

2024 South Carolina HIV, STD, & Viral Hepatitis Conference

ROADMAP TO SUCCESS: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES THROUGH COLLABORATION



South Carolina
HIV, STD and
Viral Hepatitis
Conference

The Conference planners are proud to present the 41st annual SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference! Conference planners have chosen a theme that emphasizes the success stories and achievements over the past 41 years in the areas of HIV, STD, and viral hepatitis prevention, care, and treatment in South Carolina.

*SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, Oct 22: Preconference Summit

8:30AM-4:00PM

Wednesday, Oct 23

Thursday, Oct 24

7:45-9:00am	Registration/Breakfast	7:45-9:00am	Registration/Breakfast
9:00-10:15am	Welcome/Keynote	9:00-10:15am	Welcome/Keynote
10:15-10:35am	Break/Visit Exhibits/ Network	10:15-10:35am	Break/Visit Exhibits/ Network
10:45-11:45am	Concurrent Sessions	10:45-11:45am	Concurrent Sessions
11:55am-12:55pm	Concurrent Sessions	11:55am-12:55pm	Concurrent Sessions
12:55pm	Doors open for lunch	12:55pm	Doors open for lunch
1:30-2:40pm	Platform Presenters/Award Presentations	1:30-2:40pm	Keynote
2:50-3:50pm	Concurrent Sessions	2:40-3:00pm	Closing Remarks
4:00-5:00pm	Concurrent Sessions		

*subject to change

Visit our website: www.schiv-stdconference.org

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dázon Dixon Diallo, DHL, MPH

Dázon Dixon Diallo is a recognized visionary and advocate in the struggle for human rights through sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice, and the fight against HIV, STIs and Gender-based Violence. Dázon is Founder and President of SisterLove, Inc, established in 1989, the first women's HIV, Sexual and Reproductive Justice organization in the southeastern United States. She is a proud member of In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda Partnership, where she advocates for sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice in public health and prevention policies and programs. Dázon has built a deep reach with a diverse community of listeners for 27 years, as producer and host of a weekly radio program

focused on Black women. She is a member of the Women-At-Risk Subcommittee and the Scientific Advisory Group of the HIV Prevention Trials Network, UNFPA Global Advisory Council, the Women's Research Initiative and a founding member of SisterSong Reproductive Justice Collective. She is the creator and convener of the Prevention Options for Women at Risk-POWaR-Partnership and WomenNOW! PowerShift for SRHRJ for Girls & Women of African Descent worldwide. Dr. Diallo is a co-chair for the Act Now: End AIDS National Coalition. Dr. Diallo holds a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a Bachelor's Degree from Spelman College. In 2012, Dr. Diallo had the distinct honor to receive an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from her alma mater, Spelman College. In the HIV/STI and sexual/reproductive justice arenas she has been accredited for developing and implementing "Healthy Love". In 1999, Dázon opened SisterLove in South Africa. Dázon continues to learn and to lead in the fight for sexual, reproductive, gender, racial, and economic justice with authenticity, transparency and integrity.

Gloria Searson, ACSW

Gloria Searson has over 25 years of professional experience working in the field of HIV and hepatitis C. She was employed by a leading organization in treatment education, NATAP for 10 years. Gloria went on to work with all types of populations including women, men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender persons, and seniors. Throughout her career, she worked as a treatment educator and director of treatment education, as an advocacy relations manager, supervised an HIV clinic serving over 800 patients, and as director of community health. Gloria Searson formed COPE, the Coalition on Positive Health Empowerment, in 2010 after working as a supervisor at North General Hospital. Gloria is considered an expert in the field and has experience in public health, for-profit business, and nonprofit organizations giving her multiple perspectives in the field of HIV and HCV.



Phil Wilson

*Founder and managing director of Artists and Activists for Health Equity
Producer of Dance for Life Festival for Health Equity
Founder of Black AIDS Institute*

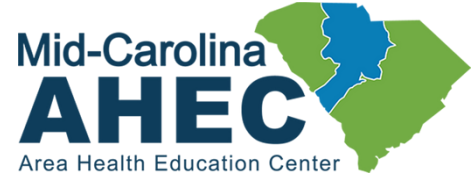
Phill Wilson is an African American HIV/AIDS activist who founded the Black AIDS Institute in 1999 to promote awareness and prevent the spread of AIDS in Black communities by engaging and mobilizing Black institutions and individuals. Wilson served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Black AIDS Institute for over 20 years. Wilson attended Illinois Wesleyan University, where he earned his

