Workshop Descriptions

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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS		
1395: Public Health Informatics & the Tools to Visualize Your Data This pre-conference session is the first in a series of three annual pre-conference workshops focused on expanding practitioners' knowledge of and skills in infectious disease analytics and modeling. Featured speakers will introduce informatics concepts and demonstrate tools such as Microsoft Power Apps and Tableau used in this work. This 2024 workshop is ideal for Epidemiologists, District and State Program Managers, IT, Environmental Health, District Health Directors, Academics. Describe public health informatics and its use in various settings.	May 1, 2024 8:30-11:30am Room 8	Amber Erickson, DrPH, MPH Allison Chamberlain, PhD, MS Ramona Barnett, MPH Kristi Thompson, MPH
Identify and compare types of informatics software systems.		
Demonstrate examples of software programs to query and visualize public health data.		
1254: Friday Night at the ER Simulation Workshop: Systems Thinking for Healthcare and Public Health	May 1, 2024 9:00-12:00pm Room 11	Linda Kimsey, PhD, MHA
The presentation is a 150-minute session of board game simulation in which participants manage a hospital's patient flow for 24 hours, followed by a presentation and debrief to highlight concepts of systems thinking and strategies for using it to improve organizational performance.		
Identify collaborative, innovative, and data-driven strategies for improving organizational performance.		
Recognize the importance of both individual mental models and structure (physical and organizational) in everyday performance.		

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1231: Mindful Exercise: Practice and Understanding of the Physiology, Psychology, and Benefits for Rural Populations An insightful overview and experience of new research in the area of mindful exercise related to the practice of tai chi, from an evidence-based perspective of the physiological and psychological mechanisms of action. The workshop includes aspects of mindfulness as a powerful tool for motivating health action; relevance to self-awareness and self-sabotage; as well as diffusion of innovation theory related to rural health motivation. LIVE 60 MINUTE SECTION WORKSHOPS	May 1, 2024 10:00-12:00pm Room 9	P. Anthony Gryffin, PhD
1331: A Meeting with Death: How Medical Examiner/Coroner Offices Can Support the Surveillance of Respiratory Illnesses In 2021, CDPH and CCMEO were selected by CSTE/CDC as one of the seven sites nationwide to conduct this enhanced respiratory surveillance. The project includes point-of-care testing for all CCMEO cases at the morgue, then confirmatory testing at the Georgia Public Health Laboratory (GPHL) for a total of 18 different respiratory viruses, plus an Epidemiologist stationed on-site to help with it all. Explain the mutually beneficial relationship between district/state epidemiology and medical examiner/coroner offices regarding infectious disease surveillance.	May 1, 2024 1:45-3:15pm 60 Min Epidemiology Room 7	Savannah Hardin, MPH, CIC Daena Mann, MPH
1335: Public Health Family Feud The Public Health Family Feud game will pit public health officials against one another to see how District and State Public Health officials answered questions about Public Health programs in Georgia. *Not eligible for CE	May 1, 2024 1:45-3:15pm Administration Room 5	Kimberly Lee, MHSA
1206: Review of 2024 Georgia General Assembly	May 1, 2024 1:45-3:15pm	Scott Maxwell, ABJ

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This presentation will provide a review of the 2024 General Assembly, describing policy bills that passed or failed as well as public health highlights from the state budget. Behind-the-scenes political insights will be offered to explain the "whys" behind various legislative actions.	Boards of Health Room 9	
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1267: Partners and Peers for Youth Violence Prevention: the Co-Creation of a Healthy Relationship Ambassadors Program	May 1, 2024 1:45-3:15pm Health	Amber Murphey, MPH Jazmin Nagorski, CFLE, CHSE
Georgia PREVAYL (Preventing Violence Affecting Young Lives) is a CDC cooperative agreement with the Georgia Department of Public Health focused on the Northeast Health District, Athens GA. This skill-building workshop exhibits local implementation of PREVAYL programs and partnerships through an exploration of the Healthy Relationships Ambassadors (HRA) teen program. Participants will have the opportunity to improve their youth violence prevention skills through engagement with examples of student-led and planning activities.	Education and Promotion Room 4	
Describe an understanding of the importance and benefit of multi-sector collaboration between community partners and students for youth violence prevention using shared risk and protective factors.		
No Section Speaker	May 1, 2024 1:45-3:15pm Laboratory Room Ben Porter Salon	
1333: Functional Areas of Artificial Intelligence Use in Public Health: A Narrative Review Discover the transformative impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on public health through this comprehensive research. Delving into seven key applications, the study explores AI's role in disease surveillance, data modernization, social determinants of health, healthcare management, personalized care, environmental health, and telehealth. Uncover how AI propels Public Health 3.0, enhancing precision and efficiency in addressing complex public health challenges amid budget constraints and rising threats.	May 1, 2024 1:45-3:15pm Health Information and Technology Room 8	Indira Karibayeva, PHD, MPH Gulzar Shah, PhD, MStat, MS Adenuga Aderosoye, DVM, MSc

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Demonstrate an understanding of the transformative role of artificial intelligence (AI) in public health. They will be equipped to discern seven key applications of AI.		
1215: Management of Trichomoniasis in Adult Females: A Recommendation for Post-treatment Follow-Up The Standard Nurse Protocols for Registered Professional Nurses in Public Health (2023) recommends follow-up in adult females with trichomoniasis fourteen to ninety days after initial treatment because of high rates of reinfection. Using quality improvement to explore an evidenced-based change for this public health practice, a phone consultation between twenty-one- and thirty-days post-treatment was studied to reinforce counseling and provide additional treatment if needed. Identify recommended preferred treatment for adult females diagnosed with trichomoniasis in public health.	May 1, 2024 1:45-3:15pm Nursing Room 10	Lakeyshia King DNP, MSN, APRN FNP-C
Discuss the importance of patient follow-up in adult females diagnosed with trichomoniasis in public health.		
1197: The Impact of Brand Representation and Communications in Public Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic	May 1, 2024 1:45-3:15pm Communication	Bri White Jonathan Sheffield Darryl Carver
Our communications department wants to underline the need of using concise and clear language both internally and externally. We are the district's first point of contact for branding and marketing, and we want to maintain our credibility while simultaneously improving health literacy. Assist us in spreading the word about the services and capabilities. To accomplish so, we must convey clarity in our advertisements.	s Room 11	Tia McCullough Rachel Waller
Explain a basic understanding for communicating effectively with the public using their brand identity.		
No Section Speaker	May 1, 2024 3:30-5:00pm	

