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CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, April 18

8:30-11:30am Pre-Conference Sessions
12:30-1:30pm Keynote
1:45-2:45pm Session I
3:00-4:00pm Session II
4:00-5:00pm Social and Vendor Engagement

Tuesday, April 19

8:30-9:30am General Session
9:45-10:45am Session III
11:00am - 12:00pm Session IV
12:00-1:00pm Lunch
1:15-2:15pm Session V
2:30-3:30pm Session VI

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Complex Change Requires Deliberate Processes
($20 additional fee, cap of 100)

In this interactive session participants will examine the realities of complex change and acquire strategies and tactics to plan for, implement, and assess the effectiveness of their actions to succeed with the six tenets.

FERPA 101 and Student Data Privacy Best Practices
(no additional fee)

Join us for an opportunity to connect with the National Privacy and Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) to provide a review and discussion of real life scenarios on FERPA and its applicability to your institution. Training on current data security best practices for education data systems will be discussed, including user privacy and security awareness, privacy and security program development/implementation, threat modeling, and attacker methodology.

AQuESTT 101: The Basics
(no additional fee)

Designed for educators new to Nebraska or those needing a brush-up on the basics, the session will overview the following processes: AQuESTT Tenets, Classification of Schools and Districts, Evidence-based Analysis (EBA) and Designation of Priority Schools.

Students in Detention Centers, YRTCs, and Prison – What are Our Responsibilities?
(no additional fee)

Public schools are responsible for accounting for all students within their districts, including those involved in Nebraska’s child welfare, juvenile/criminal justice, and behavioral health systems. Many questions arise regarding the rules, requirements, and how to best meet the unique challenges our systems-involved students face. Effective collaboration among public school districts, Rule 18 schools, YRTC-Geneva, YRTC-Kearney, and alternative education programs is essential. Join the conversation as we build a deeper collective understanding and statewide system of support to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed in school!

Boot Camp – NSSRS (Student and Staff)
(no additional fee)

This three-hour session will be beneficial to new Data Stewards and District Administrators and as a review for other Data Stewards and District Administrators.

ADVISER EAP II Kickoff Meeting
(cap of 70)

By invitation only.