

EncoreConnecticut

Fall 2025 Schedule at a Glance

All classes meet on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm in Room 219 at the UConn Hartford Campus, except for September 20th which will be held at Connecticut Foodshare in Wallingford. Please see back page for maps.

Optional Free Friday Half-Day & Full-Day Seminars:

Go to [Public Service Executive Leadership Collaborative](#) to find the seminars and dates. Pre-registration required. Promo Code: ENCORE.

Day 1		Saturday, September 6, 2025	
Time	Curriculum		
9:00-11:00am	Welcome & Introductions		
11:00 - 11:15am	Curriculum and Schedule Review		
15 min	Break		
11:30am – Noon	Introspection with Tom Ruderman		
Noon - 12:45 pm	Lunch 1st Floor, Zach’s Atrium		
12:45pm – 1:30 pm	Break Out Groups Bonding Tom Ruderman Facilitating		
15 min	Break		
1:45-pm - 3:00 pm	Meet with Encore Alumni Bob Graulich Liliana Serrano Leisa Hinds Simpson Kathryn Stamps Kristen Susman		
3:00 pm –3:15 pm	Fellowship Questions and Process Touchbase		

Day 2		Saturday, September 13, 2025	
Time	Curriculum		
Governance			
9:00 -11am	<p style="text-align: center;">Who Owns This house? Rules, laws, ethics, BOD dynamics, and structure with Priya Morganstern, Esq. Connecticut Director Pro Bono Partnership (With break)</p>		
15 min	Break		
Community Engagement & Partnerships			
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Robert Hebert</i> Chief Strategic Officer Career Resources, Inc. and Marc Donald President & CEO Catalyst CT</p>		
12:30 - 1pm	Lunch 1st Floor, Zach's Atrium		
Operating Nonprofits Today			
1-3pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Facilitated by Scott Wilderman President & CEO Career Resources</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gian-Carl Casa President & CEO Connecticut Alliance of Nonprofits</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Merz CEO Advancing Connecticut Together</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Susan Schnitzer President & CEO Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants</p>		

Day 3 Saturday, September 20, 2025 @ Connecticut Foodshare 2 Research Pkwy, Wallingford, CT	
Time	Curriculum
(8:30am) 9:00 – 11:00 am	Volunteer Food Sorting (8:30am: Gather in Community Engagement Room to settle in with Coffee & Tea.)
	Break
11:15 am – 12:15pm	Tour of Facility
12:15 -1:00 pm	Lunch
Building A Fund Development Plan (Second Floor Board Room)	
1:00 -3:00 pm	Beverly Catchpole Chief Giving Officer & Arnold Berman Stewardship Manager of Connecticut Foodshare

Thursday, Sept. 25 7-8 pm	Interviewing Workshop with Tom Ruderman
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Day 4		Saturday, October 4, 2025	
Time		Curriculum	
		Strategy	
9:00am -10:30 am		Strategic Partnering with David Garvey	
15min		Break	
10:45 am- 12:15 pm		A Foundational Frame to View Nonprofit Strategy with David Nee	
12:15 – 1pm		Lunch 1 st Floor, Zach’s Atrium	
		Communications	
1pm- 2:20 pm		Communications Planning Ben Dubow Executive Director Forge City Works	
		10 Minute Break	
		AI and Nonprofits	
2:30 pm - 3:30pm.		AI Usage, Strategy, and Safety for Nonprofits Nebiyu Daniel Data Analytics Manager Social Impact Partners	

Monday October 6	Fellowships Begin
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Day 5		Saturday, October 25, 2025	
Time	Curriculum		
Nonprofit Accounting			
9am – 11:30	With Rebecca Lyman and Paul Ballasy of CohnReznick (with Break)		
11:30-12:15	Lunch 1 st Floor, Zach’s Atrium		
Representation and Voice in the Connecticut Nonprofit Sector			
12:15 – 1:45pm	Facilitated by Andréa Hawkins Founder & CEO Leading Culture Solutions With Sarah Bodley Executive Director reSET Kimberly Kersey Executive Director Artists Collective Curtis Porter, III Managing Director Office of School Choice Capital Region Education Council (CREC)		
15 min	Break		
Leadership			
2:00-3:30 pm	The Shackleton Survival Case & Adaptive Leadership <i>with</i> Scott Wilderman		

Day 6 Saturday, November 1, 2025	
Time	Curriculum
Philanthropy	
9:00-10:30 am	<p>The Philanthropic Partnership & Trust Based Philanthropy Alexis Bivens, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, CT Council for Philanthropy</p>
10:30- Noon	<p>Donor Roundtable Facilitated by Alexis Bivens With</p> <p>Karen T. Galbo Senior Vice President M&T Bank Charitable Foundation</p> <p>Judy McBride. Director Strategic Partnership Investments Hartford Foundation for Public Giving</p> <p>Diane Sierpina Program Director The Tow Foundation</p>
Noon - 12:45 pm	Lunch 1st Floor, Zach's Atrium
Story Telling	
12:45 - 2:30 pm	<p>with Susan Graham Let's Build It</p>
2:30-3:00 pm	Fellowship Touch base

Day 7		Saturday, November 15. 2025	
Time	Curriculum		
Nonprofit Advocacy			
9 -10:30am	Facilitated by Bob Francis Ben Shaiken, Director of Government Relations CT Community Nonprofit Alliance Stacey Violente-Cote Deputy Director Center for Children’s Advocacy		
15 Min	Break		
Lobbying			
10:45-12:15	with Kate Robinson Principal Gallo & Robinson, LLC		
12:15 - 12:45pm	Lunch 1st Floor, Zach’s Atrium		
CEO Roundtable			
12:45pm- 2:30 pm	Facilitated by Scott Wilderman <i>with</i> Earl Bloodworth Executive Director CT Against Gun Violence Barry Simon President & CEO Oak Hill Other Panelist TBA		
2:30-3:00	Fellowship Touch base		
Friday, December 5 5 – 7pm		Center for Contemporary Culture Hartford Public Library 500 Main Street, Hartford	

Contact Information

If there is a last-minute emergency or issue the day of your program, please **call David or Maura first**. Here is our contact information.

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Saturday, September 20th class
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