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	Environmental Health Room Ben Porter Salon	
1380: The ROSE Approach to Advancing Black Maternal and Infant Health To address racial inequities in maternal and infant health, Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere (ROSE) discusses their approach to build equity through culturally appropriate training, education, advocacy, and support. Discuss 2 implementation strategies that embeds equity into programs and initiatives.	May 1, 2024 3:30-5:00pm Maternal and Child Health Room 10	Andrea Serano, BS, IBCLC, CLC Carl Route, CLC
1274: Systematic Initiatives That Impact the Whole-community Approach to Resiliency I will present the challenges of the complex systems that may hinder the capacity to build resilience within our communities. I will discuss alternative approaches to developing resilience and help the learners understand their place in the system at the most basic local level. Discuss the complexities of systems in building resilient communities as well as defining resilience and Whole community.	May 1, 2024 3:30-5pm Safety and Health Preparedness Room 9	Todd Wyckoff, MPA, CEM®, EMHP, NEMEA
1403: Oral Health & Primary Care Integration Albany Area Primary Health Care strives to provide care that is affordable and accessible in the community that we serve. Our mission is to provide quality health care to everyone, and our core values are to always show compassion, always connect with our community, and continuously strive to improve.	May 1, 2024 3:30-5pm Medical/Dental Room 11	Charmaine Idlett, RDH, MBA
*Not eligible for CE 1269: Breastfeeding Policies and Resources for Postpartum Employees are Lacking Across a University System	May 1, 2024 3:30-5pm Nutrition Room 8	Emily Loedding Ashby, MPH, BSHPB Sritha Donepudi

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This presentation will describe the differences in policies across a singular university system and the need for female employees to advocate for their own breastfeeding and postpartum needs. I will also demonstrate the discrepancies between having a formal policy in place and the existence of lactation rooms on campus. Finally, I will discuss strategies to develop policies at universities to improve breastfeeding access for all working mothers.		Heather M. Padilla, PhD, RDN, LD
Understand the current reality of breastfeeding policies and resources available for university employees and the need for better support for female employees across all employment levels.		
1297: An Evidence-Based Approach to Using Opioid Settlement Funds to Address the Opioid Crisis in Georgia	May 1, 2024 3:30-5pm Academic	Robert Bohler, PhD, MPH William Mase, DrPH, MPH
This presentation will provide actionable information for a wide range of stakeholders that attend the GPHA conference, especially ones positioned to distribute opioid settlement funds, implement programs with these funds, or advocate for the best use of these funds. Evidence-based strategies and approaches to address the opioid crisis are presented within the levels of prevention framework of primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention.	Room 4	
Identify 2-3 evidence-based and promising programs within the levels of prevention framework to address the opioid crisis in Georgia, and describe a comprehensive response to the opioid crisis across the continuum of care including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery.		
1305: The Future of Public Health: Developing the workforce through Public Health AmeriCorps	May 1, 2024 3:30-5pm	Kristi James, DrPH(c), MPH, CHES
The Public Health AmeriCorps (PHAmC) is a program to develop the public health workforce and bring diversified professionals and students into the field. The American Public Health Association (APHA) provided technical assistance for PHAmC members to learn from public health practitioners and receive professional development training. The CDC funded 30 PHAmC members to attend APHA's annual meeting in Atlanta, GA to present their host site experience.	Career Development Room 7	
Develop a process for providing technical assistance and training to emerging public health professionals.		

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1201: Convening and Leading Statewide Stakeholders to Address Primary Care Shortages in Georgia Comprising six regional AHECs and the program office, the Georgia Statewide AHEC Network has made intentional efforts addressing the shortage of primary care providers. Recognizing the interconnectedness of primary care and public health, the AHEC organizes invitation-only summits, fostering collaboration among stakeholders to develop a consensus work agenda. The Summit has made successful progress in influencing and addressing primary care shortages in Georgia. Describe the tasks associated with hosting a Statewide Summit on Primary Care for 100+ invited stakeholders Describe the process of synthesizing recommendations into a prioritized Legislative Agenda Describe the Advocacy role played by AHECs to successfully achieve the recommendations and how the implementation roles the AHEC assumed in translating recommendations into policy. LIVE 30 MINUTE WORKSHOPS	May 1, 2024 3:30-5pm Rural Health Room 5	Erin Mundy, MPA Alyss Ruffa, MPH
1346: Program Reach, Satisfaction and Lessons Learned from a Community-based COVID-19 Health Literacy Program The program will provide an overview of a community-based health literacy program implemented in Albany, GA, and share findings from the program evaluation including program reach, satisfaction, and lessons learned from the evaluation. Describe best practices of a community-based health literacy program administered in Albany, GA.	May 2, 2024 9:30-10:00am 30 Min Room 8	Tatiana Woldman Janani Thapa, PhD Jacob Matta Biplav Tiwari, MPH Samla Resma
Identify barriers to COVID-19 vaccine uptake and potential effective strategies for increasing vaccination.		

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1207: Improving the Health of Communities through Community Health Assessments and Community Health Improvement Plans Discussion on how developing a community health assessment and community health improvement plan using Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP); a multi-sector and community-driven strategic planning process, can improve the health of communities and achieve health equity. Discuss how leveraging or developing a community health assessment and community health improvement plan can strengthen public health departments, programs, and community infrastructures to care for and improve the health of citizens across Georgia.	May 2, 2024 9:30-10:00am 30 Min Room 9	Miranda Helms, BS, LSSGB
1325: Let's Grow: A Public Health District's Continued Development of County Nurse Managers How one Public Health District continues to develop county nurse managers to lead staff and communities to a healthier Georgia. Describe one Public Health District's Continued Development of County Nurse Managers. Implement a development program for County Nurse Managers to lead staff and communities to a healthier Georgia. Utilize examples of team building activities, personal and professional growth sessions and valuable contact information from presenters on how to implement their own growth and development program.	May 2, 2024 9:30-10:00am 30 Min Room 11	Cindi R Hart, RN, MSN Leighan B. Waters, BBA
1350: Exploring the gap: rural and urban disparities in COVID-19 vaccination uptake among U.S. adults This workshop will provide an overview of gaps in COVID-19 vaccine uptake between urban and rural areas at the individual level in the United states over a two-year period. Define the widening gaps of COVID-19 vaccine uptake between urban and rural areas in the United States.	May 2, 2024 9:30-10:00am 30 Min Room 4	Biplab Kumar Datta, PhD Jennifer E. Jaremski, MPA Benjamin E. Ansa, PhD, MD, MSCR, CPH Lorriane Odhiambo, PhD, MPH Catherine Clary, JD, KM Monirul Islam, MBBS/MD, PhD, MPH

