

New Innovation Studio Challenge Info Session

Attendees

January 9, 2026

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- Aaron Mitchell – **Garfield Park Community Council**
- Adnan Mehmood – **Adams Associates LLC**
- Alexa Beata- **Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)**
- Alison Bouchard – **NAMI Chicago**
- Ammar Almagir – **Zim & Associates**
- Andrea Tentner – **NORC at the University of Chicago**
- Andrew Bair – **Jumpstart Mastery LLC**
- Andy Rapoport – **Northwestern University**
- Beatrix Yan – **Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)**
- Bogdan Kapatsila – **University of Iowa**
- Cristina Chaidez - **Metropolitan Family Services**
- Casey Shearson – **NAMI Chicago**
- Dan Gapsch – **Jumpstart Mastery**
- Darren Dunham – **Trilogy Behavioral Healthcare**
- Derek Pieper – **A Safe Haven Foundation**
- Diane Latiker – **Kids Off the Block NFP**
- E Carter – **Justice Advisory Council**
- Erica Szkody – **Northwestern University**
- Erin Lach – **Alderman Jim Gardiner, 45th Ward**
- Gena Moore – **The Alliance to End Homelessness**
- Harold Pollack – **University of Chicago**
- Heather Ferguson - **WSP**
- Iley Jackson – **Violence Interrupters**
- Jade Ayala – **Prism Health Lab**
- Jasmine Watkins – **NAMI Chicago**
- Jeanne McClure - **Thresholds**
- Jennifer Peterson – **Institute for Healthcare Delivery Design (IHDD)**
- Jeremiah Martin – **A Safe Haven**
- Jessica Dubuar – **Haymarket Center**
- Jessica Schleider – **Northwestern University**
- John Paul Jones – **Redline Extension TIF Coalition**
- Juan Pablo Zapata – **Northwestern University**
- Justin Bartkus – **UIC Institute for Healthcare Delivery Design (IHDD)**

- Joy Darr – **Inspiration Corporation**
- Justine Rakestraw – **Transit Technologies**
- Kathy Ziecik – **NAMI Chicago**
- Linda Sharp – **City of Chicago**
- Luis Guiterrez – **Cicero Police Department**
- Mark Anderson – **Civility Productions**
- Massiel Hernandez – **C.A.R.E**
- Matt Fishback – **Cook County Sheriff’s Office**
- Matt Weiss – **Equiticity, The Racial Equity Movement**
- Monique Simmons – **Human Resource Development Institute**
- Natalie DeGrechie - **Thresholds**
- Natasha Tims - **WAVE**
- Nicole Richardson - **Thresholds**
- Oscar Martinez – **Street Samaritans**
- Philip Cusic – **Revive Impact for Change**
- Robert Bermingham – **Lutheran Social Services of Illinois**
- Remel Terry - **Equiticity**
- Sam Castro – **Institute for Nonviolence Chicago**
- Sharonda Giles – **Metropolitan Family Services**
- Sheila Haennicke – **West Side Heroin/Opioid Task Force**
- Stephanie Whitcomb - **WSP**
- Swati Goyal - **CCH**
- Tom Nutter – **Cook County Health - Office of Behavioral Health**
- Vanessa Taliferro- **AD-V Business Consulting, Inc**
- Yoav Margalit – **Cook County Board of Commissioners**