



# AGENDA

**National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)  
Reverse Site Visit May 12-14, 2026  
AVERT May 14-15, 2026  
Westin Atlanta Perimeter North  
7 Concourse Parkway, NE Atlanta, GA 30328**

Tuesday, May 12, 2026		
8:00 am – 12:45 pm	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>Interim Progress Reviews (<i>Only applicable to states listed below</i>)</b>		
8:00 am – 9:55 am	Delaware VDRS	Lori-Ann Walker, MPH (CDC) Katie Fowler, PhD, (CDC) Delaware VDRS Staff
	Vermont VDRS	Joi Bradford, MPH (CDC) Janet Blair, PhD, MPH (CDC) Vermont VDRS Staff
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Tennessee VDRS	Lori-Ann Walker, MPH (CDC) Kameron Sheats, PhD (CDC) Tennessee VDRS Staff
	Texas VDRS	Andrea Harris, MPH (CDC) Grace Liu, MPH (CDC) Texas VDRS Staff
<b>Optional Small Group Consultations (<i>Must have signed up in advance</i>)</b>		
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>NVDRS Narrative Writing Consultation</b>	NVDRS Science Officers (CDC) – KAF, KEF, Kara, Brenda (30 min time slots, ~16 slots)
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>NVDRS Impact Example Workshop Session</b>	Sarah Roby, NVDRS Project Officers
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>LUNCH (On your own)</b>	



	Data to Action: Efforts in Utah to Promote VDRS Data and Outreach to Prevention Partners -Gary Mower (UT-VDRS)	
<b>NVDRS Innovation</b>		
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	<b>Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Public Health</b>	TBA
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	<b>Use of AI capabilities for NVDRS</b>	Steven Sumner, MD
3:45 pm – 3:55 pm	<b>BREAK</b>	
3:55 pm – 4:20 pm	<b>NCHS/COMECE update</b>	Carri Cottengim, PhD (CDC/NCHS/COMECE)
4:20 pm – 4:55 pm	<b>State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) Updates</b>  <b>Partnering for Impact: Enhancing VDRS Data through Collaboration with OD2A (MT-VDRS)</b>	CDC SUDORS, Montana  <i>Moderator: TBD</i>
4:55 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Day 1 Evaluation &amp; Adjourn</b>	TBA (CDC)
<b>Day 1 - CONCURRENT SESSIONS</b>		
5:15 pm – 7:15 pm	<b>NVDRS Principal Investigators (PI) Meeting</b> <i>(Optional)</i>	NVDRS PIs
5:15 pm – 7:15 pm	<b>NVDRS Abstractors Meeting</b> <i>(Optional)</i>	NVDRS Abstractors
5:15 pm – 7:15 pm	<b>NVDRS Epidemiologists Meeting</b> <i>(Optional)</i>	NVDRS Epidemiologists

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Day 2 - PLENARY SESSIONS

8:25 am – 8:30 am	<b>Overview of Day 2</b>	Jamar Barnes, MPH, CHES (CDC)
8:30 am – 9:45 am	<b>NVDRS Partners: Updates &amp; Overview</b> <i>(Interactive panel discussion)</i>  Joyce Foundation  National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS)  National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME)  American Public Health Association (APHA)  Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)  International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (IACME)  Safe States Alliance	<i>Moderator:</i> <i>Mighty Fine, MPH (APHA)</i>  Shae Sutton, PhD (NAPHSIS)  Kathy Pinneri, MD (NAME)  Mighty Fine, MPH (APHA)  (CSTE)  (IACME)  Paul Bonta, MA (Safe States Alliance)
9:45 am – 10:00 am	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<b>Working with Law Enforcement: Outreach &amp; Relationship Building</b> <i>(Interactive panel discussion)</i>  International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)  National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)  Small & Rural Law Enforcement Executives Association (SRLEEA)	<i>Moderator: TBD</i>  Jennifer Styles (IACP)  Deputy Chief Mitch Cunningham (ret.) (NSA)  Michael Brown (SRLEEA)

**Day 2 - CONCURRENT SESSIONS**  
(See session descriptions in attendee folders)

<b>TRACK 1</b>		<b>TRACK 2</b>	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p><b>Substances and Suicide – Insights from Toxicology and Drug Data</b> <i>Moderator: Kara</i></p> <p>Use of Toxicology Reports to Examine Substances Used in Poisoning-related Suicides among US Health Care Workers -Victor Sopenue (IA-VDRS)</p> <p>Cannabis presence in New Jersey suicides -Atlas Scagnelli and Bretta Jacquemin (NJ-VDRS)</p> <p>Blood Alcohol Concentration Level and the Association between Unintentional Drug Overdose and Violent Deaths in Rhode Island - Jonathan Barkley (RI-VDRS)</p>	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p><b>Abstractor Self-Care</b> <i>Moderator: Kameron (T)</i></p> <p>Caring for the Data Stewards: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Workforce Support in Violent Death Surveillance -Mamie Lush, MA; Rishad Ahmed, MBA, PhD (NE-VDRS)</p> <p>Helping the Helpers: Building Resilience through Practice -Amanda Bundek MS, NREMT (DE VDRS)</p>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm <b>LUNCH (On Your Own)</b>			
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	<p><b>From Surveillance to Solutions: NVDRS-Driven Approaches to Prevention</b> <i>Moderator: Grace</i></p> <p>Using the Louisiana Violent Death Reporting System to Measure Firearm-Related Deaths among Minors - Lauren Dyer (LA-VDRS)</p>	1:00 pm – 1:45pm	<p><b>Enhancing Violent Death Reporting Through Law Enforcement and Public Safety Collaboration</b> <i>Moderator: Brenda</i></p> <p>Tips for Law Enforcement Engagement: Navigating Law</p>

