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Special Announcements



Book your room today! The HIPPY rate expires on March 6th - availability is limited!

Remember, **Conference Registration** will be Closing on March 9th and there will be **No registration at the conference.**

We Want to Hear from You!

Do you have questions you'd like answered during the HIPPY Town Hall at the conference? Let us know by completing this brief **Town Hall** questionnaire. Your input is important to us!

Dr. Avima D. Lombard Awards Gala: HIPPY's Triple Crown...Bet on Success!

Free for conference attendees! Get ready for the premier event of the 2025 HIPPY US National Conference! This is an event you won't want to miss! With a Baltimore, MD inspired theme it's sure to be a memorable evening. Check out these videos to learn more about the **Gala's theme** and get inspired for the **themed dress code** (not enforced)! Remember, tickets are limited—**register** today!



Registration Assistance!

If you require help with the registration process please refer to the instructional guide: **[How to Register for the 2025 HIPPY US National Conference!](#)**

Paying by Check?

Remit payment to:

HIPPY US
2727 Palisade Ave, Suite 6J
Bronx, NY 10463



Conference T-Shirts

Conference T-shirts are now on sale! Order yours using [this](#) form and pick it up when you check in at the conference. Show your HIPPY pride and be part of the experience!

If you are participating in the **Hill Visit**, we encourage you to order a t-shirt to stand out as a HIPPY US representative.

Historical Lord Baltimore Tour!

Learn more about the fascinating history of the almost 100-year-old Grand Lord Baltimore Hotel. Purchased by the Rubell Family, among the top contemporary art collectors in the world, the Lord Baltimore also celebrates the arts with six amazing art exhibitions and several showpieces throughout the hotel. This exclusive tour, hosted by Lee Johnson-Lowe, will be offered twice during the conference at no cost to you!

Space is limited to 20 participants per tour, so be sure to [reserve](#) your spot early!

The first tour is available on April 7, 5:15 PM.
The second tour is available on April 8, 5:15 PM.

Please note that the April 7th tour conflicts with the Connections and Collaborations Night and which is now sold out. If you have already signed up for Connections and Collaborations night, please leave this session for others who have not.

S&S World Wide Order Update:

All backorders from orders placed prior to February 1st have been shipped as of February 11, 2025 for all sites. S&S is now processing new orders that have come in February 1, 2025 until now. These orders will be shipped in their entirety.

Thank you for your patience during this busy time! If you have any questions reach out to [S&S World Wide](#)



**Stay tuned for the
March Newsletter**

Featured Speakers

You Won't Want to Miss These Amazing Speakers In Person!

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Whether you're a seasoned participant or joining us for the first time, this year's HIPPY US National Conference promises to be our best yet. Get ready to be inspired by this incredible lineup of speakers. Mark your calendars, finalize your plans, and [register](#) today—this is one event you won't want to miss!

Daryl Williams Jr. Pursuit of Excellence

Daryl Williams Jr. is an exceptional educator and leader in the field of education. With a wealth of experience as a middle school math teacher, instructional coach, and now Assistant Principal, Daryl has earned numerous accolades, including National Boards Certification and multiple Teacher of the Year awards. His passion for inspiring educators to elevate classroom practices and his commitment to student success are at the heart of his work. As the founder of Pursuit of Excellence, Daryl dedicates himself to helping students develop essential skills, mindsets, and character strengths, while also inspiring educators through professional development.



Aundrea Wheeler

Assistant Vice President of Curriculum and Instruction at Baltimore City Community College (BCCC)

Aundrea Wheeler is the Assistant Vice President for curriculum and instruction at Baltimore City Community College, managing the College's academic degree programs. She successfully co-chaired BCCC's accreditation Self-Study and is an experienced peer reviewer for SACS, HLC, and MSCHE. With 20 years in higher education, she has held leadership roles in academic affairs, strategic planning, and human resources. Previously, she led public health and government initiatives. Her leadership is guided by excellence, integrity, equity, service, and student success.



You Are Cordially Invited

Dr. Avima D. Lombard

Awards Gala

“HIPPY’s Triple Crown...Betting on Success”

We look forward to your presence as we honor exceptional achievements and share in an unforgettable celebration.

Attire: Preakness Inspired

Embrace the spirit of the races with stylish, race-day fashion—think fascinators, derby hats, and elegant attire that evokes the excitement of this iconic tradition!

Sunday, the Sixth of April
Two Thousand Twenty-Five

Reception Begins at 6:00 pm
Dinner & Presentation Begins at 6:30 pm

Click [here](#) for additional information or support





2025 NATIONAL CONFERENCE CONNECTIONS AND COLLABORATIONS NIGHT

Monday, April 7, 2025

6:00 PM

Historical City Bus and Walking Tour

- Mount Vernon
Historical District
- Federal Hill Park
- Little Italy
- Harbor East
- Harbor Point
- Fells Point
- Choptank restaurant

This event is now full but
you can still join the
waiting list



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Tom Engels Sworn in as HRSA Administrator

Earlier this month, Tom Engels made his return to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and was quietly sworn in as its Administrator, after serving in the same role from 2019 to the end of President Trump's first term. A reminder that HRSA, which is housed within the Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for overseeing the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program. During his first tenure, Engels spearheaded a range of initiatives focused on improving healthcare access and services for underserved populations. On home visiting, Engels stated in 2020 that it "improves the well-being of both parents and children across the life course, leading to healthier and stronger families and communities."

Engels pursued multiple priorities as Administrator, including enhancing HRSA's response to the opioid crisis, focusing on increasing resources and support for communities grappling with opioid addiction; expanding behavioral health services, with particular attention to growing the workforce needed to meet the increasing demand for mental health and substance abuse care; and enhancing medical access for populations in rural areas. Now that Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was officially sworn in last week as the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, expect additional open positions to be filled in the coming weeks.

Measles Outbreak Spreads to New Mexico

Health officials have confirmed 58 measles cases in a cluster affecting West Texas and neighboring New Mexico. New Mexico health officials stated there is no direct contact identified between cases in their state and those in Texas. In Texas, the cases are primarily concentrated within an undervaccinated Mennonite community, while the New Mexico cases include a family of five that is currently in isolation and exposure to many at a local grocery store, church, and elementary school.

Measles is a highly contagious virus that can survive in the air for up to two hours after an infected person has left the room. It can cause serious health complications—especially in children younger than 5 years of age—including pneumonia, blindness, brain swelling and death. The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine has been a safe and highly effective tool against preventing measles since its introduction in 1963; pediatricians recommend the first dose at 12-15 months and the second at 4-6 years. It is also important for adults and older children who are in contact with infants to be vaccinated, to protect children who are too young to receive the vaccine.

Should any parent have concerns about their child's vaccination status, they should contact the child's healthcare team with urgency to ensure their child's protection throughout this virus season.