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2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE FINAL AGENDA

Tuesday, April 28, 2026		
12:30-1:30	Registration & Informal Networking	
1:30-2:30	Welcome & Keynote Address: "From Presence to Power: Cultivating the Advocate Within" Dr. Heather Kennedy, MPH, PhD	
2:30-3:30	Youth & Community Engagement Workshop: Using "Infomercials" to Teach Communication Skills with Heart and Humor Dr. Heather Kennedy, MPH, PhD	
AFTERNOON SNACK		
3:45-4:45	Communication Strategies for Educators and Health Professionals for Youth Suicidality: Supporting Kids, Families, and Each Other Dr. Cassidy McNitt and Dr. Austin Butterfield	School-Based Health Centers as Alternatives to Discipline YHA and Combating Youth Vaping Grantees



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8:15-8:45	Registration and Breakfast	
8:45-9:00	Welcome Message	
9:10-10:10	From Survey to Strategy: Transforming Youth Vaping Data into School-Based Interventions Dr. Kristie Ladegard, Becky Bloedow, and Dr. Tyrone Braxton	The Harder Side of Helping Daniel Champer
MORNING SNACK		
10:30-12:00	⚡ Lightning Learning ⚡ Rotate through six mini-presentations from SBHCs on the topics of integrated care, serving newcomer and immigrant patients, collaborating with schools to support student/patient needs, hosting pop-up vaccine clinics, integrating oral health into primary care, and using data to share your SBHC's work.	
12:00-1:30	LUNCH Informal Networking	

<p>1:30-2:30</p>	<p>Advancing Suicide Care in Colorado: Safer, Stronger Systems to Support Youth</p> <p>Conlin Bass and Hannah Fageeh</p>	<p>Plot Twist: It Takes More than Building a Seat at the Table to Engage Youth</p> <p>Lauren Cikara and Maria Sandoval</p>
<p>AFTERNOON SNACK</p>		
<p>2:45-3:45</p>	<p>Community of Connection Structured Networking by Region</p>	
<p>4:00-5:00</p>	<p>Celebration and Closing <i>Inspiration Awards & Fundraiser Updates</i> <i>Closing remarks from Aubrey Hill</i></p>	