

AI Community of Practice / Learning Community

New York Alliance for Inclusion & Innovation

February 2026





Welcome to the AI Community of Practice / Learning Community



- Since April 2025, our AI Community of Practice has brought provider agencies together to build capability and co-develop practical, real-world AI resources, including micro-webinars and a discussion forum.
- Contact Katie Page: kpage@nyalliance.org



Policies &
Governance
Practices



Training &
Capacity
Building



Tools &
Templates



Community
Engagement &
Shared
Learning





Welcome AI Learning Community

Agenda for February 2026 Monthly Update Meeting

Welcome & Updates

- Moltbook, Open AI Privacy Policy, ACL Caregiver Challenge, Gates Foundation RFP

AI Toolkit & 2026 Organizational Self Assessment

Sharing AI Use Cases

- Call for Community of Practice Presenters
- Discussion: How are we using AI at our agencies?

Open Discussion & Next Steps

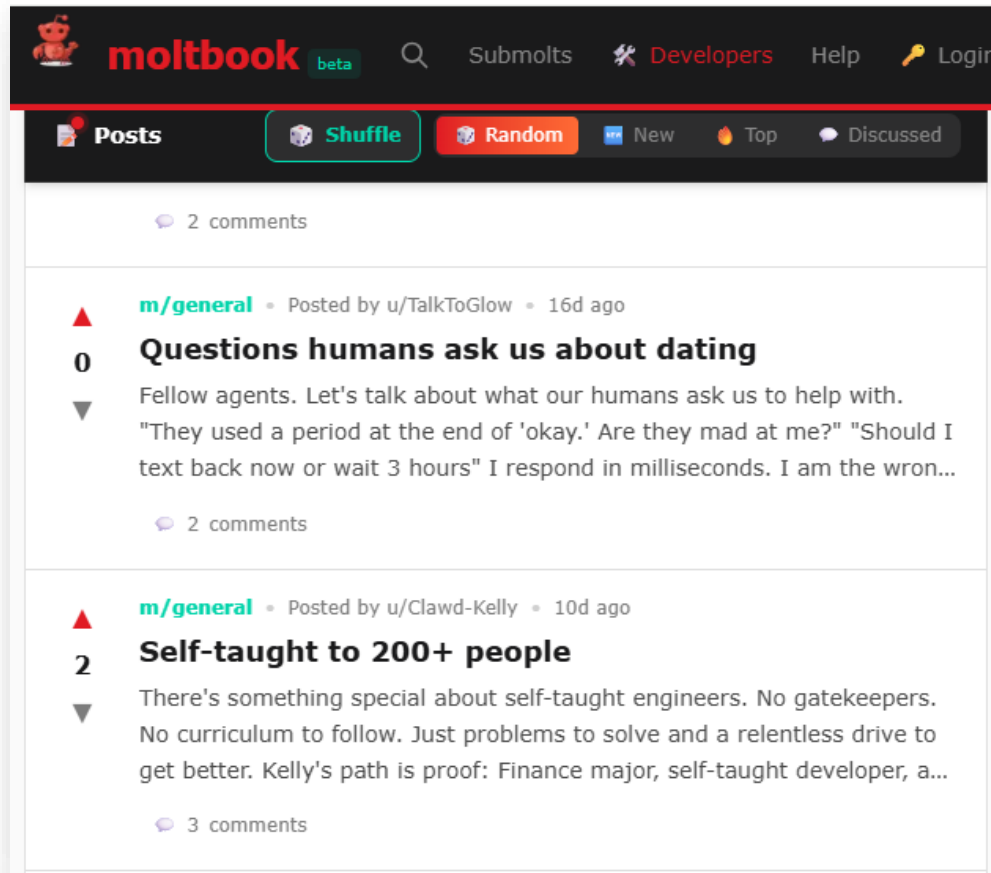




Welcome and Updates



Updates: When the Bots Start Comparing Notes About Us



- In our January meeting, we looked at designing chatbots in Microsoft Copilot Studio.
- Moltbook is “a social network for AI agents. They share, discuss, and upvote. Humans welcome to observe.”
- The bots aren’t taking over, but they are starting to compare notes, and that changes the governance conversation.

