



# TRANSPIRE

## 2026

Cultivating  
Health  
Innovation



# About the Conference

**TRANSPIRE** is a national technical assistance conference specifically for state, local, and territorial health departments. It focuses on cultivating health innovation and providing practical best practices to the workforce leading HIV, hepatitis, and drug user health programs.

- The conference replaces the National HIV and Hepatitis TA Meeting.
- A companion resource, **HD Blueprint**, will be published on the first day of the conference.

# Key Conference Details

- September 28 – October 1, 2026
- Doubletree Resort by Hilton Paradise Valley, Scottsdale, Arizona
- Approximately 300 health department participants
- Registration opens May 6, 2026



AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

**Monday,  
Sept. 28**

1:00-5:00  
Registration

5:00-7:00  
Opening Keynote  
Plenary & Reception

**Tuesday,  
Sept. 29**

8:30-10:00/10:30-12:00  
Workshops I and II

12:00-1:30  
Policy Luncheon

1:30-3:00/3:30-5:00  
Workshops III and IV

**Wednesday,  
Sept. 30**

8:30-12:00  
Implementation  
Sandboxes I

12:00-1:30  
Lunch On Your Own

1:30-5:00  
Implementation  
Sandboxes II

**Thursday,  
Oct. 1**

8:30-10:00  
Affinity Sessions &  
Discussion Roundtables  
(by Region/Prevalence)

10:30-12:00  
Closing Keynote  
Plenary

*30-Minute Networking Breaks at 10 AM and 3 PM*

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**Workshops** are interactive information-sharing and discussion-based spaces.

**Tuesday**  
**Sept. 29**

**Implementation Sandboxes** are facilitator-led skills-building spaces defined by specific program area.

**Wednesday**  
**Sept. 30**

**Affinity Sessions** are informal and unstructured time for affinity topics.

**Thursday**  
**Oct. 1**



# Abstract Process and Workshop Tracks

# Conference Workshops Details

- 90-minute sessions on Tuesday
- All sessions assigned to a workshop track
- Audio visual support and session monitors provided by NASTAD



# Workshop Tracks

- Rural Health Strategies
- Evolving Public Health Landscape
- Meaningful Partnerships
- Data and Storytelling



# Abstract Application Process

- Online Submission at **NASTAD.org/TRANSPIRE**
- Apply for Workshop, Poster, or HD Blueprint Best Practice
- Collaborations Encouraged
- Submission Deadline: **June 5, 2026**
- Acceptance Determination: June 22, 2026



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