

WORDS TO DEEDS 2026

*From County Practice to State Priorities:
A Behavioral Health and Public Safety Roadmap for California's Next Administration*

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Where can I find an agenda for the event, and how much time should I budget?

October 8, 2026 - 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. PST.

Location: The California Endowment - 2000 Franklin St, Oakland, CA 94612

All sessions and speakers are listed on our [website](#).

Are Continuing Education Units (CEUs) available for attending Words to Deeds?

No, we cannot offer continuing education credits for attendance.

Who will be attending Words to Deeds?

100 attendees are registered, representing county and state departments or practitioners in the behavioral health and public safety systems.

Will food be provided?

Yes, morning and afternoon snacks will be provided in addition to lunch. Vegetarian and vegan options will be made available based on your registration response.

We will do our best to ensure a range of options are available for most dietary needs. Please email us if you have questions at info@wordstodeeds.org

What digital options do I have to engage with content presented at Words to Deeds?

All materials will be posted on our website. While we will not have a mobile app for the event, printed materials will be available to all attendees.

Can my colleagues attend if they are not on the registration list?

Words to Deeds is oversubscribed. Unfortunately, we cannot add guests who are not registered due to fire code limits.

What hotel and parking options do I have?

- Please see the recommended lodging and on-site parking options at the California Endowment [website](#) (see Lodging section)
- Parking is available onsite and nearby.

Is there a hybrid option to attend virtually?

No. Words to Deeds is designed and produced for in-person participation for all attendees. Presentations and deliverables will be shared on our [website](#).

What has made Words to Deeds unique over the last 20 years?

The goal of Words to Deeds (W2D) is to convene thought leaders from California's state and county behavioral health and public safety departments to discuss implementation challenges and highlight solutions that prevent people with behavioral health (i.e., mental health and/or substance use disorder) needs from becoming involved with the criminal justice system.

By establishing peer-to-peer dialogue, we strive to establish the platform for increased relationship-building, learning, and continuous improvement across systems and jurisdictions that can help practitioners sustain more outcomes-focused and responsive services.

What happens after the event?

We will submit a report to the state to enhance the future delivery of behavioral health care, reentry, and reentry services. The report will highlight recommendations and challenges prioritized during the conference by speakers and attendees.