

2024 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment Call for Abstracts

Please submit abstracts for workshops, oral presentations, or poster presentations for the 2024 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment (2024 NRWC) by completing the on-line submission process at the [conference website \(https://ryanwhiteconference.hrsa.gov\)](https://ryanwhiteconference.hrsa.gov). **Abstracts submitted by mail, fax, or email will NOT be accepted.** If you require assistance accessing the online system, please email agenda@ryanwhiteconference.org.

NEW FOR 2024!

For the first time in the history of the National Ryan White Conference, we will be piloting a subset of abstracts for presentations in Spanish!

- This Call for Abstracts encourages recipients serving Hispanic/Latino(a) communities in their native language to submit abstracts in Spanish for any of the conference tracks. This supports HRSA's efforts to engage with Spanish-speaking communities through culturally- and linguistically-relevant interventions to reduce health inequities and improve healthcare outcomes. If accepted, the presentation and all related documentation or hand-outs must be in Spanish. English interpretation will be provided for sessions presented in Spanish. Presenters who choose to present in Spanish must include an English version of the abstract in addition to the abstract submitted in Spanish.

If you have additional questions about submitting abstracts in Spanish, please contact NRWCCo-Chairs@HRSA.gov.

¡NUEVO EN 2024!

¡Por primera vez en la historia de la Conferencia Nacional de Ryan White (NRWC por sus siglas en inglés), estaremos aceptando abstractos en español!

Apoyando los esfuerzos de la Administración de Recursos y Servicios de Salud (HRSA por sus siglas en inglés) para incluir a las comunidades de habla hispana a través de intervenciones cultural y lingüísticamente relevantes con el propósito de reducir las desigualdades en salud y mejorar los

resultados de la atención médica, esta convocatoria hace un llamado a los proveedores que sirven a las comunidades hispanas a enviar abstractos en español. Tendremos traducción al inglés disponible durante las presentaciones en español. Si se acepta, la presentación y toda la documentación o folletos relacionados deben ser en español. Los proveedores que elijan presentar en español deberán incluir una versión en inglés del abstracto junto con la versión original en español.

Si tiene preguntas adicionales sobre el envío de abstractos en español, comuníquese con NRWCCo-Chairs@HRSA.gov.

Conference Theme and Review Criteria

Abstract proposals should be responsive to the 2024 NRWC theme: *Innovating to End the HIV Epidemic: Empowering Communities, Expanding Partnerships, Implementing Interventions*. The abstract proposals must also provide relevant technical assistance to Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients to enhance HIV care and treatment for people with HIV and improve other health-related outcomes. **Abstracts are due no later than December 15, 2023, 11:59 PM ET.**

All abstracts will be scored based on five equally weighted criteria:

1. **Clarity and Format:** Presents clear and relevant learning objectives, clearly identifies appropriate workshop components, development of findings and approaches/interventions are logically organized.
2. **Design and Implementation:** Describes approaches/interventions that have been analyzed or evaluated and tested using evidence-informed methods and describes how approaches/interventions can be replicated.
3. **Innovation:** Presents novel approaches and creative models that feature new partnerships and collaborative relationships, emerging best practices, advanced care and treatment approaches, and/or evidence informed interventions that demonstrate improved health outcomes.
4. **Relevance:** Details use of approaches to maximize human resources/staffing, fiscal and/or contracting practices, efficient internal operations, and effective implementation of clinical interventions, service delivery. Additionally, identifies innovative approaches to ensure program effectiveness and sustainability and improved health outcomes for people with HIV.
5. **Results and Outcomes:** Highlights measurable impact on service delivery; replicable technical assistance tools and methods; and/or data-driven approaches that overcome challenges.

Instructions for Preparing an Abstract

Please submit an abstract for one of the following: 90-minute presentation, 60-minute presentation, or a poster. First/Presenting Authors are permitted to submit up to, but no more than, three abstracts.