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1209: Gender-Based Differences in Stress and Coping among Farmers(N=1,394): A Cross-Sectional Study with Propensity Score Matching This cross-sectional study compares the mental health experiences of male and female farmers, with a particular focus on stress levels, stressors, and coping mechanisms. The research aims to shed light on gender-based differences in stress experiences and coping strategies among agricultural workers. Describe the influence of gender on suicidal ideation in farmers.	May 2, 2024 9:30-10:00am 30 Min Room 10	J. Aaron Johnson, PhD Anne Montgomery, PhD James Dunaway Stephanie Basey, PhD Chris Scoggins, MPH Lily Baucom
1296: Ghosting on PrEP Care: Understanding why some PrEP clinic clients don't persist in care This presentation describes findings of a survey conducted among patients who previously accessed HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) at Fulton County Board of Health (FCBOH) and have not visited the clinic in at least six months. The aims were to understand whether these individuals sought care elsewhere, the reasons for not returning to care at FCBOH and potentially identify areas for improvement. Describe the reasons why people who have not remained in care at the FCBOH PrEP clinic have	May 2, 2024 9:30-10:00am 30 Min Room 5	Blake Launius B.S. Jessica Lopes da Rosa-Spiegler, PhD Udodirim Onwubiko, MPH Samuel Jenness, PhD Jane Y. Scott, MD Allison T. Chamberlain, PhD
left. 1336: Combatting Public Health Concerns of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) in Cobb and Douglas Counties Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are on the rise in the United States, and District 3-1 (Cobb and Douglas counties) has seen this trend, too. Particularly alarming is the increase in STIs in adolescents and young adults. To mitigate this public health concern, the Cobb and Douglas Public Health team engaged in a variety of projects and media campaigns courtesy of CDC funding to GA DPH. Demonstrate ways to alleviate this public health concern.	May 2, 2024 9:30-10:00am 30 Min Room 7	Marie Claude Paul-David, MPH Shontay Rose-Bell
1223: Effective Collaboration to Implement Community Health Improvement Plans	May 2, 2024 10:10-10:40am	Jessica Dent, MEM

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Bringing together partners to implement an effective Community Health Improvement Plan takes finesse, organization, and communication. Learn how one public health district minimized time demands and maximized benefits for participating organizations, promoting sustained involvement. Two frameworks, Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) and Collective Impact, and a combination of in-person and digital meetings and tools were used to facilitate engaged and effective workgroups.	30 Min Room 8		
Identify frameworks and tools to use in effectively facilitating groups working on community health improvement.			
1232: Culturally Tailored Health Campaigns: From Concept to Impact	May 2, 2024 10:10-10:40am	Elizabeth M'balu Oke, MSc	
Join us for a thought-provoking exploration into the heart of health communication. Are your messages truly connecting? This session offers a roadmap for infusing cultural relevance into your campaigns, turning questions into solutions. Learn how to make your health messages not just heard, but deeply felt, particularly within underserved communities, for a transformative impact on public health outcomes.	10:10-10:40am 30 Min Room 9		
Demonstrate an understanding of the crucial role of cultural precision.			
Describe practical tools used to seamlessly integrate cultural precision into health communication strategies, ensuring messages resonate authentically across diverse communities.			
1247: Data to Action: Building a Diverse and Inclusive Public Health Workforce	May 2, 2024 10:10-10:40am 30 Min Room 11	Loretta Jackson Brown, PhD, MSN, RN	
When addressing determinants of health, the importance of a diverse, inclusive public health workforce needs to be considered. A workforce composed of individuals from various backgrounds, that reflect the diverse communities it serves, is critical to mitigating drivers of inequities. Strategic plans and workforce data can be used to help organizations create DEI-centric workplaces where staff are empowered to implement programs to advance health equity.		Darryl Owens Kesan Samuel, MPH	

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Explain how data and action plans can be used for building a DEI-centric workforce to advance health equity.		
1384: Rapid Community Assessment in Coastal Georgia: Key Findings and Lessons Learned Perceptions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine need to be better understood and evaluated to enhance the design of public health interventions and improve vaccination rates. During our session, we will share the main findings from the rapid community assessment, best practices for data collection, and main challenges and lessons for public health professionals who might plan to conduct similar work in the future. Examine attitudes and perceptions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and describe approaches that	May 2, 2024 10:10-10:40am 30 Min Room 4	Blerta Shehaj, MPH Kristie C. Waterfield, DrPH, MBA Angie Peden, MPH Kirsten Mengell, MPH Danielle Sayre, MPH Sarah Mosley, BSPH
work best for data collection in community settings. 1211: CATAPULT: Breaking The Pressure Barrier The participants will be able to design and implement a quality improvement project in their institute to improve blood pressure control. Describe and implement a cohort study to improve blood pressure control.	May 2, 2024 10:10-10:40am 30 Min Room 10	Patrick Berchie, MD Zahraa Rabeeah, MD, FACP, FOMA Catherine Apaloo, MD, FACP Jacob Barry, MPH Swetha Chaparala, MD
1196: PortaCount Mask Fitting: Ensuring Respiratory Protection in Occupational Settings This presentation will highlight the benefits of Quantitative Mask Fitting in terms of efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and compliance with regulatory requirements. It will discuss the positive impact of this technology on occupational health and safety programs, ultimately reducing the risk of exposure-related illnesses. Explain how Quantitative Mask Fitting can be both cost-effective and efficient.	May 2, 2024 10:10-10:40am 30 Min Room 5	Cara Taylor, RN, MSN
1370: Eating "White Dirt": Exploring the Health Risks and Cultural Significance of Kaolin Ingestion Georgia is renowned as the global epicenter of the kaolin industry, a clay colloquially referred to as "white dirt". This substance is often consumed as a form of pica, a condition characterized by the ingestion of nonfood substances. As such, the ingestion of this mineral has strong roots	May 2, 2024 10:10-10:40am 30 Min Room 7	Bri Young, M.S.

