



NLx Research Hub

Connect 2026

July 7-8, 2026 | Washington, DC | Grand Hyatt Washington

Draft Agenda

TUESDAY, JULY 7

9:00 – 10:30a	GENERAL SESSION	Independence DE
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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Paul Daniels, Senior Manager, NLx Research Hub, NASWA

Marissa Hashizume, NLx Research Hub Economist, NASWA

UNDERSTANDING NLx JOB POSTINGS

Tammy Flynn, Senior Manager, NLx, NASWA

Mike Witt, Community & State Outreach Manager, DirectEmployers Association

10:30 – 10:45a	NETWORKING BREAK	Independence DE
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10:45a – 12:00p	GENERAL SESSION	Independence DE
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GETTING MORE FROM THE NLx DATA

Marissa Hashizume, NLx Research Hub Economist, NASWA

USER SPOTLIGHTS: DATA QUALITY

12:00 – 1:00p	HOSTED LUNCH	Independence BC
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1:00 – 3:00p	GENERAL SESSION	Independence DE
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PANEL: HOW DO WE SOLVE A PROBLEM LIKE SKILLS?

USER SPOTLIGHTS: EMERGING OCCUPATIONS, SKILLS, EDUCATION ALIGNMENT

3:00 – 3:15p **NETWORKING BREAK** Independence DE

3:15 – 5:00p **GENERAL SESSION** Independence DE

STRUCTURING THE NLx DATA

USER SPOTLIGHTS: PARSED DATA

DAY 1 WRAP-UP AND A LOOK AT DAY 2

5:30 – 7:00p **RECEPTION** Independence BC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

7:30 – 8:30a **HOSTED BREAKFAST** Independence BC

8:30 – 10:00a **GENERAL SESSION** Independence DE

NLx RESEARCH HUB COMMUNITY INCUBATOR

10:00 – 10:15a **NETWORKING BREAK** Independence DE

10:15 – 12:00p **GENERAL SESSION** Independence DE

PANEL – ESTABLISHING A SOURCE OF TRUTH IN AN AGE OF AI, DECLINING BUDGETS AND LOW RESPONSE RATES

THE NLx RESEARCH HUB ROADMAP: WHAT'S NEXT?