B.F.A. in theater and a B.A. in Spanish literature. In 1982, he moved to Los Angeles with his partner, Chris Brownlie. They joined the National Association of Black and White Men Together – a gay multicultural, anti-racism organization committed to fostering supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers could be overcome and the goal of human equality realized. However, the developing AIDS crisis would spur Wilson's increased activism: He and Chris were both diagnosed with the disease in the early 1980s. (Chris died of HIV – related illnesses in 1989.) In 1990, Wilson became a special assistant to Mayor Tom Bradley, working as the AIDS Coordinator for Los Angeles. From 1990 to 1995, he served as the co-chair of the Los Angeles HIV Health Commission. In 1995, he was appointed by President William Jefferson Clinton as a member of the Department of Health and Human Services' HRSA AIDS Advisory Commission. In 2010, President Obama appointed Wilson to his President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. Wilson has said that, when he dies, he hopes people will remember him for not giving up. His biggest fear is that the Black community will give up fighting AIDS before the pandemic is over. Wilson has served as a trustee for amfAR: The Foundation for AIDS Research.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference is designed for nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, other clinicians, HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis educators, social workers, case managers, public health professionals, pharmacists, other service providers, teachers, students, people living with HIV/AIDS and other interested community members. Our mission for this interdisciplinary conference is to provide opportunities for professionals and community members to engage in dialogue and share past successes, discuss current practices and interventions, as well as address emerging issues and trends.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT



Mid-Carolina Area Health Education Center (AHEC) provides a variety of continuing education credits for up to a total of 10 hours across the two-day conference. **Participation will be tracked and recorded at each session. Contact hours will only be awarded based on documented attendance.**

Daily Totals: 10/23 (Wednesday) = 6 hours; 10/24 (Thursday) = 4 hours

Counselors & Therapists: This program has been approved for up to 10 hours of continuing education by SC AHEC under its accreditation by the SC Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists.

Nursing with Pharmacology Content: Mid-Carolina AHEC is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by South Carolina Nurses Association an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This nursing continuing education activity is approved for up to 10 hours of which 4.0 are pharmacology hours (please note: exact pharmacology hours will be based on sessions attended).

Social Workers: This program has been approved by SC AHEC under its accreditation by the SC Board of Social Work Examiners for up to 6 hours social work and 4 hours non-social work hours, for a total of 10 clock hours.

Mid-Carolina AHEC, Inc.: This program is approved for up to 1.0 CEU (10 clock hours) of continuing education by Mid-Carolina AHEC, Inc. and meets the SC AHEC Best Practice Standards. Participants must attend 90% of the program in order to receive a certificate of attendance. *No partial credit given.*

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) Treatment and Prevention Professionals: Applications are being made to the SC Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (SCAADAC) and the SC Association of Prevention Professionals and Advocates (SCAPPA) for 10 hours of continuing education credit.

Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES)/Master Certified Health Education Specialists

(MCHES): Application is being made to the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control for 10 hours of continuing education credit for Certified Health Education Specialists and Master Certified Health Education Specialists.

Pharmacists: The University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. This activity is eligible for ACPE credit; see final CPE activity announcement for specific details.



Detailed instructions regarding how to claim credit will be provided at the conference. The NABP CPE Monitor will not accept credit claimed and reported greater than 60 days from the date of the program.

CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

Location

All sessions will be held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 545-0181

<https://www.columbiaconventioncenter.com/>



Parking

The Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center (CMCC) Parking Lot is adjacent to the facility and has 260 first come first served, complimentary spots. In the case that the CMCC Parking Lot becomes full, the Park Street Garage located directly across the street from CMCC charges \$2 for the first hour and \$1 for every hour after that up to \$10 for the day.

Hotel

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Columbia Downtown the Vista

901 Washington Street, Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 683-7500

Room Rate: \$99.00* per night.

Reservation Deadline: October 8, 2024

To make reservations online, click the link below and enter your travel dates.

[Holiday Inn Express Booking Link- CLICK HERE](#)



Cambria Hotel Columbia Downtown the Vista

1000 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 728-3355

Room Rate: \$149.00* per night.

Reservation Deadline: October 8, 2024

To make reservations online, click the link below and enter your travel dates.

[Cambria Booking Link- CLICK HERE](#)



**Limited number of rooms are available at this rate. Rates are subject to room, local area, and hospitality taxes and may be approximately 14%. Standard Parking Fees apply and may be approximately \$22.00/ night.*

Accessibility

The SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference Committee is committed to making the conference fully accessible for all attendees. If you require assistance to fully participate in the conference, please contact Pam Harper, Conference Registrar, at pharper@comporium.net or (803) 286-4121.

Refunds, Cancellations and Substitutions

Refunds for a cancelled registration (less a **\$50.00** administration fee) may be obtained by written request to the Conference Registrar, Pam Harper, at Mid-Carolina AHEC, (803) 286-4121 or pharper@comporium.net. Such requests must be received by **October 6, 2024**. Refunds will not be made to participants who cancel after that date or who register but do not attend.

Substitutions are permitted but must be approved through **written request only (no phone calls)** to the Conference Registrar at pharper@comporium.net. The 2024 SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference is not responsible for any change/cancellation charges incurred by the registrant.

ENDING THE EPIDEMICS SC: PrEP PRECONFERENCE SUMMIT

Date: October 22nd, 2024

Location: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

Time: 9:30AM-2:00PM

Registration Fee: \$30

Why Attend?