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within rural Georgia communities, with those who participate reasoning that the mineral helps with gastrointestinal issues, and others who simply crave it. This presentation aims to explore the health hazards associated with eating kaolin, while also honing the emotional intelligence skills so deeply important in public health practices.		
Recognize the health risks associated with kaolin ingestion while respecting the cultural aspects of the practice.		
1377: Youth Voices Survey: Identifying the current issues facing youth Usher's New Look (UNL) is a youth development program in Atlanta, GA. With funding from the Walton Family Foundation, UNL launched a nationwide research project to help educators, education funders, and decisionmakers better understand student insights and perspectives. Describe the three of the most important issues identified by youths throughout the nation.	May 2, 2024 10:55-11:25am 30 Min Room 8	Kimberley Broomfield-Massey, P.hD Kwardel Lewis, MPH Latoya Henry Careshia Moore, Esq
1323: Owning Your Learning Journey: A Roadmap to Sustainable Professional Growth in Public Health While the Region IV Public Health Training Center offers a rich tapestry of training programs, these are only a piece of the learning journey. Unlocking the full potential of professional development requires more than attending courses – it demands a conscious commitment to ongoing learning and collaboration. This presentation aims to inspire and equip public health professionals to embrace a proactive approach to their own journeys.	May 2, 2024 10:55-12:05pm 70 Min Room 9	Emily Saunders, EdD Laura Lloyd, MPH, MCHES Melissa (Moose) Alperin, EdD, MPH, MCHES Brandy Walker, PhD Carolina Darbisi, PhD Elizabeth Kidwell, MPH, CHES
Locate professional and leadership development opportunities relevant to your current or future role. Identify essential elements that should be included in a personal professional development plan to address learning gaps or professional goals.		
1218: Using Career Ladders to Increase Retention in Public Health Recruitment and retention of public health employees has always been a challenge, but never more so than during and post pandemic. Through this session, participants will learn about Cobb & Douglas Public Health's approach to employee retention using career ladders.	May 2, 2024 10:55-11:25am 30 Min Room 11	Cynthia Cox, B.S. Valerie Prince, B.A.

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Describe career ladders and their effectiveness on employee retention.	May 2, 2024	Wanda Allen, DNP, MSN,
1361: A Snapshot Picture: Health Literacy, Attitudes, and Behavior Health literacy influences attitudes and behaviors. The health literacy program addressed myths, misinformation, and disinformation related to COVID-19 and related variables (i.e., masking, vaccines, trusted sources of health information, etc.). Participants in the health literacy program reported a positive behavioral change to give more conscious thought to information related to COVID-19.	10:55-11:25am 30 Min Room 4	MPA, AGNP-C, RN AntaSha Jones, PhD, M.S.
Increase public health practitioners' knowledge of the link between health literacy, attitudes, and behavior to facilitate implementation of health education strategies, interventions, and programs.		
1216: Factors Affecting Telehealth Use Among US Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Cross-sectional Analysis	May 2, 2024 10:55-11:25am 30 Min	Farah M Chowdhury, MD, MPH M. Mahmud Khan, PhD
Using a cross-sectional national survey, this analysis examined determinants of telehealth use during COVID-19 pandemic. The results should help policymakers to develop evidence-based options for improving telehealth use by addressing different social, economic, geographic, and health status related barriers. The factors identified will also help clinicians and public health practitioners to ensure effective utilization of telehealth, especially when barriers to use in-person healthcare become critical.	Room 10	Jenay M. Beer, PhD
Identify potential determinants of telehealth use during COVID-19 pandemic.		
1243: An intervention to support healthy eating by changing the home food environment among 2-1-1 clients	May 2, 2024 10:55-11:25am 30 Min	Shadé Owolabi, MS Cerra Antonacci, MBE, MHS Lucja Bundy, MA
This presentation will describe the baseline data and preliminary results of the Healthy Homes/Healthy Families intervention, a home based intervention developed to help shape dietary behaviors within the home.	Room 5	Ana Arana, MPH Wanda Allen, DNP, MSN, MPA, AGNP-C, RN
Identify aspects of the home food environment that associate with dietary behavior.		Shaunae Motley Candace

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1299: A Biting Problem: Use of Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis and Household Income in DeKalb County Rabies is a neurological disease that is almost always fatal. The average cost of rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is \$3,800, excluding the cost of hospital treatment. This analysis uses SendSS, GRITS, and U.S. Census data to compare DeKalb County's rate of rabies PEP completion across ZIP code areas with different income levels.	10:55-11:25am 30 Min Room 7	Julia Knebl, MPH Calvin Patimeteeporn, MSPH
Evaluate gaps in rabies post-exposure prophylaxis vaccination accessibility using county-level case and vaccination data.		
1284: Black Boys Better: Mental health programming for middle and high school Black male students In metro Atlanta and rural areas across Georgia, the non-profit Creative Connections is serving a unique and underrepresented group of students. Black Boys Better is a program designed to address emotional intelligence, provide mental health education, and social-emotional learning skills to enhance their personal development. The program officially launched in September 2023 and has served both middle and high school students in Atlanta and Savannah.	May 2, 2024 11:35-12:05pm 30 Min Room 8	Chris James Kristi James, MPH, CHES
Identify mental health programming strategies for servicing Black male students. 1327: Growing, Learning, and Innovating: A Public Health District's Path to a Healthier Georgia Presenters will share one district's journey to develop a comprehensive, multi-faceted development plan for all employees, given federal resources for Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce and Data Systems. Based on 38 listening sessions, the Office of Growth, Learning and Innovation was formed to develop personnel policy, offer to and select applicants	May 2, 2024 11:35-12:05pm 30 Min Room 11	Leighan B. Waters, BBA Derek Jones, M. Ed. Chris Sills

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for workforce development series, provide trainings in multi-modalities, evaluate strategies and activities, and strengthen recruitment and engagement efforts.		
Discuss processes for assessing the needs of a public health workforce to develop a strategic plan for addressing those identified needs.		
Identify a variety of systematic strategies that were implemented to strengthen the workforce in one public health district, leading to accelerated prevention, intervention, preparedness and response.		
1342: A Cross-Sectoral Approach to Innovation in Public Health Innovative methods need to be integrated into public health thinking to accelerate change, a belief that led to the creation of our public health innovation cohorts. 11 participants were taught new ways of approaching problems and how to test with pilots. Thematic and network analysis of interviews, along with a 2-year follow-up, revealed an enduring shift in approach to problem solving within their work. Describe the impact that adaptive innovative methodology, Immersive Innovation Labs, had on the problem-solving abilities and careers of public health professionals and how those methods	May 2, 2024 11:35-12:05pm 30 Min Room 4	Michaela Bonnett, MPH Sophie Becker, BFA Meaghan Kennedy, MPH Odiraa Okala, MPH
can apply to their work. 1294: Merging the Sense of Belonging, Self-health Advocacy, and Community Engagement in Rural Beauty and Barbershops The Barbershop and Beauty Shop Health Initiative provides health promotion and education programs where rural residents feel most comfortable in their communities—their barber shops and beauty salons. Through program development, implementation, and evaluation, a greater sense of belonging, self-health advocacy, and community engagement can be achieved for rural	May 2, 2024 11:35-12:05pm 30 Min Room 10	Kedrick L. Williams, DHA, MPH Harvey Lee Moody, III, MS Samantha L. Johnson
Georgia citizens. Formulate components of the Barber Shop and Beauty Shop Health Initiative which can be replicated in other public health programming.		

