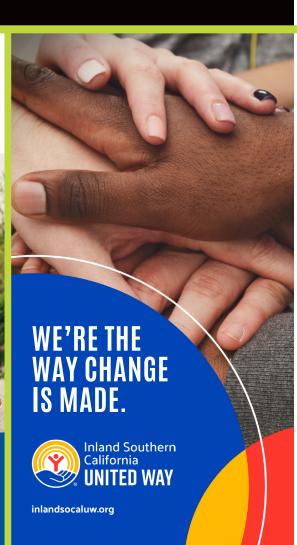
The Community Health Association Inland Southern Region is a champion for community-based health centers and clinics located throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. We provide services to support our diverse membership in providing access to care and quality health services for safety net communities.





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