We are looking for sponsors for the 2026 CQI Conference!

The CQI Community Group is composed of human services professionals working to promote and enhance continuous quality improvement (CQI) by providing opportunities for professional development, peer support, and collaboration.

Our annual conference is a capacity-building and networking event. Our audience is primarily CQI staff but also includes leadership and direct service staff from community-based, academic, healthcare and government settings. For each of the last two years the CQI conference has welcomed over 300 registrants from all over the United States and we anticipate that 2026 will be no different.

The 2026 "From Surviving to Thriving: The Next Chapter of CQI" theme represents a pivotal moment for our field. As organizations navigate growing complexity, workforce pressures, and evolving community needs, CQI remains an essential framework for moving beyond day-to-day problem solving toward stronger, more resilient systems. This year's conference focuses on how CQI helps organizations stabilize what matters most, strengthen relationships and processes, and build the capacity to sustain meaningful improvement over time. Sessions will highlight practical tools, lessons learned from the field, and forward-thinking approaches that help teams move from managing challenges to creating environments where people, services, and systems can truly excel. And, this year we are introducing short 15-minute Impact Stories to highlight lived experiences of professionals.

The conference will be held in-person on October 13 & 14, 2026 in Champaign, Illinois. We will utilize the EventsAir event app, which allows participants and presenters to access the conference schedule, sponsors, and fellow attendees before, during and after the event.

You can help with the conference's success by being a sponsor. Below is a list of benefits for sponsoring at various levels:

Sponsorship Levels		**Benefits**
INSPIRE	$100-$499	Recognition at conference and in EventsAir app
INNOVATE	$500-$999	Recognition at conference and in EventsAir app; 1 free registration
IMPACT	$1000-$1499	Recognition at conference, in EventsAir, and on CQI Community Website; 2 free registrations
ICON	$1500 or more	Recognition at conference, in EventsAir, on CQI Community Website, and on CQI Community LinkedIn page, CQI social media exposure and Sponsorship Feature in CQI constant contact; 3 free registrations

If you would like to support this year's conference at one of the sponsorship levels or would like to suggest another way to contribute to the conference (i.e. sponsoring a lunch, special event, giveaways), **please contact Amy Hiles in the Business Office of the School of Social Work at University of Illinois at amyhiles@illinois.edu or (217) 244-8464 to process your transaction.**

Your generous sponsorship will support CQI professionals to build capacity that will impact the children, families and individuals who rely on services and support systems of human service professionals throughout the nation.

Sincerely,

CQI Community Group