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List types of community-based organizations that could yield sustaining partnerships for program implementation for such an initiative.		
1363: Self-advocacy during Pregnancy: HOPE for Georgia Moms and Karna Build Communications Tools Georgia has the second highest maternal mortality rate in the nation. Women need to self-advocate to make a difference when speaking to their providers about signs and symptoms causing concern. HOPE for Georgia Moms and the Communications Specialist from Karna, Inc. will present the development of self-advocacy resources based on qualitative interviews for dissemination across the state.	May 2, 2024 11:35-12:05pm 30 Min Room 5	Heidi Ehrenreich, PhD, MPH Leslie Rodriguez, PhD
Describe the process of using findings from research to develop responsive communications materials to address major contributors to maternal mortality and morbidity in Georgia.		
1345: Case Studies of the Environmental Health Specialist Role in Rabies Investigations within the North Central Health District	May 2, 2024 11:35-12:05pm 30 Min	Jeremy Wimes, MPH
This session will provide an overview of the rabies reporting and protocols used within the North Central Health District by Environmental Health Specialists (EHS) to address community concerns. Two cases, one involving a human exposure and one involving a pet encounter with a raccoon, will be presented to further discuss unique nuances encountered by EHS team members.	Room 7	
Discuss Georgia Department of Rabies reporting and protocols from an Environmental Health Specialist perspective.		
Identify practices the rabies program could incorporate to address social determinants of health in human exposure cases.		
1194: Let's Talk About Sex & PrEP: District 2 Does!	May 2, 2024 2:00-2:30pm	Chrissa Shaffer, BSN/RN
Establishing PrEP Services across the entire 13-county district with training, binder of resources, and continued support. Working through the challenges and seeking the needs of our patients is the goal. PrEP Services is more than just STI testing and prevention medication. PrEP Services is	30 Min Room 8	

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about educating the health care providers, educating the patients, and working together to prevent HIV transmission. Assess and evaluate the needs for PrEP Services in district or county health centers. 1393: Building Momentum Toward A Fully Funded State Public Health System Creating a sustainable public health infrastructure and re-imagining the role that a state public health system can play in addressing the social determinants of health requires state-level investments. In this workshop, the presenter will share research findings that outline current and historical barriers limiting Georgia's public health's success and highlight public health infrastructure 'wins' from other states. Then we, as a group, will do an interactive brainstorm to answer the question "How might we transform Georgia's state public health system?". Explain at least one way in which state policymaking and state budget impact Georgia's public	May 2, 2024 2:00-3:10pm 70 Min Room 9	C. Leah Chan, MPH
health infrastructure. *Not eligible for CE		
1208: Propensity-Score Matching Beginning and Experienced Farmers on Stress and Coping Mechanisms to Predict Suicidal Ideation The suicide rate among farmers is much higher than that of the overall working population. Literature on farmer mental health in Georgia has been scarce and mostly focused on farmer suicide. This study looks at the influence of being a beginning farmer (less than 10 years of experience) on farm-related stressors and coping mechanisms by using a stratified propensity score matching technique.	May 2, 2024 2:00-2:30pm 30 Min Room 11	Anne Montgomery, PhD Stephanie Basey, PhD Chris Scoggins, MPH Lily Baucom
Describe the influence of farming experience on suicidal ideation.		
1353: Building Adaptive Leaders in the Southeast: The Impact of the R-IV PHTC's Leadership Institute Since 2019, the Region IV Public Health Training Center has offered a regional leadership institute to help emerging public health leaders develop essential adaptive leadership skills needed to address complex public health challenges in uncertain times. Sharing data from the first 4	May 2, 2024 2:00-2:30pm 30 Min Room 4	Melissa (Moose) Alperin, EdD, MPH, MCHES Carolina Darbisi, PhD Laura M. Lloyd, MPH, MCHES Brandy Walker, PhD

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cohorts of the institute, this presentation will illustrate the impact of the leadership institute on adaptive leadership skill development and application to practice.		Elizabeth Kidwell, MPH, CHES Emily Saunders, EdD
Discuss how the Region IV PHTC Leadership Institute advances adaptive and strategic leadership skills.		
Describe the impact of the leadership institute on adaptive leadership skill development and application to practice.		
1326: Screening America's New Arrivals: Characterization of Refugees seen at DeKalb Public Health	May 2, 2024 2:00-2:30pm 30 Min	Haley A Liakakos, MSPH Lucas O'Reilly, MPH Jane Scott, MD
The DeKalb Public Health's Refugee Health Program provides screenings, testing, immunizations, and other services to the county's newly arrived refugees. The program aims to eliminate barriers that could impact resettlement success. Using screening data from 2020 through 2022, this study provides insights into the demographics and health status of refugees resettling in DeKalb County, home to the most refugees in Georgia.	Room 10	Calvin Patimeteeporn, MSPH Gertrude Charles, RN Sandra J Valenciano, MD, MPH
Describe the demographics and health of refugees seen by DeKalb Public Health.		
1329: Positive Childhood Experiences: The Future of Child Well-being Programming	May 2, 2024 2:00-2:30pm	Grace Morrow, MPH
This workshop will show participants how to incorporate positive childhood experiences (PCEs) into their existing work preventing child abuse and neglect. Real world examples from several established projects will be discussed.	30 Min Room 5	
Demonstrate the importance of incorporating PCEs into ACEs programming.		
Describe the relationship between PCEs and ACEs. Formulate practical implications to incorporate PCES into existing ACEs programming.		

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1250: Parasitic Worms in Middle GA. Connecting data points to advance health equity This presentation will describe how environmental health and epidemiology programs can utilize public health program data to inform program practices, identify gaps in services, and to support the long-term goal of achieving health equity. A review of the outcomes of a project related to parasitic worms (helminths) and septic system failures will be used as an example.	May 2, 2024 2:00-2:30pm 30 Min Room 7	Amber Erickson, DrPH, MPH Carla Coley, REHS Julia Jensen, MPH
Demonstrate how existing public health data can be used to advance health equity. 1270: Building Connections and Partnerships: Addressing Fall Prevention Across the Lifespan Community, evidence-based fall prevention programs play an important role in promoting health and well-being across the lifespan. Georgia Department of Public Health Injury Prevention Program has found success in community-based approaches to fall prevention. By engaging in robust state-based data and surveillance, strengthening strategic collaborations and partnerships, and monitoring the effectiveness of evidence-based community programs, Georgia is motivated to reduce risk factors for falls through implementation of the Fall Prevention Nature Walk, a community-based initiative. Identify risk factors for falls, discuss prevention strategies, and engage with local partners and	May 2, 2024 2:40-3:10pm 30 Min Room 8	Megan Passineau, MPH DeAndre Cain, MPH
resources. 1258: A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words": Improving Access to Firearm Injury and Death Data The Georgia Violent Death Reporting System (GA-VDRS) is a population-based surveillance system that provides valuable context about fatal violent events. The Firearm Injury Surveillance Through Emergency Rooms: Georgia Approach (FASTER-GA) improves the timeliness and dissemination of nonfatal firearm injury data. Each program utilized their respective data to create public-facing visualization tools that serve as a resource for statewide and community-level intervention and prevention. Locate publicly available and user-friendly data visualization tools used to communicate violent death and firearm related injury data.	May 2, 2024 2:40-3:10pm 30 Min Room 11	Rana Bayakly, MPH Adan Oviedo, MPH Elizabeth Blankenship, MPH

