



# **REACHING** *NEW HEIGHTS*

WCHSA SPRING CONFERENCE | APRIL 24-26, 2024 | WAUSAU, WI

**Jefferson Street Inn**  
**201 Jefferson St, Wausau, WI**

# SCHEDULE - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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<b>8:30am-12:00pm</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>12:00-12:50pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:50-1:00pm</b>	<b>Welcome to Wausau</b> Lance Leonhard, <i>Marathon County Administrator</i> ; Katie Rosenberg, <i>Wausau City Mayor</i>
<b>1:00-1:15pm</b>	<b>Conference Welcome</b> Bill Topel, <i>WCHSA President</i> ; John Tuohy, <i>WCHSA Executive Director</i>
<b>1:15-1:45pm</b>	<b>Department of Health Services Update</b> Deb Standridge, <i>DHS Deputy Secretary</i>
<b>1:45-3:00pm</b>	<b>A Different Kind of Different</b> Daniel Shannon, <i>DEI head for Amazon</i>
<b>3:00-3:15pm</b>	<b>Break and Visit Exhibitors</b>
<b>3:15-4:00pm</b>	<b>State Legislative Update</b> Chelsea Shanks, <i>Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA)</i>
<b>4:00-4:30pm</b>	<b>Department of Children and Families Update</b> Emilie Amundson or Designee, <i>DCF Secretary</i>
<b>4:30-5:00pm</b>	<b>Break and Visit Exhibitors</b>
<b>5:00-7:00pm</b>	<b>Happy Hour Reception</b>
<b>6:00-8:30pm</b>	<b>Conference Dinner and Award Ceremony</b>

# SCHEDULE - THURSDAY, APRIL 25

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<b>7:00-8:15am</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>8:15-8:30am</b>	<b>Conference Welcome, Day 2</b> Matt Strittmater, <i>WCHSA Vice President</i>
<b>8:30-9:25am</b>	<b>Breakouts</b> <b>1.1 It Takes a Village; Community Engagement Strategies;</b> Alex Kelly and Heather Sweet, <i>Binti</i> <b>1.2 Shares Child Care Program;</b> DCF staff <b>1.3 Community Engagement;</b> Rock County Staff
<b>9:35-10:30am</b>	<b>Breakouts</b> <b>2.1 Ctrl+Alt+Complete: Navigating Change in the Digital Era;</b> Laura Hatfield, <i>Northwoods</i> <b>2.2 Mental Health Services;</b> Jefferson County Staff
<b>10:30-10:45am</b>	<b>Break and Visit Exhibitors</b>
<b>10:45am-12:00pm</b>	<b>Human Service Showcase</b> Visit with agencies demonstrating local service methods and innovations.
<b>12:00-1:00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:00-1:45pm</b>	<b>Recommendations to Improve Care for Children with Complex Needs</b> WCHSA/WAFCA Higher Level of Care Workgroup Members
<b>1:45-2:30pm</b>	<b>National Legislative Update</b> Rachel Mackey and Blaire Bryant, <i>National Association of Counties (NACo)</i>
<b>2:30-2:45pm</b>	<b>Break and Visit Exhibitors</b>
<b>2:45 - 3:40pm</b>	<b>Breakouts</b> <b>3.1 Community Engagement;</b> Trey Lestaz, <i>Family Connect of WI</i> <b>3.2 The Crown We Never Take Off;</b> Charlie Larsen, <i>Social Worker, Dane County</i>
<b>3:50 – 4:45pm</b>	<b>Breakouts</b> <b>4.1 Child Welfare Portals;</b> DCF staff <b>4.2 Medicaid Billing for Crisis Services;</b> DHS Staff + County Staff <b>4.3 ADRC Independent Living Support Services;</b> Adams/Green Lake/Waushara ARDC

# SCHEDULE - FRIDAY, APRIL 26

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7:45 – 9:00am

**Breakfast**

9:00-9:15am

**Conference Welcome, Day 3**

Bill Topel, *WCHSA President*

9:15-10:00am

**Future of Long Term Care**

Leading Age

10:00-10:15am

**Break and Visit Exhibitors**

10:15-11:45am

**The Safari Way to Greater Happiness**

Steve Fredlund, *The Safari Dude*

11:45am-12:00pm

**Conference Close**

Bill Topel, *WCHSA President*; John Tuohy, *WCHSA Executive Director*

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