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# FROM POVERTY TO PROSPERITY

## LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2026

*Turning Vision into Impact. Impact into Action.*



Saturday,  
October 3, 2026



8:00 AM – 5:00 PM



Baltimore County, Maryland



VIP Leadership Reception:  
5:15 PM – 6:30 PM



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### SUMMIT OVERVIEW

The From Poverty to Prosperity Leadership Summit 2026 is a one-day, action-oriented convening designed to address the root causes of poverty and accelerate scalable solutions that expand economic mobility.

Bringing together leaders from government, education, workforce development, healthcare, philanthropy, and community-based organizations, the summit moves beyond traditional dialogue to focus on implementation, cross-sector alignment, and measurable outcomes. Participants will engage in strategic discussions and structured working sessions designed to produce actionable strategies within 30–90 days.



### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Policymakers & government leaders
- Educators & workforce professionals
- Nonprofit & community leaders
- Corporate & philanthropic partners

# AGENDA

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## 8:00 – 8:45 AM | REGISTRATION & NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Participants connect across sectors, establish relationships, and prepare for a collaborative, solutions-focused day.



## 9:00 – 9:20 AM | WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

**Dr. Tekemia Dorsey, Summit Convener**

Setting the stage for the day with a focus on:

- Systems-level challenges
- Cross-sector responsibility
- The importance of moving from conversation to action



## 9:20 – 10:00 AM | OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**The Honorable Kim Ross, Delegate – 8<sup>th</sup> District (Invited)**

A policy-centered call to action highlighting the intersection of leadership, legislation, and community impact in advancing pathways to prosperity.



## 10:10 – 11:15 AM | OPENING PANEL

### **From Systems to Streets: The Reality of Poverty and Pathways Forward**

This foundational session centers the lived realities of individuals navigating poverty while examining how systems—housing, workforce, healthcare, and education—either reinforce or disrupt economic instability.

#### **Panel Composition:**

- Government or policy leader
- Community/faith-based leader
- Youth or emerging leader
- Mental Health & Homelessness Advocate (frontline practitioner)



### Focus Areas:

- Structural and systemic barriers
- The intersection of mental health, housing instability, and economic mobility
- Gaps in current systems and services
- Community-informed and trauma-informed solutions



### 11:20 AM – 12:20 PM | CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS (ROUND 1)



#### TRACK A: WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC MOBILITY

Advancing inclusive workforce systems that connect individuals to sustainable, career pathways.

##### Topics Include:

- Employer engagement and retention strategies
- Apprenticeships and credentialing pathways
- Closing access gaps for underrepresented populations



#### TRACK B: EDUCATION TO CAREER PIPELINE

Strengthening alignment between education systems and workforce opportunities.

##### Topics Include:

- Career exposure and readiness
- Work-based learning models
- K-12, postsecondary, and industry alignment



#### TRACK C: ACCESS, ENVIRONMENT & OPPORTUNITY

Addressing structural barriers that limit economic mobility.

##### Topics Include:

- Housing stability and transportation access
- Public resource accessibility
- Environmental and economic connections



### Each group will produce:

- One actionable strategy (30–90 day timeline)
- Identified lead organization or champion
- Key partners required for implementation
- Initial success indicators



### 4:15 – 4:45 PM | CLOSING PLENARY

#### From Dialogue to Action: Key Takeaways & Commitments

A synthesis of key insights, strategies, and commitments generated throughout the day.



### 4:45 – 5:00 PM | CLOSING CHARGE

A unifying call to action reinforcing collective responsibility and sustained engagement beyond the summit.



**JOIN US IN MOVING FROM VISION TO ACTION.  
SECURE YOUR PLACE AT THE SUMMIT TODAY!**





### 12:30 – 1:45 PM | LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON & FIRESIDE CHAT

#### Leadership Across Sectors: Building Pathways to Prosperity

A high-level, cross-sector dialogue focused on collaboration and shared responsibility in advancing economic mobility.

##### Featured Participants:

- Deputy Chief Comptroller Erica Roach
- Assistant Secretary Kari Snyder (DHCD)
- Secretary Walter L. Simmons (DoSEM)
- Dr. Sandra Kurtinities, Higher Education Leadership

Moderated by: Dr. Tekemia Dorsey



### 2:00 – 3:00 PM | FEATURED PANEL

#### What's Working Now: Scalable Solutions Driving Measurable Impact

This session highlights proven models and partnerships that are actively improving outcomes across communities.

##### Focus Areas:

- Evidence-based programs and initiatives
- Cross-sector collaboration models
- Measurable impact and outcomes
- Barriers to scaling successful solutions



### 3:10 – 4:10 PM | ACTION LABS (WORKING SESSIONS)

#### From Ideas to Implementation

Facilitated working sessions designed to translate insights into actionable strategies.

##### Participants will be grouped by focus area:

- Workforce Development
- Education & Career Pathways
- Policy & Systems Change
- Community-Based Solutions



### 5:15 – 6:30 PM | VIP LEADERSHIP RECEPTION (SEPARATE TICKET REQUIRED)

An exclusive, invitation-only experience designed to strengthen relationships and advance partnerships among senior leaders.

##### Attendees Include:

- Elected officials
- Corporate and philanthropic leaders
- Higher education leadership
- Senior government and nonprofit executives
- Featured speakers and panelists
- Key community partners

##### Experience Includes:



Professional photography



Curated executive networking



Keynote and featured speakers



Book signing opportunities



Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES & IMPACT



Stronger cross-sector partnerships



Actionable strategies with clear next steps



Measurable impact roadmaps



Commitment to continued collaboration