



## REGISTER BY: OCTOBER 25, 2023

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### SAMPLE SCHEDULE\*

#### MONDAY | NOVEMBER 6

##### Case Kick-Off (In-person\*\*) 6 pm-8 pm

In-person event, Area Agency on Aging Office, 2100 Wharton St. Pittsburgh, PA 15203  
Participants will join us in-person at DHS's Area Agency on Aging to be introduced to their teammates, the case challenge, and learn what to expect throughout the competition.

#### WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 8

##### Executive Summaries Due | 10 am

Teams submit their executive summaries to DHS for internal review.

##### Finalists Announced | 8 pm

DHS will contact all teams to announce which 6 teams will advance to the final, presentation-based round of the competition.

#### SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 11

##### Finalist Presentations (Mandatory In-Person for Finalists) | 11:30 am – 5 pm

In-person event, Area Agency on Aging Office, 2100 Wharton St. Pittsburgh, PA 15203  
Finalists will present their proposals to a panel of judges at DHS's Area Agency on Aging office.

##### Happy Hour | 5 pm -6:30 pm

All participants are invited to attend an optional happy hour with DHS staff.

\* All times are approximate and subject to change  
\*\* Hybrid option available for those not in the Greater Pittsburgh Area

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All services will be

- high quality, comprehensive, and accessible
- individualized and designed to be respectful of the unique cultural characteristics of each individual and/or community
- integrated and offered through a team approach that recognizes the capacity of individuals and families to identify their own strengths, needs, and goals; create relationships with natural supports; and take steps necessary to accomplish these goals

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Department of  
Human Services



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT CASE COMPETITION

The Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) Local Government Case Competition (LGCC) began in 2007 as part of the celebration of DHS' 10th anniversary as an integrated department.

Since then, the competition has grown to include more students from a wider variety of backgrounds and academic disciplines.

The competition is generously funded by the Human Services Integration Fund (HSIF).

### THE COMPETITION

Like other case competitions, the LGCC highlights challenges and managerial dilemmas faced by government leaders. Competing teams work under pressure to solve a real problem, using simulated business conditions such as time critical deadlines and incomplete information to formulate action-oriented recommendations.

### THE CASE CHALLENGE

The case challenge is not revealed until the Monday night opening reception, but previous topics have included:

- Find innovative solutions to move DHS clients away from housing instability
- Given the range of social determinants of health, propose solutions that improve quality of life outcomes for various populations
- Using emerging technologies to address human service problems

Students will be provided appropriate background materials about the case and about DHS. There is no way to prepare in advance for the case topic.

### THE PREPARATION

After receiving the challenge on Monday evening, randomly assigned teams of students will have until Wednesday morning to work together at their discretion on their executive summary.

All executive summaries must be submitted by 10am on Wednesday to [DHSComp@alleghenycounty.us](mailto:DHSComp@alleghenycounty.us).

Finalists will have approximately 2 days to finalize presentations of their proposals to present to a panel of judges.

### THE JUDGING

Executive summaries will be judged by an internal DHS staff member. The top 6 teams will have the opportunity to present their solution to a panel of judges representing different sectors.

### THE PRIZES

Cash prizes will be awarded to the Top 3 Teams.

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: \$3,500 per team**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: \$2,500 per team**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: \$1,700 per team**

### THE PARTICIPANTS

Students enrolled in graduate programs pertaining to public policy, social work, nonprofit management, public administration, business, law, psychology, design or other related fields may participate.

Students in non-traditional (part-time) programs are eligible.

Undergraduate students are not eligible to participate.

### THE TEAMS

Students are assigned by DHS Staff to an interdisciplinary team of 3-5 students. Students may not assemble their own teams.

Students will receive their team assignments no later than one week prior to kick-off event.

### THE TIME COMMITMENT

All students are encouraged to attend both the kick-off event and the finalists presentations. A hybrid-option will be available for kick-off event in case of out-of-town participants.

Finalists must make arrangements to be in Pittsburgh for presentations.



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