

Breakout Session Strand Descriptions



1. Leadership in Action – Executing Visionary Strategies

This strand focuses on how ESAs turn bold vision into measurable results. Sessions highlight transformative leadership strategies, accountability and impact measurement, scaling influence and capacity, and developing strong talent pipelines for teachers, administrators, and ESA professionals.

2. Innovation & Technology – Driving Systemic Change

Centered on forward-thinking practices, this strand explores how AI, educational technology, and data analytics are transforming ESAs. It emphasizes collaboration, collective impact, and strategies for scaling innovative pilot projects into sustainable, system-wide solutions.

3. Entrepreneurship & Sustainability – Ensuring the Future of ESAs

This strand examines how ESAs can build long-term sustainability through strategic funding models, strong cross-sector partnerships, service expansion, and operational resilience. The focus is on strengthening financial health and adaptability to ensure future growth and impact.

4. Student-Centered Solutions – Advancing Access

Designed around improving outcomes for students, this strand highlights strategies to close opportunity gaps, expand access, enhance student engagement, and deliver innovative services—particularly for rural and underserved districts—while preparing learners and educators for the future workforce.

5. Governance / ESA Board

This strand addresses effective board leadership and governance practices that support long-term sustainability. Topics include clarifying board roles and responsibilities, strategic planning processes, legal updates, and current issues facing ESA boards.

6. Administrative Excellence – Empowering the ESA Backbone

NEW THIS YEAR!

Focused on strengthening organizational infrastructure, this strand explores data governance, executive support best practices, process improvement, and emerging technologies such as automation and AI. It highlights the evolving role of administrative professionals as strategic partners driving organizational effectiveness.