
Conference Overview

The [Annual Conference on Adolescent Health](#) brings together an **interdisciplinary community** of health care professionals to share research and best practices aimed at improving adolescent-centered care. Each year, the conference hosts over **400 attendees** from nearly all **50 states**, and a growing international community.

A primary goal of the conference is to **amplify youth voice** and experience. More than half of the sessions at the event are **co-facilitated by youth**, and the planning of the conference is guided by AHI's [Teen Advisory Council \(TAC TAC\)](#).

Attendees of the event are from a variety of professional fields including but not limited to physicians, nurses, social workers, health educators, health center staff, coordinators, students, and beyond.

The Adolescent Health Initiative (AHI) is working to plan an event that **best meets the needs of the adolescent health community**. In efforts to best support the diverse experiences of the attendee base, AHI is still determining whether the event will be in-person or virtual. The team plans to **provide an official update in the Fall**. In the official Call for Proposals submission form, applicants will have the opportunity to indicate if they are available to present virtually, in-person, or both.

This year's event will be held on **May 13-14, 2021**. If the event is held in person, it will be in Ann Arbor, MI. Call for proposals will be open between **July 27-September 25**. The contact information submitted in [the application](#) will be used to contact all applicants on the status of their acceptance in **early October 2020**.

Types of Proposals

The Annual Conference on Adolescent Health is [accepting submissions](#) to present breakout sessions, oral presentations, and poster presentations. Applicants are welcome to submit multiple proposals, and have the opportunity within the submission form to indicate if they are interested in presenting in more than one format.

- **A Breakout Session** is a 60-minute, repeated presentation which includes audience interaction and/or discussion. Breakout sessions should enhance the skills and knowledge of a multidisciplinary audience of adolescent health professionals. We are hoping to provide a mix of introductory and advanced content.
- **An Oral Presentation** is a 15-minute presentation with 5 minutes for questions. These sessions are intended to share innovative research, practices, and programs. Works in progress that will be completed by the conference date can be submitted.
- **A Poster Presentation** is intended to share innovative research, practice, or programs. Works in progress that will be completed by the conference date can be submitted.

All applicants will be asked to identify the primary categories that their presentation is associated with. These categories include **Community Based Interventions, Mental Health, Primary Care, School-Based Health, and Sexual Health**.

Information Needed for Submission of Breakout Sessions

The following questions will be asked in the submission survey for breakout sessions:

1. Title of Breakout Session
2. Description: please describe the content of this session and its relevance to adolescent health professionals (1500 characters or less).
3. Short Description: this description will be shared with attendees and used for marketing purposes (300 characters or less).
4. [Learning Objectives](#): list three learning objectives for participants in your session. Learning objectives should describe in measurable terms what you expect participants to take away from this session and should complete this statement: "On the completion of this session, the participants will be able to..."
5. Identify the primary audience of this session. Check all that apply:
 - a. Behavioral Health Provider (MSW, PhD, LPC, other)
 - b. Health Care Staff (MA, RN, Health Center Administrator, Quality Assurance, other)
 - c. Health Educator
 - d. Medical Providers (MD, NP, PA)
 - e. Other Public Health Professional
 - f. Other- Please Specify
6. Identify the anticipated knowledge level for the audience of this session:
 - a. Beginner (will cover basic concepts)
 - b. Intermediate (some baseline participant knowledge recommended)
 - c. Advanced (more in-depth participant knowledge recommended)
7. Provide a plan for how you will use the 60-minute time and engage the audience. Examples include discussion, interactive presentation techniques, quizzes, and Q&A. ADDITIONALLY: please note how you will engage the audience if the event were to shift to a virtual format.
8. AHI prioritizes youth engagement in the Annual Conference, ensuring that at least 50% of sessions are co-facilitated by youth. If your session lends itself to co-facilitation, AHI has resources on how conference presenters can meaningfully involve youth. Do you plan to involve youth in your breakout session?
9. If you answered yes to the previous question, please share your initial thoughts on how you will engage youth. Please also note how you would approach youth engagement if it were to be a virtual event.
10. Presenter bio(s)

Information Needed for Submission of Oral Presentations

The following questions will be asked in the submission survey for oral presentations:

1. Title of Oral Presentation
2. Description: please describe the content of this session and its relevance to adolescent health professionals (1500 characters or less).
3. Short Description: this description will be shared with attendees and used for marketing purposes (300 characters or less).
4. [Learning Objectives](#): list three learning objectives for participants in your session. Learning objectives should describe in measurable terms what you expect participants to take away from this session and should complete this statement: "On the completion of this session, the participants will be able to..."
5. Did you use [patient-centered outcomes research methods](#) or engage youth in developing, conducting, or disseminating your research/project? If so, please describe.
6. Has your research/project received IRB approval or exemption? If not, describe why. If IRB approval for your program or project is not needed, please indicate.
7. Presenter bio(s)

Information Needed for Submission of Poster Presentations

The following questions will be asked in the submission survey for poster presentations:

1. Title of Oral Presentation
2. Description/Abstract: describe your topic and use standard abstract headers: Purpose, Methods or Program Strategies, and Results or Outcomes. No tables, charts, or graphs (1500 characters or less).
3. Did you use [patient-centered outcomes research methods](#) or engage youth in developing, conducting, or disseminating your research/project? If so, please describe.
4. Has your research/project received IRB approval or exemption? If not, describe why. If IRB approval for your program or project is not needed, please indicate.
5. Presenter bio(s)

Call for Proposals Submission Guide

Please note: The Annual Conference on Adolescent Health is guided by the values of expertise, innovation, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. A major tenant of the conference is preparing health care professionals to better support adolescents and young adults across and within their identities and, generally speaking, meeting young people where they are. **The AHI team works to ensure that all presenters promote evidence-based practice and prioritize care for youth across a wide spectrum of identities.** This includes, but is not limited to, lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, transgender and non-binary youth, youth across intersecting racial identities and experiences, migrant youth, young people across socioeconomic statuses, system-involved youth, young people from all religious backgrounds, expectant or parenting teens, adolescents that have disabilities or identify as (dis)abled, and any other identity marker that impacts a young person’s experience as it relates to health.

Contact

With any questions or feedback, please contact the AHI team at adolescenthealth@umich.edu.

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