

2026 Colorado Perinatal Substance Use Disorder Integration Conference
Thursday, May 7th & Friday, May 8th at The Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa, Avon, Vail Valley, Avon, CO

Conference Agenda

Day 1 - Thursday, May 7th 2026

9:30 - 10:00

Riverside Foyer

Registration & Light Refreshments

10:00 - 10:05

Riverside

Welcoming Remarks

Liza Creel, PhD; University of Colorado School of Medicine

10:05 - 10:20

Riverside

Peer Sharing 1

Gail Trembly; HardBeauty

10:20 - 11:20

Riverside

Keynote Session

Suicide Prevention Is Everyone's Work: Responding to Risk in the Perinatal Period

Sarah Nagle-Yang, MD; University of Colorado School of Medicine
Carolyn J. Swenson, MSPH, MSN, RN

11:20 - 11:30

Break and Transition (10 mins)

11:30 - 12:30

Various
Locations

Collaborative Breakout Session for Keynote

Please see your nametag or a conference host for your location assignment.

Group A - Riverside

Group B - Gondola A

Group C - Gondola B

Group D - Gondola C

Group E - Osprey

12:30 - 1:15

Lunch (45 mins)

1:15 - 2:30

Various
Locations

Breakout Sessions

A - Riverside

**Strategies for Building and Sustaining New Programs:
Family Medicine Center**

Courtney Kuepper, LCSW, PMH-C; UCHHealth Fort Collins Family Medicine Center

**Strategies for Building and Sustaining New Programs:
Lessons from the Colorado Recovery Coach Doula
Program Expansion**

Liza Creel, PhD; University of Colorado School of Medicine

Elyse Neal, MA; University of Colorado School of Medicine

Leanna Farrar; University of Colorado College of Nursing

B - Gondola

**Integrated Perinatal Cannabis Care:
Tools for Patients and Providers**

Jenn Leiferman, PhD; Colorado School of Public Health

Sarah Gelinias, MPH; Colorado School of Public Health

Adam Salyers; Clinic Chat

2:30 - 2:40

Break and Transition with Refreshments (10 mins)

Day 1 continued

2:40 - 3:40

Riverside

Bumps, Booze, and Big Red Flags: Alcohol's Role in Intimate Partner Violence and Implications for Pregnancy and Postpartum

Ruschelle Leone, PhD; University of Colorado School of Medicine

3:40 - 3:55

Riverside

Peer Sharing 2

Candis Query; HardBeauty

3:55 - 4:55

Riverside

Perinatal Substance Use and Parent-Infant Relationships

Aviva Olsavsky, MD; University of Colorado School of Medicine

4:55 - 5:10

Riverside

Peer Sharing 3

Susann Plenus; HardBeauty

5:10 - 5:55

Riverside Patio

Nature as Medicine - Optional Outdoor Activity

Jenn Leiferman, PhD; Colorado School of Public Health

Charlotte Farewell, MPH, PhD; Colorado School of Public Health

5:55 - 7:50

Riverside and

Lower Level Foyer

Networking and Poster Session with Dinner

Day 2 - Friday, May 8th, 2026

7:45 - 8:15

Riverside Foyer

Breakfast

8:15 - 8:30

Riverside

Peer Sharing 4

Nicole Valdovinos; HardBeauty

8:30 - 9:30

Riverside

Motivation, Motherhood, and Meaning: Promotion of Perinatal Behavioral Health in Underserved Communities

Charlotte Farewell, MPH, PhD; University of Colorado School of Public Health

9:30 - 9:45

Break and Transition (15 mins)

9:45 - 10:00

Riverside

Peer Sharing 5

Vanessa Lane; HardBeauty

10:00 - 11:00

Riverside

Art of Brief Interventions and Motivational Interviewing

Carolyn J. Swenson, MSPH, MSN, RN

11:00 - 12:00

Riverside

From Coverage to Care: Essential Health Policy for Improving Patient Outcomes

Hannah Crook, PhD; University of Colorado School of Medicine

Kyle Leggott, MD; University of Colorado School of Medicine

12:00 - 12:15

Closing and Transition (15 mins)

Grab and Go Lunch available

12:15 - 1:30

Riverside

Optional Session

MOUD Treatment Basics for Perinatal Patients

Kaylin Klie, MD, MA; University of Colorado School of Medicine

Rachael Duncan, PharmD; Epifluence, MOMs+

Kyle Knierim, MD; UChicago Medicine AdventHealth