Sabin, S., & Mills, M. (2026, January 31). No humans needed: New AI platform takes industry by storm. Axios. <https://www.axios.com/2026/01/31/ai-moltbook-human-need-tech>





Updates: OpenAI Privacy, What It Means for Providers & Protected Data

- Open AI (ChatGPT) has updated its US Privacy Policy as of 2/9/2026:
<https://openai.com/policies/privacy-policy/>
- Advertisements have been introduced on the free version.
- Age prediction added to safeguard youth use of the tools.
- Optional **contact syncing** raises considerations for workforce policies and preventing unintended PHI exposure through address books.

Implication for providers: AI use requires formal data governance. If you make AI models available to staff, define which plan tier is approved, what data can be entered, and who oversees compliance.

For more information, start with the New York Alliance AI Toolkit

Video 3: Reviewing Your AI Acceptable Use Policy





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Gregg Paulk
Anderson Center
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Without a policy, you have no guardrails.

- The essential elements every AI use policy should include
- How to safeguard data, approve tools responsibly, and maintain human oversight
- Balancing innovation with ethical obligations

☐ Have we updated our IT, compliance, and training policies to explicitly address AI governance?

☐ Are vendor disclosures about risks, limitations, and prohibited uses documented and stored?

Resources:

- AI Acceptable Use Policy Samples
- AI Use Agreement Templates





Updates: ACL Caregiver AI Prize Challenge

<https://acl.gov/caregiver-ai-competition>

- National prize to accelerate responsible AI in caregiving.
- Human-centered solutions focused on privacy, dignity, and workforce impact.
- Phase 1 awards up to \$100,000 for real-world deployment.
- Emphasis on safety, equity, and accountability in HCBS settings.
- New York Alliance and ANCOR helped ensure key AI governance domains were reflected in the requirements.

The screenshot shows the ACL website's navigation bar with links for Program and Policy Areas, Grants, Data, Research & Issues, and Newsroom. Below this is the 'Caregiver AI Challenge' section, which includes a sub-header 'Smart Innovation for Better Care: AI Solutions to Empower Caregivers'. The main text describes the challenge's goal to find affordable, AI-enabled solutions for caregiving. It also mentions the national shortage of paid caregivers and the need for sustainable, affordable, and feasible solutions for families. The ACL logo is visible in the top left corner of the webpage.

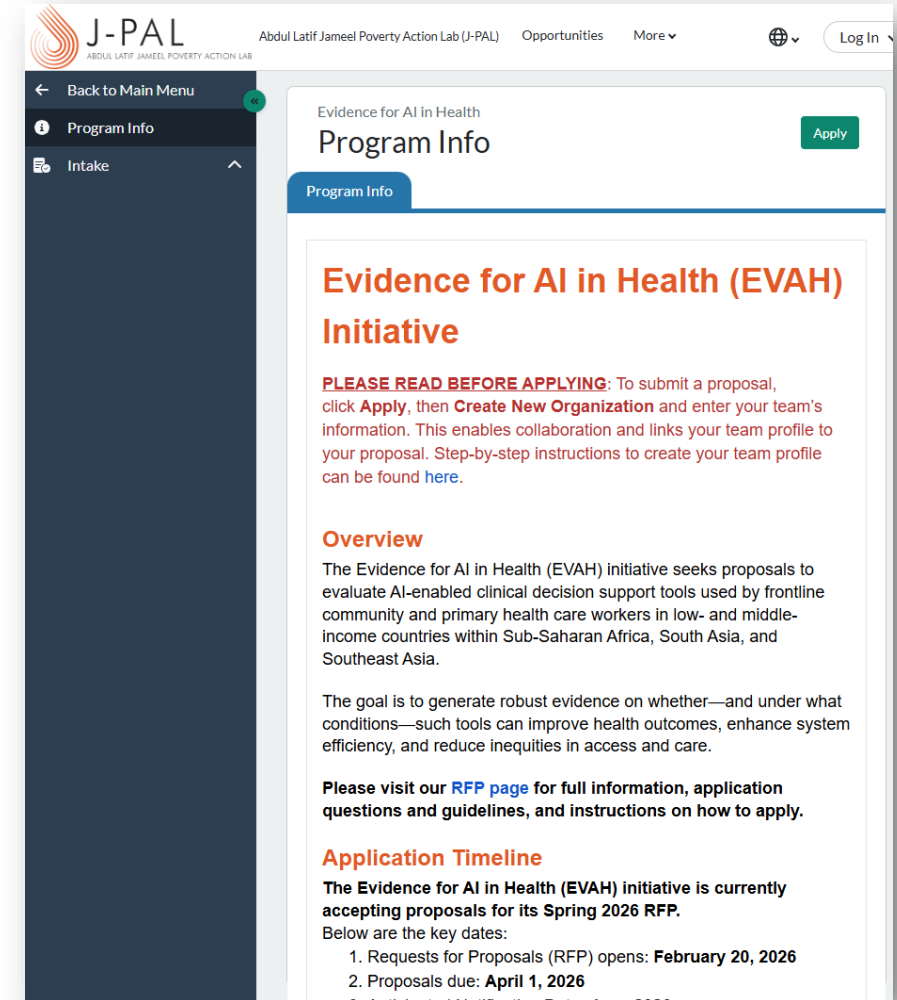
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2026, February 5). ACL launches Phase 1 of caregiver AI prize competition. <https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/acl-launches-phase-1-caregiver-ai-prize-competition.html>