	<p>Finding Your Voice: A Novel Intervention for Female Veterans at Risk for Self-Directed Violence - Sabrina Brown, DrPH (KY-VDRS)</p>		<p>Enforcement culture and mindset (KS)</p> <p>Collaborating with Public Safety Data Partners, Massachusetts Violent Death Reporting System</p>
1:45 pm – 3:15 pm	<p><b>VDRS Partnership Case Studies</b> <i>Moderator: TBD</i></p> <p>A Data - Community Partnership for Statewide Impact (DE-VDRS) - Caroline Judd</p> <p>Enhancing Georgia Violence Data for Public Health Intervention (GA-VDRS) - Elizabeth Blankenship</p> <p>Jurisdictional Boundaries and VDRS Analysis (KS-VDRS) - Sophia Ringering and Jeffrey Wilhelm</p> <p>Leveraging the Wisconsin Violent Death Reporting System Data Dashboard to Enhance Veteran Suicide Prevention Efforts - Lindsay Emer (WI-VDRS)</p>	1:45 pm – 3:15 pm	<p><b>Improving Surveillance Quality</b> <i>Moderator: KEF</i></p> <p>Evaluating the Wisconsin Violent Death Reporting System Using CDC Surveillance Attributes: A Mixed-Methods Assessment for Suicide Prevention - Lindsay Emer</p> <p>Streamlining Case Initiation of Violent Deaths in Puerto Rico: A Pilot Experience with STEVE and NAPHSIS - Cristian R. Perdomo García and Mario O. Font Martin</p> <p>Challenges in Abstracting Cases Involving Delayed Deaths from Non-Fatal Injuries - Erin Graf and Georgette Lavetsky, MHS</p> <p>Analyzing Circumstances in Missouri Violent Deaths by Reporting Source - Cassady Palmer</p>
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>BREAK</b>		
3:30 pm – 4:15 pm	<p><b>Where We Live and Where We Work: VDRS Insights into Suicide and Homicide Across States</b> <i>Moderator: TBD</i></p> <p>Analysis of Homicide and Suicide Deaths in Rural Illinois Counties 2022-2023: Data from IVDRS - Kathleen Conlon Wasik and Antigone Kouvelis</p>	3:30 pm – 4:15 pm	<p><b>Decoding the ‘Other Circumstances’ Text Box: Multi-State Findings and Categorization Strategies</b> <i>Moderator: KAF</i></p> <p>A Regional Review of Entries into the Other Circumstances Text Box: A Colorado, Massachusetts, and Washington State Snapshot, 2015-2023 - Candace Bretsch</p>

	<p>County-Level Trends and Demographic Characteristics of Suicides Among Construction Occupations in NH : 2015–2023 Retrospective Analysis - Djelloul Fourar- Laïdi</p> <p>Data from Vermont’s Violent Death Reporting System informs suicide prevention efforts across the state - Emily Scott and Grace Yu</p>		<p>Process of Categorizing “Other Circumstances” in Utah Aimed at Prevention Opportunities - Gary Mower</p> <p>Time for moderated abstractor discussion</p>
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**Day 2 - PLENARY SESSION**

4:15 pm	<b>Day 2 Evaluation &amp; Adjourn</b>	Janet Blair, PhD, MPH (CDC)
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>CDC Meeting with NVDRS Principal Investigators and Program Managers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CDC Staff</li> <li>- NVDRS Principal Investigators</li> <li>- NVDRS Program Managers</li> <li>- <i>Optional for other state NVDRS program staff</i></li> </ul>

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

**Day 3 - PLENARY SESSIONS**

8:25 am – 8:30 am	<b>Overview of Day 3</b>	TBA (CDC)
8:30 am – 9:15 am	<b>The New York Violent Death Reporting System and Early Career Epidemiologists: Developing Skills for a New Generation</b>	Leah Hines, Michael Bauer, Jancarlos "JC" Guzman
9:15 am – 10:15 am	<b>Making Friends with Data: A Data in Action Workshop</b>	Kathleen Conlon Wasik, ILVDRS
10:15 am – 10:30 am	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<p><b>NVDRS Dashboards, Visualization, and Communication</b></p> <p>An interactive dashboard to share patterns of Los Angeles County suicide deaths amongst youth ages 10-24 years -Michelle Chan (CA-VDRS)</p> <p>From Surveillance to Action: Disseminating NVDRS Data Through</p>	<i>Moderator: TBD</i>

	<p>Dashboards and Practice-Based Products in Puerto Rico -Mario O. Font Martin and Nicole Vega Reyes (PR-VDRS)</p> <p>Developing a VDRS Dashboard in South Carolina -Slone Taylor (SC VDRS)</p> <p>WA VDRS County Dashboards -Chelsea Barth, MPH and David Tobin (WA VDRS)</p>	
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	<b>LUNCH (On your own)</b>	
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	<b>NVDRS/AVERT Presentations (1 hour or 1 hour and 30 minutes)</b>	
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Overview of Safe States and VA Project</b>	Amy Bailey
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	<b>Q and A – could be 15-20 mins</b>	
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Day 3 Evaluation &amp; Closing Remarks</b>	TBA
<b>Friday, May 15, 2026</b>		
<b>AVERT (TBA)</b>		