

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Designing for Value Convening

November 16 - 18, 2026

Atlanta Marriott Northeast: Emory
2000 Century Blvd Northeast
Atlanta, GA 30345

Objectives:

- **Apply a policy decision framework** to identify and evaluate policy options for developing and validating a unified list of credentials of value.
- **Develop an implementation plan** outlining the key actions and milestones needed to develop, implement, or refine each state's credential list.
- **Exchange feedback with peer state teams** to strengthen policy decisions, implementation plans, and approaches to defining credentials of value.
- **Learn from national experts** about emerging research, effective practices, and examples related to credentials of value.

Day 1: November 16, 2026

Registration	1 - 5 p.m.
Welcome	2:30 - 3 p.m.
National Perspectives on Credentials of Value Panel	3 - 4 p.m.
Cross-State Solutions: Agency Alignment & Political Challenges	4 - 5 p.m.
Reception	5:30 - 7 p.m.

Day 2: November 17, 2026

Registration and Breakfast	8 - 9 a.m.
Day 2 Welcome	9 - 9:15 a.m.
Credential Outcomes: Researcher Panel	9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Cross-State Solutions: Evidence & Data	10:15 - 11 a.m.
Break	11 - 11:15 a.m.
State Team Work Time: Policy Decision Framework	11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Networking Lunch	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Employer Panel Discussion: What Employers Want—Partnering to Advance Credentials of Value	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Cross-State Solutions: Employer Engagement and Validation	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Break	3:30 - 3:45 p.m.
State Team Work Time: Policy Decision Framework	3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Closing & Reflections (<i>Dinner on your own</i>)	4:45 - 5 p.m.

Day 3: November 18, 2026

Breakfast	8 - 9 a.m.
Day 3 Welcome	9 - 9:15 a.m.
Strategies for Sustainable Systems, Partnerships, and Communication	9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
State Team Work Time: Implementation Planning & Future Actions	10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
Cross-State Solutions: Sustainability & Feedback on Implementation Plans	11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Closing & Next Steps	12 - 12:30 p.m.