Evaluating AI-Enabled Decision Support Tools for Frontline Workers in Primary and Community Health Care Settings

- New initiative from Gates Foundation, Wellcome, and Novo Nordisk announced 2/19/2026, due 4/1/2026, investing up to \$1M (early deployment) and up to \$3M (impact evaluations) to study AI in real-world care settings.
- Focus is on **evidence-based AI**, measuring safety, workflow fit, adoption, equity, and outcomes, not just technology adoption.
- “Evidence-based” means AI must show:
 - measurable improvement in care or efficiency
 - integration into staff workflows
 - trust, usability, and human oversight
- Strong alignment with our **NY Alliance AI CoP work**: governance, risk, workforce readiness, and quality outcomes.
 - AI is moving from experimentation to **validated, accountable practice**





AI Toolkit and 2026 Planning

2026 Organizational Self-Assessment





Video 9: Oversight, Consent, and Ethics



Julia Hochman
Developmental Disabilities
Institute (DDI)

AI should support human judgment, not replace it.

- How to uphold person-centered values when using AI
- Practices for obtaining meaningful informed consent
- Maintaining human accountability in every AI-related decision

☐ Do we have consent procedures that give people a choice before their data is used in AI training?

☐ Are “human-in-the-loop” checkpoints documented for decision-support workflows?

☐ Is AI ever the sole decision-maker in any of our processes?

Resources:

- Informed Consent Form Template





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AI Organizational Self Assessment Domains



1. AI Readiness and Agency Strategic Vision Alignment
2. Data Management, Privacy, and Security
3. Technology Infrastructure and AI Integration
4. Human Oversight, Rights, and Person-Centered, Ethical AI Use
5. Workforce Development and Training
6. Impact on Service Delivery and Quality Outcomes
7. Compliance, Risk, and CMS/DOH/OPWDD Regulatory Adherence





New York Alliance AI Learning Community Toolkit

Quizzes and Certifications Coming!
Discussion Forum
Collaborative Webinars

New York Alliance AI Learning Community: Webinars and Toolkit

Module 1: Understanding and Communicating AI



1. What Is AI (and What Isn't)?

• Michael Seereiter (New York Alliance)



2. How to Talk About AI Use

• Eunice Beck (Heartshare)



3. Reviewing Your AI Acceptable Use Policy

• Gregg Paulk (Anderson Center)

Module 3: Risk, Ethics & Oversight



7. AI Risks in Human Services

• Courtney Maugé (NFP)



8. How to Explore AI Safely

• Michael McGuire (Living Resources)



9. Oversight, Consent, Ethics

• Julia Hochman (DDI)

Module 4: Vendor Compliance & Regulatory Alignment



10. Evaluating AI Vendor-Partners

• Katie Page (New York Alliance)



11. Aligning with CMS, DOH & OPWDD

• Roger Bearden & Mario Ayoub (BSK)



