2026 Disability Leadership Summit

Advancing Leaders with Disabilities in the workplace

February 24-25, 2026 (online)

An annual, nationwide conference that brings together hundreds of professionals across sectors to support the advancement of leaders with disabilities in the workplace.

- Network with other leaders with disabilities across sectors.
- Gain practical advice on leveraging ERGs/BRGs to advance careers.
- Participate in workshops on personal leadership planning, brand-building, and effective storytelling.

"Building my brand can put me in positions where I can cultivate more inclusive workspaces."

- 2025 Summit attendee

2025 Speakers



Rachel Arfa Keynote Speaker Commissioner, City of Chicago





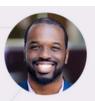
Kim Knackstedt Principal Consultant, Unlock Access, LLC



Catarina Rivera Keynote Speaker DEIA Consultant and Founder, Blindish Latina



Zane Landin Associate Product Marketing Manager, Google



Eric Harris Director of Public Policy, Disability Rights California



Emily Voorde Founder & CEO, INTO Strategies



Kim Holmes President & CEO, Kim B. Holmes Consulting



Rebecca Williford President & CEO, Disability Rights Advocates

Opportunities For Partnership

We are seeking partners who want to build the business case for inclusive leadership, shift power to people with disabilities, strengthen networks of professionals with disabilities, and increase visibility of leaders with disabilities.

Partnering with the Summit is an opportunity to:

- Position your organization as a leader in inclusive leadership development.
- Influence the future of professional disability leadership.
- Connect meaningfully with an engaged national audience of leaders with disabilities.

Partners receive free registrations, the option to introduce a keynote speaker, and the opportunity for one employee to participate in an advisory group session shaping the Summit. All partners are recognized on Disability Lead marketing channels, reaching more than 10,000 engaged and influential leaders.

Summit Testimonials

"I really appreciate the virtual format, as someone with Long Covid. And the two Keynote speakers were dynamite. The honesty and inspiration they brought was something I really needed in this moment."

— Jessica Olson, Community Tech Network

"I struggle to advocate for myself. This Summit gave me more courage to advocate for myself, and that will inherently help me advocate for others better too."

— Brooke Ellis, DePaul University

2025 Partners

Key Stats from 2025



125+ participants with disabilities and allies from across the country and across sectors.



88% of attendees reported the Summit met or exceeded expectations.



206,000+ impressions across Disability Lead social media channels.



9 session recordings made available for post-Summit learning and sharing.