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1240: Personal health advice and Artificial Intelligence: an assessment of ChatGPT responses for common health conditions in the southern United States Our assessment of AI generated information on common health conditions gives a glimpse of what the future holds for patients seeking information related to their health status. We assessed ChatGPT responses and evaluated their appropriateness for use by the public and found some concerns with the quality of the information, although we were pleasantly surprised by the lifestyle modifications and self-care suggestions it offered. Describe the status of AI generated health responses related to common health problems as well as the readability statistics of a typical response.	May 2, 2024 2:40-3:10pm 30 Min Room 4	Will Evans, PhD, MCHES Julie Harrison-Swartz, RN, DNP, FNP Harrison Ndetan, MPH, PhD, DrPH, MD Jennifer J. Locklear, RN, PhD John Moore, PhD Mary Kozub, RN, PhD Earnie Kaninjing, DrPH Damian Francis, PhD Josie Doss, RN, PhD Crystal Johstono, RN, BSN Debbie Greene, RN, PhD
1279: Integrating Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Screening in Public Health: Data, Models, and Collaborative Dialogues Explore the integration of Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) screening in public health practices. This session presents data on ACEs' health impacts, reviews successful state models for ACE screening and referral, and leads a deliberative dialogue on optimizing these procedures for healthier communities. Analyze and compare various state models of ACE screening and referral, and articulate the advantages and challenges associated with these approaches.	May 2, 2024 2:40-3:10pm 30 Min Room 10	Ryran Traylor, MBA Jessica Traylor, EdD
1244: Engaging public health students in providing nutrition education to elementary school students This presentation will describe methods and outcomes of engaging public health students in an experiential service learning assignment that included the development, implementation, and evaluation of nutrition education to third grade students in an urban school district.	May 2, 2024 2:40-3:10pm 30 Min Room 5	Rebecca Larson, DrPH, MS, MA, RD Reid Johnson MaKenzie Friend

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Describe methods, challenges, and facilitators of working with public health students to develop and implement nutrition education to third grade students in the local public school system.		
1387: Descriptive Evaluation of Critical and Non-Critical Violations of Food Inspection Scores in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, FY 2019-2023 This session will provide a descriptive, five-year trend analysis of the critical and non-critical violations documented by Environmental Health Specialists in the Macon-Bibb County Health Department from FY2019-FY2023. This analysis is being used to determine areas of workforce development for EHS team members, identify common violations, and develop key talking points to reduce foodborne illness risk factors and promote preventive public health measures. Identify compliance practices in food service facilities and describe the difference between critical and non-critical practices. Review trend analysis report and identify appropriate interventions for severity of violation patterns. Devise a trend analysis report and compose interventions specific to the county or community of	May 2, 2024 2:40-3:10pm 30 Min Room 7	Jessica Lawrence, MPH
1287: Building Bridges for Health: Collaboration Between Public Health and Schools During COVID-19 Follow-Up and Beyond Building Bridges for Health explores the development and growth of the partnership between a school district and local public health through innovative surveillance methods designed to increase disease surveillance and community health overall.	May 2, 2024 3:25-3:55pm 30 Min Room 8	Mallory F. Hazell, MPH Anna K. Genetti, MPH Lynne P. Meadows, MS, BSN, RN Sasha Smith, MPH Lynn Paxton, MD, MPH
Describe how establishing strong community partnerships with school systems can strengthen public health surveillance.		
1276: Strengthening Georgia's public health infrastructure and workforce: a qualitative analysis of focus group data	May 2, 2024 3:25-4:35pm 70 Min Room 9	Knetta Adkins, M.S

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Georgia's public health system is stretched thin. This strain was exacerbated during COVID-19. To better understand these dynamics and identify opportunities to strengthen public health in Georgia, Georgians for a Healthy Future held focus groups with public health workers (PHWs.) This presentation will describe the themes of these discussions and resulting recommendations with the aim of creating a shared understanding and action plan among PHWs.		
Discuss PHWs' views of the strengths, challenges, opportunities, and needs of Georgia's PH system, including whether the results are consistent with learners' own views.		
1322: Impact of Physical Fitness on Mental Health Among First Responders: Public Health Implications	May 2, 2024 3:25-3:55pm 30 Min	Helen W. Bland, PhD Hope Young Taylor Bishop
The health of a community is dependent upon engaged, healthy first responders. Yet, research indicates first responders to be at 5x the risk for mental health problems, including PTSD, depression, and generalized anxiety (Wright et al, 2022). Understanding factors that mitigate adverse mental health outcomes among first responders is critical for public health.	Room 11	Ana Palacios, MD, PhD, MA Bridget Melton, EdD, CDCD, TSAC-F
Evaluate the impact of physical fitness on mental health among first responders and describe effective public health interventions that could contribute to mitigate adverse mental health outcomes among this population.		
1332: A qualitative review of preventable pregnancy-associated mental health deaths in Georgia, 2018-2019	May 2, 2024 3:25-3:55pm 30 Min	Margaret Master, MBA, MPH, CHES Katie Kopp, MPH
Mental health is a leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths in Georgia. This session will explore the mental health conditions and health care experiences of those who had a preventable pregnancy-associated mental health death in Georgia over 2018-2019.	Room 4	Chloe Barrera PhD, MPH Sarah C. Blake PhD, MA Autumn Watson, MPH
Describe mental health conditions among those with a pregnancy associated death in Georgia and their engagement with the healthcare system.		Courtney Daniels LCSW, PMH-C Monica Garcia-Osuna, RN
1360: Mapping Community Needs: Visualizing the Social Vulnerability Index and Stroke Hospitalization Dynamics for Informed Interventions	May 2, 2024 3:25-3:55pm 30 Min	Bennett Rissier, MPH Moges Ido, PhD Rana Bayakly, MPH