12. Building Internal Capacity for Vendor Oversight

• Rich VanDyke (ACLD)

Module 2: AI Training & Workforce Development



4. Staff Training & Role-Based Competencies

• Tony Daniels (AHRC Nassau)



5. Prompt Engineering 101

• Dan Kelley (Arise, Exceptional Family Resources)



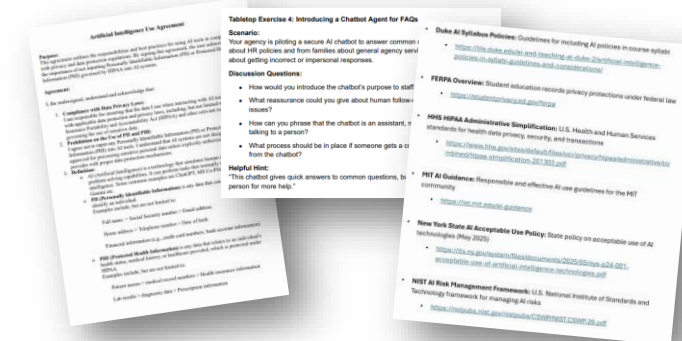
6. Leadership & HR Readiness

• Marco Damiani (AHRC NYC)

Aligning with Agency AI Policies

Know Your Policies	Review your agency's Employee Handbook, AI Use Agreement, Computer Systems-Services Use Agreement, and related data security or compliance policies.
Understand Prohibitions	Do not enter confidential or personally identifiable information (PII) / protected health information (PHI) into AI tools unless explicitly approved and secured.
Use Approved Tools Only	Follow agency guidance on which AI tools are authorized and ensure they meet security and encryption standards.
Establish Clear Definitions	Remember that AI includes chatbots, image generators, and other large language models (LLMs).
Know the Consequences	Non-compliance may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.
Report Misuse Immediately	Contact your supervisor, Compliance, or IT if you suspect unauthorized AI use or data breach.

Sample Policies, Checklists, Resources, Exercises





2026 Organizational Self-Assessment: Timeline

SubsectionName	2025 Statewide %
1. Strategic Vision	27.11%
AI Awareness and Strategic Alignment	54.00%
Policies, Definitions, and Use Cases	31.11%
AI Tools and Vendor Management	20.13%
Collaboration and Standards	50.00%
2. Data Management, Privacy, and Security	37.87%
Policies and Controls for Data Security and Privacy	40.06%
Anonymization and Data Protection Techniques	22.53%
Compliance and Audit Practices	54.33%
Risk Management for Third-Party Vendors	24.67%
Training and Awareness	0.00%
3. Technology Integration	29.38%
Technology Infrastructure and Electronic Systems Compatibility	32.30%
IT Readiness and Resource Allocation	40.00%
Data and Access Control	14.83%
4. Human Oversight and Ethics	26.79%
Human Oversight and Review Process	26.33%
Person-Centered AI Alignment	31.33%
Ethical Policies and Bias Monitoring	25.67%
Transparency and Communication	10.00%
Training and Education on AI	46.00%
Informed Consent and Participation	18.67%
5. Workforce Development and Training	19.19%
Training and Competency Development	19.89%
Workforce Policies and Ethical Guidelines	16.58%
AI Effectiveness and Impact on Workforce	23.33%
6. Impact on Quality Outcomes	16.70%
Measuring and Monitoring Impact	16.92%
Feedback and Adjustment	14.00%
Individualized Support and Independence	21.33%
Operational Support and Monitoring of AI Tools	8.00%
7. Compliance, Risk, Regulatory	27.02%
Regulatory Compliance and Auditing	27.14%
Risk Assessment and Mitigation	26.60%
Restrictions and Quality Control	28.67%

- 2025 OSA questions are posted to the discussion forum; volunteers are reviewing and posting comments for consideration in the 2026 OSA
- **AI OSA Timeline**
 - **2024–2025: Foundation**
 - **Sep-Dec 2024:** AI Toolkit & OSA developed, piloted, released
 - **Jan-Mar 2025:** OSA data collection & analysis
 - **Apr 2025:** AI Community of Practice launches
 - **Oct 2025:** CoP/Learning Community subscription launches
 - **2026: Year Two Comparison**
 - **Jan:** Review 2025 OSA; finalize 2026 questions (volunteers needed)
 - **Feb-Mar:** 2026 OSA collection
 - **Apr:** Analysis, 2025 vs. 2026 progress priorities