- **Expert Insights:** Hear from renowned experts in sexual health, mental wellness, and healthcare disparities. Participate in an insightful discussion on the intersection of mental health and sexual wellness. Discover evidence-based approaches to HIV prevention in clinical settings. Additionally, explore how PrEP can empower Black women to take control of their sexual health.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with fellow professionals, researchers, and advocates.
- **Actionable Takeaways:** Gain practical strategies to apply in your practice or organization.
- **Community Building:** Join a supportive community committed to advancing health equity.

CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP AND/OR EXHIBIT SPACE

For those who wish to support this year's conference, the following contribution levels are available:

Conference Partner	\$10,000
Diamond Level	\$ 5,000
Platinum Level	\$ 2,500
Gold Level	\$ 1,400
Silver Level	\$ 1,000
Bronze Level	\$ 750 (the base level for commercial exhibitors)
Commercial/For Profit	\$ 650 (to exhibit only ; keynote and concurrent sessions are not included)
Non-profit/State Agency	\$ 450 (to exhibit only ; keynote and concurrent sessions are not included)

Contact Chris Skope at (843) 792-1348 or skopecm@musc.edu to support the conference and/or arrange an exhibit space. The complete Sponsor/Exhibitor Brochure is available at www.schiv-stdconference.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS

PLWHA Registration Scholarships : For Conference Only, Not for Preconference Summit

A limited number of scholarships to cover registration fees are available for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH). All application materials must be received by **June 28, 2024**. The scholarship application forms and information about the scholarship process can be found at www.schiv-stdconference.org. For further information, contact Inez Morris, Scholarship Committee Chair, at (864) 787-2845 or inezmorris54@gmail.com.

Student Scholarships

Up to twelve **1-day scholarships** are being offered to students enrolled in public health-related programs (health sciences, medicine, social work, pharmacy, etc.) in South Carolina colleges and universities. Each scholarship will cover registration for **one day** of the conference including breakfast and lunch. Scholarship recipients may choose which day to attend. Students will be responsible for any travel and hotel accommodations. All scholarship applications are due **September 6, 2024**. Please see our website, www.schiv-stdconference.org for student scholarship application forms.

2024 SC HIV, STD, AND VIRAL HEPATITIS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
Only complete if registering by mail. If registering on-line, visit: www.midcarolinaahec.org

NAME _____
 ORGANIZATION _____
 DISCIPLINE (e.g., nurse, social worker, health educator, etc.) _____
 MAILING ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE (_____) _____ **E-MAIL (REQUIRED for CEUs)** _____

<u>Registration Timeline</u>	<u>Wed., Oct. 23</u>	<u>Thurs., Oct. 24</u>	<u>Full Conference (both days)</u>
EARLY REGISTRATION <i>Deadline: August 23</i>	____ \$145	____ \$145	____ \$270
REGULAR REGISTRATION <i>Deadline: September 13</i>	____ \$170	____ \$170	____ \$320
LATE REGISTRATION ON-SITE <i>Deadline: October 11</i>	____ \$205	____ \$205	____ \$395
REGISTRATION <i>Registration <u>after</u> October 11</i>	____ \$245	____ \$245	____ \$470
STUDENT REGISTRATION* <i>Deadline: September 13</i>	____ \$60	____ \$60	____ \$120
*Students will be required to submit a scanned copy of their school identification card (with photo) with their registration and MUST have that card with them at conference registration on-site.			
<i>If you are pursuing ACPE credit, please add \$15 to your total:</i>			
	____	+ \$15	
PRECONFERENCE SUMMIT			
<i>Add Preconference Registration:</i>			
	____	\$30	
TOTAL PAYMENT:		\$ _____	
For those with dietary restrictions:			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I would like a VEGETARIAN lunch.		<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I would like a VEGAN lunch.	
<i>Please note there is a \$10 convenience fee for paying online. Registration fees include conference materials, keynote addresses, concurrent sessions, and conference meals (continental breakfast and lunch each day). Late Registration will be accepted on a space-available basis. **Any registration paperwork not received in the Mid-Carolina AHEC office by October 11, 2024 will be considered On-site Registration and the appropriate fees will apply if space is available.</i>			

I have read and agree to the “Refunds, Cancellations and Substitutions” policy found under “REGISTRATION INFORMATION” in this brochure or on the conference website: www.schiv-stdconference.org.

Registrant Signature (required) _____

If registering by mail, make fee payable to: Annual SC HIV STD Conference (Federal ID #20-3795068)

Specify method of payment: ___ Check # _____ Money Order # _____
 ___ State Purchase Order # _____ (We will accept POs from SC state government agencies only.)

Incomplete registration forms will not be processed. Confirmation of registration will be made via postcard or e-mail.

Mail completed registration form and payment to:

Pam Harper, Registrar
 SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference
 Box 2049, Lancaster, SC 29721

Questions? Phone (803) 286-4121; Fax (803) 286-4165 or E-mail pharper@comporium.net.