

Call for Interest in Pre-NCHEP Convening: Expanding Legal Training and Legal Career Pathways

People who have experienced the justice system firsthand bring invaluable knowledge—whether from representing themselves, helping others as jailhouse lawyers, or navigating complex legal processes.

Many have earned paralegal or law degrees and have built meaningful careers in the legal field. Yet, too few legal training and career opportunities exist, and too many barriers stand in the way of system-impacted individuals who aspire to make a difference.

Together, we can change this.

Ascendium is bringing together people actively engaged in expanding legal training and legal-career pathways for system-impacted individuals on April 8, 2026, in conjunction with NCHEP 2026.

The convening is intended for people with a direct connection to the topic including those who:

- Have served as jailhouse lawyers
- Earned legal credentials while incarcerated
- Provide legal training in carceral settings
- Work on character and fitness and other legal licensure requirements

Please complete our [interest form](#) by December 12, 2025 if you want to attend or get more information, and please send any questions to legal@ascendiumeducation.org.