

# Connecticut Conference & Tradeshow

*Where Changemakers Come Together*





## *A Message From Our Team*

**Dear Valued Member,**

We're excited to invite you to the LeadingAge Connecticut & Rhode Island Conference & Tradeshow. As our largest event of the year, this conference brings together passionate leaders and dedicated professionals committed to advancing aging services. Together, we'll exchange ideas, inspire one another, and drive meaningful progress toward a future where every older adult can thrive.

This year's theme, **Changemakers**, celebrates the individuals and organizations who are driving innovation, challenging the status quo, and leading positive transformation across our field. Each of us has the power to create change—whether through bold new ideas, everyday acts of leadership, or a continued commitment to excellence in care. This conference is a chance to recognize that impact and to empower one another to keep moving forward.

Our community is built on compassion, collaboration, and innovation, and your voice is an essential part of that. Let's come together to share, learn, and energize one another as **changemakers** in aging services.

We look forward to seeing you at the Conference!

*Sincerely,*

**Mag, Beth, Allison, and Nurka**

The LeadingAge Connecticut & Rhode Island Team

# About the Conference

## Changemakers

We are innovators, catalysts, advocates, and visionaries. Within LeadingAge, we are not just responding to change—we are leading it. Together we challenge assumptions, remove obstacles, and drive meaningful change across aging services.

Where do **changemakers** gather to recharge, refocus, and rise to what's next?

**The Aqua Turf Club | Plantsville, CT**

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

This is your moment to connect with fellow trailblazers, share bold ideas, and gain inspiration to fuel your mission.

Join us and be part of shaping the future of aging.

## Registration Information

Be part of a dynamic day designed for changemakers across aging services.

Join colleagues from across the field for a day designed to spark ideas, strengthen connections, and leave you motivated for the year ahead.

**LeadingAge Connecticut & Rhode Island Provider Members: \$99**

**Non-Members: \$199**

- Registration is a commitment to pay in full
- CEU credits will be available to attendees post conference.
- The deadline to register will be Wednesday, May 13.

### Registration includes:

- A full day of education, networking and recharging
- Continental breakfast and lunch
- An unforgettable aging services and senior living tradeshow experience
- Prizes, games, and awards

**Please note:** Business members are not eligible to register at the provider member or non-member rate. Businesses wishing to attend the conference must register as exhibitors. No exceptions can be made.



# Conference Schedule

**8:30 to 9:30**

## Breakfast and Welcome

Continental Networking Breakfast and Opening Remarks

Registration opens at 8:30 am. Kick off your day as a **changemaker** with a continental breakfast and time to connect, recharge, and get inspired for the day ahead.

**9:30 to 10:30**

## Morning Keynote

Start your day with inspiration and fresh perspective to spark meaningful change.

### **The Joy Jolt Effect: Energize Your Culture and Ignite Change**

**Presenter: Kathy Parry**

Low energy can quietly impact morale, productivity, and quality of care in senior living, but joy may be the missing spark. In this energizing keynote, Kathy Parry shares how joy, not just motivation, drives engagement, loyalty, and retention.

Through research-based insights and real-world stories, attendees will explore the pillars of organizational joy, purpose, loyalty, and gratitude, and learn how strong connections create resilient, thriving teams. Walk away inspired to lead with a growth mindset and build cultures where staff, residents, and families flourish.

**10:30 to 12:30**

## Tradeshow Experience

Network with vendors and connect with fellow **changemakers**.

Step into the tradeshow and connect with fellow **changemakers**, engage with trusted partners and companies, and discover innovative solutions and services that inspire meaningful change.

### **Opportunity to Highlight a Resident at the Connecticut Conference**

Celebrate the residents who make a difference. Submit a resident story to recognize and honor the individuals who inspire and shape the future of aging services.

Selected stories will be featured in a slideshow playing throughout the tradeshow, highlighting their impact, experiences, and contributions across our communities.

For more information on how to submit your story, please scan the QR code and be part of a powerful showcase celebrating the stories that define our field.



# Conference Schedule

**12:30 to 1:30**

## Networking Lunch

Recharge, connect, and keep the momentum going.

Enjoy a delicious lunch with your colleagues and take advantage of the opportunity to have a professional photo taken with your team!

**1:30 to 2:00**

## Aging Services Awards of Excellence

Celebrate this year's Aging Services Awards of Excellence recipients.



Join us to honor the recipients of this year's Aging Services Award of Excellence. This recognition honors individuals whose dedication, compassion, and leadership make a lasting difference in the field of aging services within our membership.

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**1:30 to 2:30**

## Afternoon Session

Choose to Soar: Becoming Change Makers in Every Season of Service

### **Choose to Soar: Becoming Change Makers in Every Season of Service**

**Presenter: Annie Meehan**

Choose to Soar is a high-energy, heartfelt signature session that reignites purpose, restores perspective, and reminds every attendee they are a change maker, no matter their title. Through humor, storytelling, and practical tools, Annie inspires participants to rise above challenges, lead with perspective, and approach residents and clients with renewed compassion and dignity. Attendees will leave energized, valued, and recommitted to serving with resilience, grace, and a renewed sense of purpose.

**2:30 to 3:30**

## Raffles, Grand Prize Drawing & Closing

Vendor raffles, grand prize drawing, and closing remarks.

End the day on a high note with exciting raffles and your chance to win the grand prize drawing of a Sonos Move 2 Speaker, an advanced portable speaker delivers powerful stereo sound with effortless versatility, indoors and out.

**Grand Prize Sponsored by Gold Partner, KBE Building**



# Registration Information

You may register online OR by mail/email—choose the option that works best for you:

Register for this event below

(Guest)

Registrant Name \*

First Name  Last Name

Organization\*

Address - Preferred

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Line 2

City  Select State/Province  Zip/Postal Code

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Job Title\*

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## Online via the LeadingAge Connecticut & Rhode Island Website

Register yourself and your team at [www.leadingagectri.org](http://www.leadingagectri.org)

- Click Meetings and Events → CT Conference & Tradeshow → Provider Member → Online Registration - Now Open! → Register guest
- Complete the online form for each individual guest

**Registration Form**

Connecticut Conference & Tradeshow  
Wallingford, May 13  
The AquaTurf Club | Hartford, CT

Please complete this form and return it via email or mail.

Organization Name:

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Please share any food restrictions we should be aware of:  
How did you hear about our conference:

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## Email or Mail

Complete a registration form and send it to us!

### Mailing Address:

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**If you have any questions, please contact Nurka Carrero at [ncarrero@leadingagectri.org](mailto:ncarrero@leadingagectri.org) or call us at (203) 678-4477.**

## Registration Deadline is May 13, 2026.

Please note that registration is a commitment to pay in full. However, if your organization is undergoing a health inspection survey on the day of the conference, LeadingAge Connecticut & Rhode Island will provide a refund.

**We will not be able to provide refunds for any other reasons after May 13.**

## Photo Consent Disclosure

I understand that my photo may be taken at this conference, and that said material may be used in future conference materials. By submitting this registration form, I grant full permission for organizers to use photos and quotations from me in legitimate accounts and promotions of this event.



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