

AVERT 2026 RSV Agenda – Day 1

The Westin Atlanta Perimeter North
7 Concourse Pkwy, Atlanta, GA 30328

Thursday, May 14th

8:00 AM		Registration	(The same registration area as NVDRS)
1:00 PM	:05	CDC Welcome and Updates	Kathleen Basile, MPH (CDC) <i>Associate Director for Science, Division of Violence Prevention</i>
1:05 PM	:05	Overview of Reverse Site Visit and Housekeeping	Anika Wallace, MPH (CDC) Yushiuan Chen, MPH (CDC)
1:10 PM	:05	BREAK ** Movement to NVDRS Grand Ballroom**	
1:15 PM	1:30	A Collaborative Session on NVDRS and AVERT Data Linkages Nisha George will kick off this session by providing an overview of data linkage projects using emergency department (ED) data. Following this, Will Baker-Robinson from the Oregon AVERT team will present on their data linkage activities, focusing on linkages to NVDRS data to advance understanding and improve outcomes related to violence and injury prevention. Lastly, Amy Bailey from Safe States will close out with an overview of CDC’s Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Program’s (CSP) ED data linkage funding opportunity, highlighting available resources and support for initiatives aimed at strengthening data linkages.	1;15pm -1:30pm Nisha George, MPH (CDC) <i>Epidemiologist, Morbidity and Behavioral Surveillance Team</i> 1:30pm-1:45pm William Baker-Robinson, MS <i>Oregon Health and Science University</i> 1:45pm – 2:15pm Amy Bailey, MPH <i>Safe States Alliance</i> Moderator: Gabrielae Lane, MPH
2:45 PM	:15	BREAK ** Movement back to AVERT Concourse Ballroom**	
3:00 PM	:45	Keynote Presentation: Lead with Data, Prevent with Science This presentation will highlight the evolution of surveillance activities in CDC’s Division of Violence and Suicide Prevention and how these efforts have strengthened states and communities’ ability to target prevention where it is needed most. Opportunities to leverage data science advancements and modernize violence surveillance will also be described, with a focus on implications for prevention practice.	Kristin Holland, PhD, MPH (CDC) <i>Chief, Surveillance Branch</i> Moderator: Anika Wallace, MPH

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3:45 PM	:15	BREAK	
4:00 PM	:45	Turning Surveillance into Impact This session will help AVERT recipients refine and strengthen impact examples that clearly communicate the value of their work. Participants will engage with DVP’s Office of Policy, Partnerships, & Communications to learn practical strategies for translating data and activities into clear, compelling, audience-friendly narratives, and explore examples and tools to support their development.	DVP Communications Team Moderator: Atousa Rezaei, PharmD
4:45 PM		Closing Remarks and Adjourn	Anika Wallace, MPH (CDC)

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8:30 AM	:05	CDC Welcome	Anika Wallace, MPH (CDC)
8:35 AM	:60	<p>Enhancing Data Quality and Response Through AVERT Partnerships</p> <p>This interactive panel brings together key partners to discuss how AVERT data is used to improve data quality and strengthen coordinated response efforts. Panelists will share practical examples of applying AVERT insights—including informing policy discussions, enhancing coding and documentation workflows, and identifying emerging trends across jurisdictions.</p>	<p>Sofia Chaudhary, MD <i>Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta</i></p> <p>Aaron Kite-Powell, PhD <i>National Syndromic Surveillance Program (CDC)</i></p> <p>Megan Sullivan, MSW <i>Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists</i></p> <p>Moderators: Yushiuan Chen, MPH Atousa Rezaei, PharmD</p>
9:35 AM	:10	BREAK	
9:45 AM	:45	<p>Session 1: State Presentation-Data Quality and Evaluation</p> <p>State presentations from Oregon and Kentucky will explore key data quality challenges and solutions across jurisdictions, highlighting innovations in ensuring high-quality, actionable AVERT data.</p>	<p>9:45-9:55am: OR-AVERT <i>William Baker-Robinson, MS</i></p> <p>9:55-10:05am: OR-AVERT <i>Rosol Mikail, MPH</i></p> <p>10:05-10:15am: KY-AVERT <i>Andrew Farrey, MPH</i> <i>Rebecca Day, MPH</i></p> <p>10:15-10:30am: Q/A Session</p> <p>Moderator: Anika Wallace, MPH</p>
10:30 AM	:45	<p>Session 2: State Presentation-Bringing Data to Action</p> <p>State presentations from Arizona, Rhode Island and Kentucky will highlight practical approaches for strengthening how AVERT detects emerging issues, visualizes data, and expands access to violence surveillance information.</p>	<p>10:30-10:40am: KY-AVERT <i>Andrew Farrey, MPH</i> <i>Rebecca Day, MPH</i></p> <p>10:40-10:50am: RI-AVERT <i>Jonathan Barkley, MPH</i></p> <p>10:50-11:00am: AZ-AVERT <i>Emily Walsh, MS</i> <i>Devina Wadhera, PhD</i></p> <p>11:00-11:15am: Q/A Session</p> <p>Moderator: Atousa Rezaei, PharmD</p>

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11:15 AM	:60	LUNCH	
12:15 PM	:60	<p>Modernizing Surveillance: A Roundtable on AI and Bayesian Methods for ED Data</p> <p>This interactive session will demonstrate and discuss the use of Bayesian statistics and artificial intelligence to develop an algorithm for a syndromic anomaly detection in emergency department visit records.</p>	<p>Anna Bratcher, PhD (CDC) <i>Health Scientist, Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology</i></p> <p>Moderator: Yushiuan Chen, MPH</p>
1:15 PM	:35	<p>Session 3: State Presentation-Data Dissemination/Cross Sector Partnerships</p> <p>State presentations from Michigan and Washington will share innovative strategies for using syndromic surveillance data to inform local action, enhance stakeholder engagement, and support evidence-based decision-making.</p>	<p>1:15-1:25pm: MI-AVERT <i>Victoria Troeger, MSPH</i></p> <p>1:25-1:35pm: WA-AVERT <i>Kojo Osei, MPH</i></p> <p>1:35-1:45pm: Q/A Session</p> <p>Moderator: Nisha George, MPH</p>
1:45 PM	:05	BREAK	
1:50 PM	:35	<p>Session 4: Syndromic Surveillance in Action</p> <p>State presentations from Mississippi and Utah will highlight innovative methods for validating, modeling, and interpreting syndromic surveillance data to support state and local decision-making.</p>	<p>1:50-2:00pm: MS-AVERT <i>Zhou Fang, PhD, MS</i></p> <p>2:00-2:10pm: UT-AVERT <i>Jerry Nelson, MPH, MBA</i></p> <p>2:10-2:25pm: Q/A Session</p> <p>Moderator: Atousa Rezaei, PharmD</p>
2:25 PM	:05	<p>Programmatic and Scientific Updates; Evaluation, Adjourn</p>	<p>Anika Wallace, MPH (CDC) Yushiuan Chen, MPH (CDC)</p>