

Program Structure

Weekly (Bi-Weekly) Themes Or Modules

Weeks in red are cohort-based regional sessions and weeks in black are national calls. Themes are in order as follows:

- **December 18, 2026 (7 - 8:30PM EST)**
 - Program Orientation - Welcome & Program Kickoff
- **Week of January 18, 2026**
 - Cohort-Based Kickoff
- **January 27, 2026 (8 - 9:15PM EST)**
 - Understanding Fiscal Basics
- **Week of February 1, 2026**
 - Interpreting Fiscal Challenges In Our Areas and Issues
- **February 10, 2026 (8 - 9:15PM EST)**
 - Asset-Based Leadership
- **Week of February 15, 2026**
 - Leadership Self-Assessment and Group Accountability
- **February 24, 2026 (8 - 9:15PM EST)**
 - Modeling Fiscal Responsibility: Costs, Benefits, and Hard Decisions
- **Week of March 1, 2026**
 - Budget Simulation and Basic Tools Workshop
- **March 10, 2026 (8 - 9:15PM EST)**
 - Policy Development and Influencing: How Do You Do It?
- **Week of March 15, 2026**
 - Creating and Passing Policy: Practicing in Your Context
- **March 24, 2026 (8 - 9:15PM EST)**
 - Deliberative Dialogue Session
- **March 31, 2026 (8 - 9:15PM EST)**
 - Community Organizing
- **Week of April 5, 2026**
 - Grassroots Campaigns in Context
- **April 14, 2026 (8 - 9:15PM EST)**
 - Building Bridges, Managing Conflict, and Navigating Power
- **Week of April 19, 2026**
 - Persuasion, Power, and Conflict in Your Context
- **April 28, 2026 (8 - 9:15PM EST)**
 - Preparing for What's Next: Career Bridges and Convening
- **Week of May 3, 2026**
 - Preparing for What is Next: Digital Storytelling and Public Speaking
- **May 27-29, 2026**
 - National Convening in Washington, D.C.