

2026 Adult Education Institute

Friday, September 18, 2026

Please note: The 2026 AZ Adult Education Institute schedule may be subject to change.

9:00 - 10:15

General Session and Keynote Presenter - Dr. Kiesha King

Time	Session	Presenter(s)	Concurrent Session Title	Strand	Room
10:15 - 10:30			Transition/Vendor Fair		
10:30 - 11:45	Session 3	Yesenia Flores	Importing and Connecting TABE Data to Target Student Instructional Planning	ABE/HSE	VOS E
		JakinDee Perez Kosaka	Navigating O*NET: Strengthening Skills and Empowering Adult Learners	CCN/DATA/SUPPORT	North Mountain
		Jill Scott	Clicks, Claims, and Credibility: Strengthening Media Literacy Skills	ALL	Camelback B
		Dr. Kiesha King	Technology Without Fear: A Facilitated Conversation on Digital Integration in Adult Education	ALL	Paradise Valley
		Sara Gutting	Think Like a Scientist; Reason Like a Historian	ALL	Camelback A
		Beverly Wilson	State of the State	ADMIN	Deer Valley
		Corey Muren	Data Driven Decision Making and Next Steps with Burlington English	ESOL	VOS D
12:00 - 1:00			Lunch		Ballroom
1:10 - 2:15	Session 4	Lisa Pool-Osorio	GED/Leveraging GED & ME in the Classroom: How the New App Is Boosting Engagement, Progress, and Test Success	ABE/HSE	VOS E
		POA	Best Practices for Intake and Orientation	CCN/DATA/SUPPORT	North Mountain
		Rob Podlasek	Teaching with Northstar Digital Literacy Instructional Materials	ALL	Camelback B
		Cathy Elizondo & Jana Harper	AI in Adult Education: Supporting Teachers and Empowering Students (Double Session)	ALL	Paradise Valley
		Heidi Schuler	A CALM Approach to Algebraic Reasoning	ALL	Camelback A
		Joann Bueno	Bridging the Gap: Registered Apprenticeships as a Career Pathway for Adult Learners	ADMIN	Deer Valley
		Daisy Shah	Engaging Learners: Strategies to Spark Motivation and Build Connection	ESOL	VOS D
2:25 - 2:55			Snack Break, Vendor Fair, Pop-Up PD		
2:55 - 4:10	Session 5	Kathy St. John	Writing from the Basement to the Roof	ALL	VOS E
		Wendy Scheder Black	From Learner to Leader: Pathways for Student Leadership, Advocacy, and Impact	CCN/DATA/SUPPORT	North Mountain
		Cathy Elizondo & Jana Harper	AI in Adult Education: Supporting Teachers and Empowering Students (Double Session)	ALL	Paradise Valley
		Jill Scott	Math for Life: Personal Finance as a Pathway to Engagement	ALL	Camelback A
		Beverly Wilson	Roundtable Discussions with Administrators	ADMIN	Deer Valley
		Sara Haghighi	Listen Up! Engaging Low-Beginning ESOL Learners through Purposeful Listening Tasks	ESOL	VOS D
4:10 - 4:25			Transition/Vendor Fair		
4:25 - 5:00	Session 6	AEHSES (Facilitators)	Round Tables (Program Debrief Discussions)	ALL	Paradise Valley
6:00 - 9:00			Boots and Bling (Ticketed Event)		