



**Rewriting
the Story**

Youth Healthcare
Alliance

IMPROVING HEALTHCARE FOR COLORADO'S YOUTH

2026 Annual Conference

Call for Session Proposals

Youth Healthcare Alliance's annual conference brings together school-based clinic providers, managers, staff, and partners to learn with and from each other. Our 2026 conference will be held in-person in Denver, Colorado on April 28-29, 2026. It presents an opportunity for those working at the intersection of healthcare and education to network, collaborate, and increase skills.

This year's theme is "Rewriting the Story: Improving the Landscape of Colorado Youth Healthcare," with the idea in mind that the uncertainty in the healthcare system as we know it provides an opportunity to assess strengths and needs, find creative solutions, and center SBHCs in the narrative. This conference will allow us to unpack many of these different issues, while recognizing that we have the capability to seize opportunities and manage change effectively.

We are seeking speakers to present 60-minute sessions on topics connected to the conference theme that relate to the work and needs of school-based clinics and the youth they serve. We encourage submissions that include school-based clinic staff and youth perspectives and will give priority to presenters who are new to sharing at our conference. If you have presented at this conference within the past three years, please ensure this year's proposal is distinct from the topics you have previously covered. We are especially interested in sessions focused on the topics below, which our membership has expressed interest in learning more about this year.

- Collaborating with schools on alternatives to discipline
- Strategies for addressing vaping and/or marijuana use
- Integrating oral health education and prevention into primary care visits
- Suicide prevention in primary care and integrated care settings
- Current school-linked models of care in Colorado (e.g., pop-up clinics, telehealth hub and spokes, mobile clinics)

New this year, YHA will also be organizing 90-minute interactive, multi-presenter workshops on additional topics and will be recruiting presenters for those through individual outreach. If you have an interest in presenting any of the topics below (which are subject to change) in the workshop format, please reach out to [Rebecca](#) or [Aubrey](#) and we will follow up with you directly.

- Youth engagement
- School relationships / awareness of the SBHC / marketing
- Integrated care when seeing specific overlapping concerns (e.g., headaches, GI issues, eating disorders, reproductive health, vaccine hesitancy, substance use) and billing for these services

Please provide all of the information requested below to ensure your proposal will be considered. **Completed proposals are due by January 23, 2026.** You will be notified about submission decisions by February 13, 2026. Contact [Rebecca Gostlin](#) with any questions about proposals.

Note: Presenters are encouraged, though not required, to attend the full conference at a discounted registration rate. All conference details, including registration and lodging information, will be soon available on our conference webpage.

Overview of Requested Information for Conference Proposals

(for review only - all proposals must be submitted through the [online form](#))

Name and Pronouns:

Position/Title/Credentials:

Organization Name, City/State:

Phone number:

E-mail address:

Presenter Bio: Tell us about yourself and how you are qualified to offer this session. Please use third person narrative, as this bio will be included in the conference program for accepted proposals. 150-word maximum

If the information above is not the primary contact information for this proposal, please enter the name, email, and phone number for the primary contact below.

Co-Presenter information (if applicable)

Name and Pronouns:

Position/Title/Credentials:

Organization:

Organization address:

Phone number:

E-mail address:

Co-Presenter Bio: Tell us how your co-presenter is qualified to offer this session. Please use third person narrative, as this bio will be included in the conference program for accepted proposals. 150-word maximum

Session Details

Session title: 75-word maximum

Session overview Briefly describe the session content. This verbiage will be included in the conference program for selected presentations. 150-word maximum

Full session description 500-word maximum

How will you tie the conference theme into your presentation? 200-word maximum

How will you deliver the material? (select all that apply)

- Slide presentation
- Panel discussion
- Handouts
- Facilitation of small group discussions
- Other:

Session Objectives

What will the audience take away from your session? Please list a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 specific session objectives. "Attendees will understand/experience/gain/be able to ..."

Objectives for presentations selected for the conference will be shared with and reviewed by the Weitzman Institute to support their ability to issue continuing education hours for conference attendees.

Objective 1 (required)

Objective 2 (required)

Objective 3 (required)

Objective 4 (optional)

Objective 5 (optional)