



APHN 2026 Annual Conference

The Power of Public Health Nurses: Building Bridges and Improving Health

Preliminary Agenda

Live Sessions

Begin at 12:00 pm ET

Wednesday, April 29	
Opening Keynote – 12:00 pm ET Debra Toney	
Break – 10 minutes	
Zenobia Harris – 1:10 pm ET Fostering Community Engagement to Improve Black Maternal Health Outcomes	Jessica Loring – 1:40 pm ET Where Access Begins: Public Health Nursing Strategies to Improve Maternal Health Outcomes in Black Communities
Break	
Keeley Johnson Crosby – 2:20 pm ET Reproductive Health Nurse Navigation	Avanti Adhia – 2:50 pm ET Perspectives of Alaska Public Health Nurses on Intimate Partner Violence Practices
Break	
Arlene Ryndak – 3:30 pm ET Advancing Public Health Nurse Advocacy: Introducing the APHN Public Health Policy/Advocacy Toolkit and Learning Community	Allison Sabin – 4:00 pm ET Cultivating Health Policy Competencies: Equipping Nurses to Advocate for Upstream Policies and Programs to Advance Population Health

Wednesday, May 6	
Keynote – 12:00 pm ET Darci Martinez	
1:00-1:10 Break	
Jessica LeClair – 1:10 pm ET The Power Within: Public Health Nurses’ Capacity to Advance Planetary Health through Community Partnerships	Sarah Bucic - 1:40 pm ET Utilizing ANHE’s PFAS Toolkit to Manage Patient Exposure and Health Impacts from Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
Break	
Kenna Lee – 2:20 pm ET Making Sense of Heat and Air Quality Guidance: Tools for Understanding Climate- Related Health Risks and Evidence-Based Interventions	Mechelle Perea Ryan – 2:50 pm ET Strengthening Extreme Heat Preparedness through Cross-Sector Collaboration
Break	
Regina Piper – 3:30 pm ET Let’s Clear the Air: A Campaign to Reduce Maternal Exposure to Environmental Air Hazards	Matthew Lindsley – 4:00 Bridging Science and Community: Public Health Nursing in Water Safety Research

Wednesday, May 13	
Jane Pray - 12:00 pm ET Fostering a Culture of Continuous Improvement to Strengthen Nurse Family Partnership Practice and Program Outcomes	Julianna Manske – 12:30 pm ET Powered by Evidence: Using Evidence Based Practice and Quality Improvement to Strengthen Public Health Nursing
Break	
Rachel Torres – 1:10 pm ET Using Sacred Remedy to Address Stress Among Public Health Nurses: Reporting Effectiveness of a 90-Minute CEU Program	Jaimee Watts Isley – 1:40 pm ET Building Bridges Through Academic-Practice Partnerships: Advancing Public Health Nursing Education and Health Equity
Break	
Shantal Johnson – 2:20 pm ET Defining the Future of Public Health Nursing Certification	Becci Hannigan – 2:50 pm ET From Hesitancy to High Performance: The Case for Immunization Provider Certification
Break	
Rebecca Chance-Revels – 3:30 pm ET From Classroom to Community: An Immersive Model for Advancing Rural and Farmworker Health	Michael Mazzola and Laura Lee – 4:00 pm ET The Power of Training: Transforming Workforce Preparedness

Wednesday, May 20	
Final Keynote – 12:00 pm ET Barbara Sattler	
Break	
Paula Kett 1:10 pm ET How Career Pathways and Employment Experiences of Public Health Nurses Compare to Nurses Outside of Public Health	Nicole Albold – 1:40 pm ET Breastfeeding is Welcome Here: Use of a Toolkit to Build Community Support for Breastfeeding
Break	
Ashley Jarrett – 2:20 pm ET Nurse-Led Systems Change to Ignite Prioritizing Homeless Health	Eloisa Melendez – 2:50 pm ET Impact of Public Health Nurse Homeless Outreach Team on Preventative Care and Harm Reduction Efforts
Break	
Jennifer Armstrong - 3:30-4:20 pm ET Be a Goldfish – A Year-Long Journey to State a Cultural Shift within Public Health	
Closing Comments – 4:20 pm ET APHN TBD	

Recorded Sessions
Brenna Finley Building Bridges for Safer Drinking Water: Minnesota’s Private Well Education Program
Autumn Dennistoun From Knowledge to Action: Engaging Washington’s Commercial Fishing Community in Substance Use Awareness and Prevention
Ghecora Boyd The PHNC Pivot Pathway Program: A Nurse-Led Framework to Inspire and Sustain the Next Generation of Public Health Nurses
Jennifer Taylor Simulation Methodologies for Breastfeeding Education – A Scoping Review
Sheila Grigsby Community-Based Clinical Education: Creating Future Nurse Leaders
Patrick Shinsky Developing a Toolkit for Acute Care Nurses Transitioning to Community Nursing

Recorded Sessions (continued)

Michael Mazzolla

The Power of Training: Building Bridges to Improve Public Health Nurse Preparedness for Mass Care and Sheltering

Carla Macias

County of San Diego Nurse Leadership Academy Program

Linda Guay

Expanding Oral Health Initiatives in the Southern Border Regions: Bridging Practice and Education

Lisa Taylor

Increasing Support for Public Health Nursing in New Mexico and Beyond: From the Classroom to the Community

S. Akiko Moorman

A Public Health Nursing Led, Interdepartmental Approach to Address the Syndemic of Syphilis, Substance Use, and Pregnancy

Tanya Morris

Connecting the Dots: A Nurse-Led Strategy for Holistically Managing Adolescent Weight

Laura Lee

Empowering Public Health Nurses: A Scalable Disaster Training Model That Transforms Workforce Preparedness

Poster Sessions

Carla Parker

Building a Culture of Safety: Evaluating Team STEPPS Training in a High-Acuity Care Environment

Kathryn Kerr

Tracking Blood Pressure in Postpartum Women Saves Lives

Audra Jessup

Shared Governance in Practice: Building Bridges and Improving Health Through Nursing Minute

Jenielyn Nafarette

Public Health Nursing Supporting Early Childhood Literacy

Taylor Duckworth

Ready, Resilient, United: Strengthening Our Public Health Nursing Workforce

Leah Sanchez

Sustaining Cross-Sector Partnerships for High-Risk Infants: The Special Start Model

Poster Sessions (continued)

Keri Urquhart

The Maternal Connection: Enhancing Postpartum Depression Screening at Well-Child Visits

Mary Lashley

A Culturally Responsive Addiction Recovery Program for Hispanic and Latino Men Experiencing Homelessness, Poverty, and Co-Occurring Disorders

Kristina Collins

Improving Infant Health: Enhancing Access to Pasteurized Donor Human Milk Through Community Collaboration