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#ACCET2026

Monday Afternoon Workshop Options

1. Team Evaluator Workshop

Beth Hepler, Scott Faulstick, & Leonard Brown

Sign up for this workshop to qualify to volunteer with ACCET. Both new and returning volunteers are invited to join us at the in-person Team Evaluator Workshop. Learn what it takes to be an on-site peer evaluator, participate in a mock team evaluation visit, and have a great time getting to know the ACCET staff and future colleagues from a cross-section of the ACCET membership.

2. Conversations Worth Having: Catalyzing Collaboration, Compliance, and Community

Dr. Cheri Torres, Co-Founder, Speaker, and Author, CWH Institute

At a time when leaders are being asked to do more with less—build trust, navigate complexity, strengthen culture, ensure compliance, and inspire engagement—the quality of our conversations matters more than ever. Conversation is not just communication; it is the foundation of leadership, collaboration, accountability, and community. The conversations leaders create shape how people think, connect, learn, and perform.

Join us for a dynamic, highly interactive 3-hour workshop designed to help you transform everyday conversations into powerful catalysts for collaboration, compliance, connection, and meaningful results. You'll discover why conversational skills may be one of the most important—and most overlooked—leadership capabilities of our time.

Grounded in positive psychology, neuroscience, and Appreciative Inquiry, this practical and experiential session introduces a simple self-awareness practice along with two powerful communication tools that can immediately elevate your leadership impact: asking generative questions and using positive framing.

You won't just learn the concepts—you'll practice them in real time using authentic workplace challenges and opportunities relevant to your leadership context.

In this engaging workshop, you will learn how to:

- Recognize the difference between conversations that drain energy and those that create engagement, clarity, and momentum.
- Increase self-awareness and self-management so you can communicate more intentionally, even in difficult moments.
- Ask generative questions that spark participation, deepen understanding, uncover possibilities, and strengthen problem-solving.
- Use positive framing to shift conversations from resistance and limitation toward shared purpose, accountability, and constructive action.
- Foster stronger collaboration, greater trust, and a stronger sense of community across teams and organizations.

Expect meaningful interaction, practical application, fresh insight, and plenty of moments that will change the way you think about leadership communication. You'll leave with tools you can use immediately—in meetings, coaching conversations, compliance discussions, strategic planning, and everyday interactions.

Come prepared to engage, reflect, practice, connect with fellow leaders, and have fun. Leave prepared to uplift every conversation that matters.

3. The Human Side of Leadership in an AI-Driven World: Building Trust, Connection, and Adaptability in an Era of Artificial Intelligence

Ken Fogarty, CEO, Dale Carnegie Nevada

Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming the workplace, reshaping how organizations communicate, make decisions, serve customers, and develop talent. Yet as technology becomes more advanced, one reality is becoming increasingly clear: the organizations that thrive will not simply be those with the best technology, but those led by people who know how to build trust, communicate effectively, adapt to change, and inspire others through uncertainty.

This highly interactive three-hour workshop explores the growing importance of human-centered leadership in an AI-driven world. Participants will examine how AI is influencing workplace culture, communication, employee engagement, and leadership expectations, while discovering the critical human skills that technology cannot replace.

Through facilitated discussion, practical exercises, reflection activities, and real-world leadership scenarios, attendees will learn how to strengthen emotional intelligence, foster psychological safety, navigate resistance to change, and communicate with greater clarity and empathy during times of rapid transformation.

The session blends timeless Dale Carnegie human relations principles with modern leadership challenges facing educational institutions, workforce development organizations, and employers across industries. Rather than focusing solely on technology itself, this workshop emphasizes the human capabilities that will remain essential as AI continues to evolve.

Participants will leave with practical tools and leadership strategies they can immediately apply within their organizations, classrooms, teams, and communities to strengthen connection, adaptability, engagement, and influence in the future of work.

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify the human leadership skills that become increasingly valuable in AI-integrated workplaces
- Recognize how rapid technological change can impact trust, communication, culture, and employee engagement
- Apply communication and relationship-building strategies that strengthen psychological safety and adaptability during periods of disruption and change
- Distinguish between tasks that benefit from automation and leadership moments that require human judgment, empathy, and emotional intelligence
- Develop a personal leadership approach for remaining relevant, adaptable, and influential in an evolving workplace environment

This session is designed for:

- Education and training leaders
- Administrators
- Workforce development professionals
- Organizational leaders
- Managers and supervisors
- HR and talent development professionals
- Educators navigating workplace transformation and AI-related change