



Hosted by:



Community Development Institute West

Year 2 Agenda

Class Director- Wendy Howell, PCED

July 20-24, 2026

Riverside Hotel, 2900 W. Chinden Blvd, Garden City, ID 83714

Where to go: All classes will be held in the **Liberty** room unless otherwise noted below.

Sessions where Years 2 & 3 meet together will be held in **Liberty**.

Monday, July 20, 2026

7:00 am - 8:00 am: Registration / Breakfast, Location: Liberty Landing

8:00 am – 8:15 am: General Session – Welcome / Opening Remarks, Location: Cinnabar

8:15 am – 9:15 am: Keynote - Civic Cardio: Get Your Community Moving with Holli Conde, Dave Krick, Hannah Mae Shaeffer and Russ Stoddard, moderator Erik Kingston

9:15 am – 9:30 am: Break, Location: Delamar

9:30 am – 10:00 am: Class Director's Welcome

10:00 am – 11:45 am: Session - Disaster Preparedness & Community Resiliency with Ben Roeber and Jeremy Maxand

11:45 am – 12:00 pm: Class Picture

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch, Location: Cinnabar

1:00 pm – 2:45 pm: Session - Business Attraction & Site selection with Beth Ineck

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm: Break, Location: Delamar

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Session - Housing as a Second Language with Erik Kingston, PCED
(Years 2 & 3 combined)

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm: Networking Dinner at [The Warehouse Food Hall](#), 370 S. 8th Street, Boise. Those who wish to carpool or offer rides should meet in the hotel

lobby at 5:30 p.m. Ample public parking garages are available nearby with varying rates, as well as metered street parking.

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

7:30 am - 8:00 am: Breakfast, Location: Cinnabar

8:00 am – 8:30 am: Class Review

8:30 am – 10:00 am: Session - Small Business Development Center Resources & Crowdfunding with Marie Baker

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Break, Location: Delamar

10:15 am – 12:00 pm: Panel - Leading Through Cyber Risk: Community and Economic Resilience with Marie Baker, Danny Dunn and Chad Payne (Years 2 & 3 combined)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch, Location: Cinnabar

1:00 pm – 2:45 pm: Session - Business Retention & Expansion with Jerry Miller

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm: Break, Location: Delamar

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Session – Connecting World Economies with Jennifer Verdon, Chelsea Conlon and Tracy Day

5:00 pm: Adjourn for the day

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

7:30 am - 8:00 am: Breakfast, Location: Cinnabar

8:00 am – 8:30 am: Class Review

8:30 am – 10:00 am: Session - Downtown Revitalization with Jenny Hemley (Years 2 & 3 combined)

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Break, Location: Delamar

10:15 am – 12:00 pm: Session Tools, Tips and Tricks for Building an Effective Community Transportation Network with Maureen Gresham

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch - Location: Cinnabar

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm: Session - Community and Economic Development Finance with Jeremy McVeety, PCED

3:00 pm: Adjourn for the day

Thursday, July 23, 2026

7:30 am - 8:00 am: Breakfast, Location: Cinnabar

8:00 am – 8:30 am: Class Review

8:30 am – 10:15 am: Session - Navigating Planning and Zoning: How to Site a Project with Mike Williams, CFM

10:15 am – 10:30 am: Break, Location: Delamar

10:30 am – 12:00 pm: Plenary – Data Centers: Assisting Communities in Understanding the Challenges and Opportunities with Dr. Tom Beresnyak and panelists: Paris Dickerson, Dr. Sondra Miller, Lance Sayers & Adam Wenger. Location: Cinnabar

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch, Location: Cinnabar

1:00 pm – 2:45 pm: Session - Access Means Community with panelists Carol Baron, Dana Grover, Erik Kingston, PCED, and Heather M. Zeitlin (Years 2 & 3 combined)

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm: Break, Location: Delamar

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Session - Building Entrepreneurial Communities with Mary Emery

5:00 pm: Adjourn for the day

Friday, July 24, 2026

7:30 am - 8:00 am: Breakfast, Location: Cinnabar

8:00 am – 8:30 am: Class Review

8:30 am – 10:15 am: Session - Making Communities Stronger in Challenging Times with Mary Emery

10:15 am - 10:30 am: Break, Location: Aspen

10:30 am – 12:00 pm: Graduation, Location: Aspen

12:00 pm: Adjourn

Times, classes, and trainers are subject to change.