



AGENDA

Thursday, October 12, 2017

Weathering the Storm

- 9 - 9:30 a.m. **Registration & continental breakfast**
- 9:30 - 9:45 a.m. **Welcome and purpose**
- 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. **Connected conversations**
The ability to engage in meaningful dialogue is critical to individual professional development, and the success of any team. We learn how to talk, but many have not learned how to have connected conversations. In this session, participants will learn how to initiate and engage in intentional, mutually beneficial conversations. It is time to stop talking to each other and start having conversations with each other.
- 10:45 - 11 a.m. **Beverage break**
- 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Inclusion illusion**
Leaders that encourage and embrace diversity can help establish organizations that have the greatest impact in their communities. This participant-centered session provides a platform for individuals to engage in, among other things, Courageous Conversations that will challenge assumptions and expand thoughts regarding the subject of diversity. The unique experiences and backgrounds of the presenter contributes to a lively and meaningful exchange and will provide real-world recommendations and practical tools.
- 12 - 1 p.m. **Lunch** (*included in registration*)
- 1 - 2 p.m. **ABLE leader part I**
Leadership is the art of influence; it's getting others to reach together for shared aspirations. During these challenging times, competent leaders are critical to the success and survival of your organizations efforts. "The A.B.L.E. Leader" is a learning session that equips, encourages, and enlightens leaders to make a significant impact in their organizations and communities. Participants will stretch the boundaries of their comfort zones, while exploring patterns, beliefs, and actions that influence their leadership abilities. Participants will learn the principles of values-based leadership, effective communication techniques, and how to promote change without compromising principles. Join us to discover if you are ready, willing, and "A.B.L.E." to lead forward.
- 2 - 2:15 p.m. **Beverage break**
- 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. **ABLE leader part II**
- 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. **What are your questions?**
- 3:30 p.m. **Conference closing**

About the speaker ►



Charles C. Weathers

Charles Weathers, is the founder of, The Weathers Group, a nationally recognized consulting firm specializing in developing leaders, relationships and strategies that strengthen organizational performance. A USAF veteran, he received his undergraduate degree from Southern Illinois University and his MBA from the University of Phoenix. A recognized authority on leadership, strategy and stakeholder engagement, he is known for his engaging intensity and ability to help groups navigate difficult conversations and decisions.

Charles is a mediator, graduate of Leadership Columbia, a Riley Diversity Fellow, and an American Leadership Forum Senior Fellow. In addition, Charles has logged more than 10,000 facilitation hours over the last 13 years, helping individuals and groups improve their effectiveness, solve problems and make better-informed decisions.

A trusted advisor and coach to leaders in the nonprofit, government and private sectors, he and his family reside in Columbia, South Carolina.