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Data is critical for policy decisions and healthcare planning. Dashboards facilitate the presentation of related public health data in an easily understandable and interactive manner. Georgia DPH is presenting a data dashboard, showcasing spatially visualized stroke burden in relationship with social vulnerability index at the census tract level. The presentation will demonstrate features and potential uses for stakeholders in informed decision-making.	Room 10	
Identify the spatial distribution and intersections of socially vulnerable and stroke burdened census tracts in Georgia.		
1311: An Assessment of Modifiable Risk Factors for Dementia Among Georgians Experiencing Cognitive Decline	May 2, 2024 3:25-3:55pm 30 Min	Kimberly Erukunuakpor, PhD, MPH
Cognitive decline occurs among older adults and can be one of the earliest noticeable symptoms of dementia. Addressing risk factors at specific life stages promotes a healthy brain and potentially prevents dementia. This presentation examines select modifiable mid-life and later life risk factors for dementia among Georgians experiencing cognitive decline.	30 Min Room 7	
Define subjective cognitive decline.		
Describe the burden of subjective cognitive decline among older adults in Georgia.		
Describe the impact of other chronic health conditions on the development of cognitive decline.		
1293: Reaching parents/guardians of middle school students through new 'Understanding Vaccines' magazine & lesson plans	May 2, 2024 4:05-4:35pm 30 Min Room 8	Maria Bowie, DrPH, MPA, BS Lauryn Gilmer, MS, BS Virginia Brown, DrPH
Vaccine hesitancy reached an all-time high during the COVID-19 pandemic. Faculty from the University of (state) Extension united forces with (state) 4-H to develop an approach designed to engage adult learners. The goal of the project was to increase science and vaccine literacy in rural Georgia by developing a vaccine literacy curriculum for middle school students which included activities for home family conversation and completion.		Kasey Bozeman, MS, BA Taylor Neither, MPH, BS
Explain sources of vaccine misinformation, discuss one approach for developing a youth-focused science literacy effort to combat vaccine misinformation, and describe how this strategy can be used in other science-literacy promotions.		

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1303: Utilizing Shared Risk and Protective Factors to Engage Partners and Enhance Collaboration Efforts The Georgia DPH Injury Prevention Program (IPP) has two driving principles: addressing intentional and unintentional injury across the lifespan and utilizing the shared risk and protective factors (SRPF) framework. Participants will explore how the SRPF drives the formation	May 2, 2024 4:05-4:35pm 30 Min Room 11	4:05-4:35pm 30 Min	Nykita Howell, MPH DeAndre Cain, MPH
of strategic partnerships across sectors, builds capacity, ensures program sustainability through opportunities for diversified funding, and expands reach.			
Describe shared risk and protective factors between multiple forms of violence including child abuse and neglect, gang violence and dating violence.			
Identify potential areas of collaboration within local communities that address the linkages between risk and protective factors and the likelihood of children, youth, and families experiencing violence and negative health outcomes.			
Formulate plans to incorporate partner engagement into implementation activities within your organization, community, or program.			
1219: Prenatal Care Visits and Infant Birth Weight in Georgia: Using CDC 2016-2020 PRAMS Data	May 2, 2024 4:05-4:35pm	Tobi Oloyede Emmanuel Azu	
This presentation delves into the intricate relationship between prenatal care utilization and birth outcomes. Analyzing CDC's PRAMS data from 2016 to 2020, our study uncovers crucial insights, shedding light on the need for targeted interventions to address maternal and infant health disparities in Georgia.	30 Min Room 4	Elizabeth Olayinka	
Identify the importance of prenatal care in preventing or reducing pregnancy complications for mothers and improving infant health outcomes, including preterm birth, LBW, and mortality by assessing the risk factors			
1289: Impact of the Opioid Prevention Program in North Central Health District	May 2, 2024 4:05-4:35pm 30 Min Room 10	Amber Erickson, DrPH, MPH Marissa Cooling	
This presentation will highlight the efforts and impact of the North Central Health District opioid program and discuss the benefits of using informatics software to assist with public health program planning.		Ramona Barnett, MPH	

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Discuss the local impact of the Opioid Program in the North Central Health District.		
Identify gaps that can be used to guide further program planning.		
Describe how secondary and primary data can be used to improve community outreach programs.		
1371: Cultivating Care: The Transformative Role of Doulas in Maternal Health at the Center for Black Women's Wellness	May 2, 2024 4:05-4:35pm 30 Min	Kimberley Broomfield-Massey, Ph.D Aruba Butool, MPH
To better serve their pregnant and parenting clients, the Center for Black Women's Wellness, expanded their home visitation program to include doula services. Clients who received these services had a positive birth experience and were empowered to navigate their perinatal journey effectively.	Room 5	Tosi Adeniyi-Miller Asha Immanuelle, MAS, BSN, PHM-C, RN Sandra-Lily Lantum, MPH
Describe the positive impact of doula services on clients of a home visitation program.		Jemea Dorsey, MS
1262: Public Health for All: Harnessing Community Epidemiology for Health Equity, North Central Health District, GA	May 2, 2024 4:05-4:35pm 30 Min	Mareike Haaren, MSPH Amber Singleton, MPH Marissa Cooling, BS
This presentation will describe the discipline of community epidemiology, how the North Central Health District Epidemiology staff have prioritized this approach, and the partnerships and projects it has produced, emphasizing its potential to identify and explore the health equity drivers for community health.	Room 7	Amber Erickson, DrPH, MPH
Define the emerging discipline of community epidemiology.		
Describe how North Central Health District Epidemiology staff have used community epidemiology to better understand and respond to health equity drivers of community health.		
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1379: Adverse Race Experiences and Social Determinants of Health in Georgia, 2022	1a1 May 2, 2024	Andrenita West, PhD, MPH Rana Bayakly, MPH
The Georgia Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (GA-BRFSS) is an annual state-based telephone (landline and cellular) survey of non-institutionalized Georgia residents 18 years of age	9:30-10:00am 30 Min	Antionette Lavender, MPH