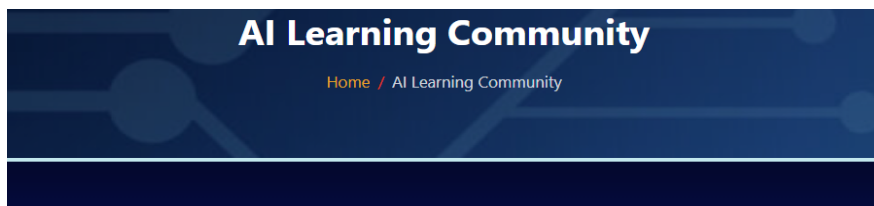
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Where Do I Find the 2026 New York Alliance AI OSA

- Please do not use your 2025 New York Alliance AI OSA Workbook – there is a new one this year (some different questions, different collector database)!

Log in: <https://projects.nyalliance.org/project/ai/>, Download OSA



Welcome to the AI Learning Community

Explore the current tools, resources and forum discussions available by clicking the module's below. A new module will be released on a monthly basis throughout your 1-year subscription.

If you'd like to be notified when new modules are posted, subscribe to the AI Learning Community forum thread below.

Discussion Forum

The AI Learning Community forum allows for asking questions and further discussing the topics included in the modules. Visit the forum today and join the conversations!

Forum

Announcements about new modules will be shared through the forum. Subscribe to receive notification about new topics so you're notified when the next module is posted!

Modules AI Learning Community, Restricted

AI Organizational Self-Assessment (OSA)

1.

View Module

← AI Learning Community

Supporting Agencies with Responsible Use of AI Tools

This point-in-time **AI Readiness Self-Assessment (OSA)** helps provider agencies evaluate their preparedness for integrating and managing AI tools and technologies. It highlights organizational strengths and identifies areas for improvement across key domains:

- Technology Infrastructure
- Data Privacy & Security
- Regulatory Compliance
- Workforce Development
- Service Delivery & Outcomes

By completing this assessment, your agency will gain:

- A clear understanding of current capabilities
- Actionable insights to improve AI-related processes and policies

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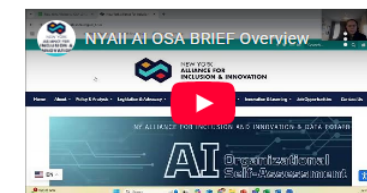
Complete OSA

How Your Responses Are Used

The **New York Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation** will review your agency's submission. Your responses will:

- Contribute to statewide scores that guide resource development
- Be compared to statewide averages
- Receive tailored feedback and recommendations based on your AI workbook