Co-authors may submit more than one abstract. **Please note: If an author submits more than three abstracts as the First/Presenting Author, only the first three submitted abstracts will be considered. This limitation does NOT apply to posters.**

1. **90-minute presentation** – This is a multi-presenter session (e.g., panel presentation or workshop) with time for participant involvement or interaction and is led by selected presenters. A maximum of three presenters is recommended for each workshop panel. The focus should be on building attendees’ skills and knowledge. Presentations will focus on a specific identified conference track. Each presentation will be moderated by a HRSA HAB staff member. The session should allow 15 minutes for a dedicated closing “questions and answers” period.
2. **60-minute presentation** – This is a presentation focused on a specific identified conference track that is presented in a lecture format and allows interactive participation. A maximum of three speakers is recommended for each presentation. Each presentation will be moderated by a HRSA HAB staff member. The session should allow 10 minutes for a dedicated closing “questions and answers” period.
3. **Poster** – Poster sessions will occur during designated times at the conference and in virtual format. We will be accepting abstracts for in-person and virtual poster sessions. Please identify in your abstract your preference for the session. Poster sessions are an opportunity to share best practices, lessons learned, unique strategies and tools, and research findings. Posters should be related to one of the conference tracks and provide key insights concisely by using visuals (e.g., charts, graphs, photos, etc.) with a limited amount of text. Posters should be organized into five sections:
 - Introduction (the topic or public health challenge being addressed)
 - Methods and Activities (the intervention and actions undertaken)
 - Results (outputs and outcomes on the public health challenge)
 - Lessons Learned (observations, recommendations, tips, and insights that can be used by others)
 - Challenges/Limitations (indicate whether the project that you are presenting is ongoing or completed [e.g., a preliminary study])

Authors are expected to post and remove in-person posters at designated times and to be by their posters during the assigned poster presentation time to interact with attendees and answer questions.

Steps for submitting an abstract are as follows:

1. [Login](#) or [register](#) for an account. For the best user experience in the abstract submission system, we recommend using a browser other than Internet Explorer, such as Chrome, Firefox, or Edge.
2. Complete your personal information and submit required documents:
 - Complete contact information
 - Complete continuing education (CE) agreement
 - Upload curriculum vitae (CV)/résumé
3. Provide abstract details to include:
 - [Session type – 90-minute presentation, 60-minute presentation, or poster](#)
 - Spanish or English submission
 - Presentation title
 - Full description (250 words) of workshop, presentation, or poster
 - Brief description (50 words) to be included in the conference program book and mobile application.
 - Learning outcomes (minimum of three)
 - Three key words for the presentation topic
 - [Conference track that corresponds to the presentation, workshop, or poster](#)
 - [Skill level of the presentation, workshop, or poster](#)
 - Target audience (RWHAP Part(s) and/or stakeholders)
 - Language for the presentation
4. Some presentations garner greater interest than others. If one of your abstracts for a workshop or presentation is selected, please indicate if you would be willing to offer this session multiple times.
5. Add presenters to the abstract by providing their first and last names and email addresses. Once the submitter has added a presenter to the abstract, the presenter will receive an automated email prompting them to complete any required information by logging in or registering for an account the same way as the submitter (see steps 1 and 2, above). Alternatively, the submitter can complete the information on the presenter's behalf.

Information required for each additional presenter is as follows:

- Complete contact information
 - Name
 - Title
 - Role in RWHAP or HIV community
 - Short biography
- Complete CE agreement
- Upload CV/résumé
- Complete disclosure form

Please note: Audio/visual equipment will be provided for all sessions, and will include laptops, LCD computer projectors, screens, podium, table, and microphones.

Avoidance of Commercialism

All presentations must avoid commercialism. Presentations that constitute promotion and advertising will be prohibited. This includes pervasive and inappropriate use of logos. No advertising matter of any kind may be distributed. No material may be displayed that in any way directly promotes the commercial interest of any company or enterprise, or of the author(s)/presenter(s).

Statements made in presentations are the sole responsibility of the author(s)/presenter(s). Any statement made should not be viewed as, or considered representative of, any formal stance or position taken on any product, subject, or issue by the 2024 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment.

