



Northeast Regional Summit Draft Agenda

March 4th and 5th, 2024

Venue: DC Central Kitchen

Focus Population: Justice-Impacted

Day 1, Date: March 4, 2024, 9:00am – 6:00pm

Time (Local time)	Session	Details
9:00-9:45am	Breakfast, Welcome & Introductions	Discover who's in the room and hear a brief overview of what is in store at the summit. Light breakfast and coffee provided
9:45-10:30am	Host Tour	See the facilities, enterprises, and program in action in the DC Central Kitchen facilities. Host staff will guide us on a tour of the hunger relief, social enterprise, and program areas.
10:30-10:45am	Break	Finish tours and get ready for an engaging day of sessions and networking.
10:45-11:30am	DC Central Kitchen Leadership Q&A	An introductory and high-level discussion with Mike Curtin, CEO, and Alex Moore, CDO at DC Central Kitchen.
11:30am-12:30pm	Recruitment and Retention Session with the Culinary Job Training Team	Hear from Mikeya Kirksey and Jeff Rustin on the Programs team at DC Central Kitchen. The session will include an overview of the main training program from the perspective of recruitment and student retention. Engagement will include small group discussion and a Q&A with presenters
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch at the Point	Walk just next door to enjoy lunch with partner restaurant, The Point. Share a meal and continue discussions with your peers.
1:30-3:00pm	Operations Roundtables with DC Central Kitchen	A split session with the option to move freely between topics, speakers, and discussions, we will hear from a wide array of DC Central Kitchens' operations team, and cover topics including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Local Sourcing and Menu Planning:● Food recovery● Sustainability● Expanding Healthy Food Access Engagement will include small group discussion, mini-presentations, and resources on DCCK's practices.
3:00-3:15pm	Break	Finish tours and get ready for an engaging day of sessions and networking.
3:15-4:30pm	Program Practices: Trauma-Informed care beyond the program	Ja'Sent Brown, Chief Impact Officer at DC Central Kitchen, will join us to lead a session on their approaches to trauma-informed care and resiliency for their students and graduates. Engagement will include presentations, resources, and brainstorming activities.



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4:30-6:00pm	Networking Happy Hour @ DCCK HUB	After a short presentation on what’s coming this year from Catalyst Kitchens, we will have an open happy hour for networking with other conference attendees and DC Central Kitchen staff.
6:00pm	End of Day 1	

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Day 2, Date: May 5, 2024, 09:00am – 2:00pm

Time (local time)	Session	Details
9:00-9:30am	Breakfast & Welcome to Day 2	Light breakfast and coffee provided. We will do a short recap of the agenda for Day 2.
9:30-10:15am	Partner Highlight: Jacques Pépin Foundation	Jennifer Quigley Harris will join us from network partner, the Jacques Pépin Foundation, and talk about their latest efforts, funds, and available supports for teaching kitchens and training programs.
10:15-11:15am	PR for your nonprofit: From press release to personal relationship	Melissa Gold and Alex Moore from the development team at DC Central Kitchen join us to discuss their practices in spreading and highlighting mission achievement through public relations. Engagement will include Q&A, resources, and brainstorming activities.
11:15-11:30am	Break	Grab coffee and ready for the remaining sessions and networking. Lunches to-go will be available for those needing to leave early.
11:30am-1:00pm	Human Resource Strategy for Career Pathways, Employing Program graduates	Tee Okasi-Nwozo and Kay Grays join us from DC Central Kitchen to talk about the innovative ways they are using their own organization to build career ladders for graduates and their goals to increase graduate employment across departments. Engagement will include presentations, resources, and brainstorming sessions on how to adopt similar practices in your own programs.
1:00pm-2:00pm	Wrap Up & Lunch	Catalyst Kitchens staff will wrap up the summit and share feedback surveys and ways to stay engaged, leading into lunch and the end of our summit.
2:00pm	Close of Day 2: End of Regional Summit	