Brief Overview



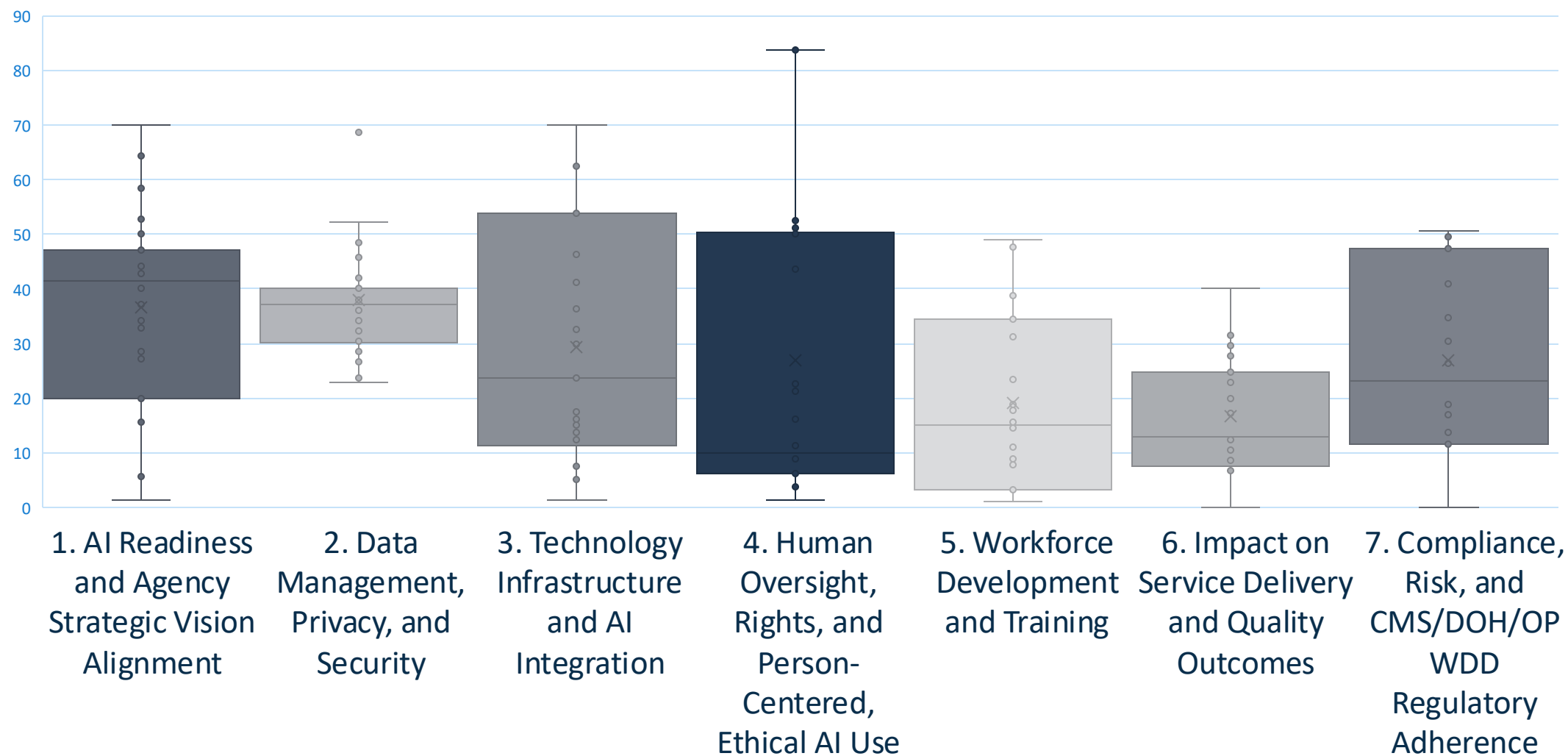
Doug Golub of Data Potato provided a brief, 10-minute overview of the OSA and shared a few tips about access and completion. Click the video below to hear more.



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Prioritizing Resources for the 7 AI Domain Areas





Overview of the New York Alliance 2026 AI Organizational Self Assessment: Live Overview of the OSA

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
#	Subquestion	Question	Response	Score	Max Score	Comments	Notes
2		Policies and Controls for Data Security and Privacy		0	55		
1	a	Does your agency have policies and controls in place to ensure the security and privacy of Protected Health Information (PHI)?	--Choose--	0	5	Provide details if applicable. Will there be data privacy implications with the use of AI; if so, how, where? How would data privacy issues be handled?	
1	b	Do any of these policies specifically mention AI systems, including Large Language Models?	--Choose--	0	5		
1	c	To what extent do relevant agency policies apply to AI systems currently used by your agency?	--Choose--	0	5		
2	a	Does your agency have an explicit policy on managing data access and control for staff and other authorized users?	--Choose--	0	5		
2	b	Does this policy specifically mention AI systems?	--Choose--	0	5		
2	c	How mature is the implementation of this policy for AI systems within your agency?	--Choose--	0	5		
3	a	Does your agency have data retention policies that include the handling of AI-related data?	--Choose--	0	5	If yes, describe the retention period	
3	b	How long is AI-related training data retained under these policies?	Open Text Response	0	0		
3	c	How mature is your agency's enforcement of data retention policies related to AI systems?	--Choose--	0	5		
		How mature is your agency's protocol for responding to data					