For technical assistance with using the online system, please email agenda@ryanwhiteconference.org.

Review of Abstracts/Acceptance Notices

The deadline for abstract submission is **December 15, 2023, at 11:59 PM ET**.

If your abstract is accepted, conference staff will contact you to explain next steps. Presenters should work closely to ensure that the workshop is coherent and avoids unnecessary duplication. **Please be aware that all presentations for this conference must be submitted in advance and will be due June 28, 2024.**

Description of 2024 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment Tracks

The 2024 NRWC will feature six specific conference tracks, which align with the conference theme and the overarching focus of this biennial event. All abstracts must be relevant to one or more of the six conference tracks. The conference tracks are listed and defined below, and examples of topics that could be included under each track are provided.

1. Population-Based Approaches for Improving Access, Engagement/Reengagement, and Health Outcomes

This track will focus on novel approaches used to increase access to care and treatment, improve engagement/reengagement in care and treatment and health outcomes for priority populations with HIV.

Examples of topics for this track include, but are not limited to:

- Expanding partnerships by establishing and monitoring seamless systems to link justice-involved people to care.
- Implementing interventions addressing behavioral health needs of Black men with HIV who have sex with men.
- Empowering communities to address barriers to HIV care for RWHAP priority subpopulations (e.g., women of color, people aging with HIV, young Black MSM, transgender populations, rural communities, etc.) in EHE jurisdictions.
- Integrating Hepatitis C treatment into HIV care with a status neutral approach
- Expanding RWHAP partnerships for transportation in rural areas.
- Expanding partnerships to address food insecurity and malnutrition, in priority populations, rural and suburban areas.
- Implementing status neutral interventions addressing quality of life for people with lived experience.

2. Data Utilization

This track will examine data integration, data analysis, and data utilization with a focus on how these activities enhance engagement/reengagement, service delivery, and public health approaches to ending the HIV epidemic and curing hepatitis C in the RWHAP.

Examples of topics for this track include, but are not limited to:

- Data 101: collecting and reporting high-quality, accurate data.
- RWHAP cross-parts collaborations (state/local health departments, health care coverage plans, hospitals, state Medicaid programs, housing programs, community-based organizations, etc.) to support opportunities for secure data sharing, ensure data quality, and improve health outcomes.
- Establishing and developing technological innovations to streamline data collection, data utilization, and reporting processes.
- Innovations in using data to implement interventions that identify and rapidly engage people with HIV who are or likely to be out of care.
- Using data to inform program planning and decision making, identify and address health disparities, and improve health outcomes.
- How data supports the effectiveness of evidence-based and evidence-informed interventions in Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE) initiative jurisdictions.
- Utilizing data to empower communities, enhance community engagement, and build/expand data sharing partnerships.

3. Innovative System-level Models for HIV Service Delivery

This track will highlight innovative models of care, system-level enhancements, and workforce development that led to improvements in HIV health outcomes and related co-morbidities, such as hepatitis C, behavioral health, and substance use disorders.

Examples of topics for this track include, but are not limited to:

- Innovative programming to address the opioid epidemic among people with HIV.
- Using implementation science to expand program capacity.
- Using a syndemic approach to End the HIV Epidemic in the U.S.
- Creating a “No Wrong Door” approach within an HIV service delivery system.

- Innovative public health approaches to curing hepatitis C in the RWHAP.
- Increasing access to oral healthcare for people with HIV.
- Addressing the impact of structural barriers such as unemployment, unstable housing, food insecurity, and intimate partner violence on health outcomes.
- Innovations in the use of social media to improve health outcomes in EHE jurisdictions.
- Use of patient-centered medical homes and other models of care that provide high-quality, coordinated team-based care and service delivery for individuals who are unstably housed.
- Innovative public health approaches to address structural barriers such as unemployment, unstable housing, loss of insurance, food insecurity, etc.
- Using RWHAP services to inform/establish EHE practices.
- Innovations to strengthen capacity and infrastructure.
- Destigmatizing HIV service delivery/reframing systems of care.
- Establishing a service excellence framework in HIV service delivery.

4. Clinical Quality Management

This track will examine the fundamentals, best practices, and innovations for clinical quality management programs to measure and improve HIV service delivery and health outcomes to reduce health disparities and end the HIV epidemic.

Examples of topics for this track include, but are not limited to:

- Developing and implementing the infrastructure of a clinical quality management (CQM) program.
- Utilizing CQM collaborative learning approaches to improve health outcomes.
- Empowering communities by engaging people with lived experience in CQM programs.
- Using HIV health information systems to develop and maintain efficient clinical quality management programs.
- Integrating multiple health information systems to improve clinical outcomes.

5. RWHAP Planning and Resource Allocation: Community Engagement and Collaborative Partnerships

This track will focus on requirements and best practices for integrated planning, program implementation, workforce development, and resource allocation and utilization, including examples of collaborative partnerships and community engagement initiatives that result in a quality, comprehensive system of HIV prevention, care, and treatment that will promote the EHE initiative goals.

Examples of topics for this track include, but are not limited to:

- Utilizing data to drive resource allocation and HIV service delivery decisions.
- Innovation in planning and evaluation to better address unmet service needs and/or specific populations (aging, youth, black women, etc.).
- Utilizing program income and rebates to address HIV service needs and expand operational capacity.
- Addressing the workforce shortage in HIV service delivery providers.
- Expanding HIV care and treatment capacity via telehealth.
- Expanding partnerships in communities among non-public health entities.
- Best Practices related to innovations in community engagement protocols and collaboration among partners, including but not limited to: Planning councils, community planning groups, etc.
- Utilizing innovative, community-driven solutions/strategies to address unique local needs in achieving the goals of the EHE initiative.
- Building collaborative partnerships to combat homelessness for persons with HIV.
- Utilizing linkage navigation and community health workers/promotores de salud to help engage and retain people with HIV in care.

6. RWHAP and EHE Fiscal and Grant Management

This track will focus on technical assistance training for RWHAP recipients and subrecipients on fiscal and grant management requirements and will highlight innovation and best practices.

Examples of topics for this track include, but are not limited to implementing:

- Best practice interventions and tools for fiscal and program monitoring of subrecipients.

- Best practice interventions for determining client eligibility.
- Efficient models to determine unit costs versus actual reimbursement.
- Effective strategies for generating, tracking, and utilizing program income and rebates to enhance the RWHAP.
- How to distinguish between RWHAP and EHE initiative program requirements
- Best practices for the inclusion of telehealth billing.
- Models to seamlessly integrate programs across diverse funding streams.
- Status-neutral approaches for RWHAP and EHE recipients from a fiscal and grants management perspective.

Workshop Training Level Descriptions

1. Basic (101)

- States clear and explicit learning objectives and learning results.
- Intended for participants who are new staff or new to their role.
- Provides a general overview of the subject matter that provides attendees with a solid foundation on which to pursue the subject matter in greater detail and apply learning to their work.
- Incorporates adult learning principles such as problem-solving, case studies, and self-assessments.

2. Intermediate (201)

- States clear and explicit learning objectives and learning outcomes.
- Utilizes resource materials such as reference documents and tools and templates to facilitate practical application.
- Uses a wide range of sources.
- Intended for participants with a foundation of experience and understanding of the topic.
- Sufficient detail is provided so that participants can easily implement/replicate the activity in their workplace with or without modifications.
- Incorporates adult learning principles such as problem-solving, case studies, and self-assessments.

3. Advanced (301)

- States clear and explicit learning objectives and learning outcomes.
- Utilizes resource materials such as, reference documents and tools and templates to facilitate practical application.
- Intended for participants with a foundation of experience and high level of understanding of the topic.
- Provides explicit “how to” information and leaves some implementation details up to individual interpretation.
- Incorporates adult learning principles such as problem-solving, case studies, and self-assessments.
- Significant detail is provided so that participants can implement/replicate the activity in their workplace with or without modification.