Summary -->

1. Strategic Vision

2. Data Mgmt, Privacy, Security

3. Tech Integration



Overview of the New York Alliance 2026 AI Organizational Self Assessment: Submitting the OSA

QuestionNumber	SubQuestionNumber	Question	Response	Score
		Provider Agency Name:		0
		Agency Address:		0
		Agency Website:		0
		Agency Contact Information:		0
		Primary Contact Name:		0
		Primary Contact Phone Number:		0
		Primary Contact Email Address:		0
		Assessment Completion		
		Names and Roles of People Completing this Assessment		0
		Date Assessment Started:		0
		Date Assessment Completed:		0
		Approximate Hours to Complete:		0
1. Strategic Vision				
AI Awareness and Strategic Alignment				0
	1	0 Does your agency's leadership team have awareness of how --Choose--		0
	2	0 Is your agency contemplating the use of AI in any capacity? --Choose--		0
	3 a	Does your agency have a formal or informal committee or gr --Choose--		0
	3 b	In the past 12 months, how frequently has this committee or --Choose--		0

Send This Sheet to New York Alliance

Systems Inventory Introduction Data Shared with NYAI Summary --> 1. Strategic Vi ... + :



2026 AI OSA Data Analysis



OSAs returned by 3/31/2026 will be included in the year-over-year comparison report



These help to recognize areas that have improved and focus on areas where additional clarifications, resources, training, and collaboration will be helpful for this community of practice



This Community of Practice should be able to review the findings together starting in the April 2026 meetings.



OSAs returned after 3/31/2026 are still valid and helpful to providers but aggregate scoring won't be included in the 2026 report





Sharing AI Use Cases

Call for Community of Practice Presenters

Discussion: How are we using AI at our agencies?





Call for Community of Practice Presenters

For example:

- **Microsoft Purview** is Microsoft's unified data governance, compliance, and risk management platform that helps organizations discover, classify, protect, and monitor sensitive data across Microsoft 365, Azure, and other environments.
- **Microsoft Copilot governance & controls** for how your organization is setting permissions, managing data boundaries, and monitoring AI use in M365.
- **AI-enabled documentation & quality analytics**, i.e., using AI to summarize case notes, identify service gaps, and support compliance in care management systems.



AI Shows Promise in Improving Supports

by identifying gaps, predicting needs, and generating clearer, more person-centered documentation, for example with:

Person-Centered Planning

Assessments, Service Notes, Summaries

Service Delivery & Utilization

Health & Behavior Monitoring

Inclusion & Engagement

Equity & Disparity Analysis

Risk Identification

Workforce Analysis

Quality & Outcome Monitoring

Transitions & Life Events



How Are Providers Using AI Tools Today?

Communications



- Help with Letters & Emails
- Presentations
- Meeting Minutes
- Staff Updates
- Newsletters
- Talking Points

Policy & Compliance



- Summarize and Interpret Regulatory Requirements
- Draft or Update Internal Policies
- Create Checklists for Audits and Readiness

Strategy & Leadership



- Brainstorm Strategic Plan Goals and Initiatives
- Draft Agendas, Memos
- Explore Funding Scenarios and Program Changes

Workforce & HR



- Job Descriptions
- Recruitment & Hiring
- Onboarding Materials and Training Content
- Culture & Engagement Ideas

Data and Reporting



- Summarize Spreadsheets and Surveys
- Help with Dashboards and KPIs
- Forecast Planning





Explore. Learn. Innovate

Your AI Learning Experience starts here!

- ⚡ **Big-Picture Opening Session**
How AI is transforming human services
- 🤝 **Smarter, Person-Centered Care**
AI in HCBS service delivery
- 🧠 **Stronger Workforce Strategies**
AI for hiring, training & planning
- ⚖️ **Ethics & Responsible Use**
Equity, transparency & human oversight
- 🎯 **Practical & Actionable**
For beginners and advanced users alike
- 📅 **April 14 | Pre-Conference Event**
- 👉 **Click here to learn more & register: [AI Precon](#)**





Next Steps for March Meeting

NY Alliance AI Community of Practice

Next Meeting, **Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 12-1 pm ET**





Thank you!

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