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and older. The survey collects data on health behaviors, risk factors, and use of preventive services. Discuss the SDOH disparities, adverse race experiences based on the GA-BRFSS data.	Room 2	
1264: Eliminating walk-in deliveries one patient at a time. An evaluation of the Houston County Health Department Prenatal Clinic, North Central Health District, GA As part of the 2023 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention & Harvard School of Public Health Program Evaluation Practicum, the Houston County Health Department Prenatal Clinic was evaluated to determine its effectiveness in reducing the number of walk-in deliveries at Houston Healthcare among women who are uninsured or uninsurable.	1a2 May 2, 2024 9:30-10:00am 30 Min Room 3	Ramona Barnett, MPH Mareike Haaren, MSPH Amber Erickson, DrPH, MPH Christina Sikes, RN, BSN
Describe the evaluation plan used to assess the Houston County Health Department Prenatal Clinic in Middle Georgia. Describe evaluation findings and their implications on the effectiveness of this program in reducing the number of walk-in deliveries among women who are uninsured or uninsurable.		
1286: Deja Food: – The Collaborative Investigation into a Recurrent Salmonella Outbreak "Deja Food: – The Collaborative Investigation into a Recurrent Salmonella Outbreak" details the continuous collaborative efforts of FCBOH, DPH, GDA, and FDA in the investigation of a recurrent Salmonella Enteritidis outbreak. These collaborative efforts aim to mitigate further illness through monitoring and public health intervention. Describe how to combine efforts with local, state, and federal agencies to conduct foodborne-illness outbreak investigations.	1a3 May 2, 2024 9:30-10:00am 30 Min Room Ben Porter Salon	Anna K. Genetti, MPH Hope Dishman, MPH Alexia Lewis, MPH Marcie Mitchell Lana Jones, MPH Sasha Smith, MPH Mallory Hazell, MPH Brandon Leftwich, MPH, DrPH Lynn Paxton, MD, MPH Cherie Drenzek, DVM, MS
1230: Evaluating the Availability and Accessibility of Applied Behavior Analysis in Georgia Children with autism spectrum disorder benefit from early intervention therapies, yet those residing in rural areas often have difficulty accessing services during developmentally appropriate periods. This program will assess the availability and accessibility of the most	1b1 May 2, 2024 10:10-10:40am 30 Min Room 2	Kimberly B. Roth, PhD, MHS Sarah E. Rotschafer, PhD Edson Jean-Jacques, MS

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commonly used EI therapy in Georgia through creation of an accessibility index. Identifying areas in Georgia with lower therapy accessibility enables appropriation of resources to those communities.		
Identify areas in Georgia with lower accessibility of ABA therapy for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder.		
1359: Does Social Environment Impact Health In Rural Geriatric Communities The program will discuss and identify a healthy social "supportive" environment for elderly individuals in rural communities and provide strategies to overcome environmental barriers to promote health education programs to bring awareness about how public health educational geriatric projects can be implemented in rural communities. Identify what a healthy social "supportive" environment looks like for the elderly population when implementing public health education programs. Discuss how the social environment can impact the elderly population's food choices.	1b2 May 2, 2024 10:10-10:40am 30 Min Room 3	Anta'Sha M. Jones, PhD, MS Amber Davis Lakyla Fisher Skyler Mclymore Monica Reed Denata Williams Temitope Olubowale
1259: I Feel Like Someone's Watching Me: Syndromic Surveillance Follow-up in North Central Health District This presentation will examine the process of syndromic surveillance follow-up within North Central Health District (NCHD) Epidemiology program, trends of reports from 2021-2023, and how this process and strong partnerships have led to the identification of infectious disease clusters and other high priority public health hazards including Shiga Toxin producing E. coli, aseptic meningitis, and chemical poisonings. Discuss the benefits of syndromic surveillance follow-up and whether it is worthwhile for their agency.	1b3 May 2, 2024 10:10-10:40am 30 Min Room Ben Porter Salon	Amber Erickson, DrPH, MPH
1228: Opportunities for PrEP in High Risk HIV Negative Patients A foundational review of potential opportunities to engage high-risk HIV negative patients from a Family Medicine, resident-led clinic in PrEP services. Patients who met eligibility requirements between 2020 and 2023 were included in this study. Identifying PrEP opportunities and	2a1 May 2, 2024 10:55-11:25am 30 Min Room 2	Steven Veselsky, DO, MPH, AAHIVS Erin Smith, BS Jean Wiggins, BSPH

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recognizing the impact on long-term outcomes will provide the groundwork to reduce HIV incidence in a community that continues to have high transmission rates.		Misty Burkes, MPH Nnamdi Ilouga, MBBS Amethyst Wilder, MD
Discuss how to actively engage patients in early risk reduction discussions to determine eligibility of PrEP services.		William N. Hannah, Jr., MD
1222: Psychometric Testing of a New Instrument to Measure Workplace Mental Health and Well-Being	2a2 May 2, 2024 10:55-11:25am	Preshit Ambade, DrPH Neil MacKinnon, BSc(Pharm), MSc(Pharm), PhD, FASHP,
Workplace well-being and mental health among the US workforce is an ongoing concern, and to address these issues, the US Surgeon General's office proposed a five-domain framework around Worker Voice and Equity. We developed and pilot-tested the Augusta Scale based on this framework. We psychometrically evaluated the scale using the pilot data collected from medical preceptors.	10:55-11:25am 30 Min Room 3	FCSHP, FNAP Zachary Hoffman, MS
Describe the psychometric properties and public health applications of the Augusta Scale.		
1298: Reducing Georgian's Dementia Risk through Healthy Living: Leveraging Partnerships to Promote Brain Health	2a3 May 2, 2024 10:55-11:25am	Jill Disney, MPA Cat Woodall Colcombe, MS, CHES
Research is still evolving, but evidence is strong that people can reduce their risk of cognitive decline by making key lifestyle changes and promoting early detection by knowing the signs of Alzheimer's versus normal aging. This program builds on recent research and explores partnership opportunities to become a driving force to promote early detection and the adoption of healthier behaviors to reduce dementia risk.	30 Min Room Ben Porter Salon	GITES
Identify opportunities to promote brain health, dementia risk reduction, and early detection through health education and collaborative outreach and engagement.		
1224: Development of The Augusta Scale, a Workplace Mental Health and Well-being Survey	2b1 May 2, 2024	Zachary Hoffman, MS Neil J MacKinnon, BSc(Pharm),
Workplace mental health and well-being are rising concerns in the United States. The U.S. Surgeon General developed a framework in response, and we mapped the components of this framework onto a survey (the Augusta Scale). We piloted the Augusta Scale with Georgia AHEC	11:35-12:05pm 30 Min Room 2	MSc(Pharm), PhD, FASHP, FCSHP, FNAP Preshit Ambade, DrPH

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preceptors. We will discuss the results of the survey, as well as the Augusta Scale's validity and reliability.		
Discuss the importance of measuring workplace mental health and well-being, the Surgeon General's framework, and our findings on which groups have the highest and lowest levels of well-being.		
1310: Identifying the Mental Health Needs of Adults with Type 1 Diabetes	2b2 May 2, 2024	Leslie Johnson, PhD, MPH, MLitt
This presentation will describe perceptions of the mental health needs of people with type 1 diabetes from people with lived experience. Reflections from community members on failings of the health system to detect and provide mental health treatment and support will be outlined.	11:35-12:05pm 30 Min Room 3	Mariah Jones Thilini Fernando
Describe the mental health needs of adults with type 1 diabetes and discuss the need for tailored behavioral and mental health interventions for people with type 1 diabetes.		
1341: Bridging the Gap: Internal Collaboration to Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases in the Health Department	2b3 May 2, 2024 11:35-12:05pm	Rachel Franklin, MPH, CIC Melissa Green, RN
Preventing the spread of infectious diseases within health departments is an ongoing high priority for health districts. The partnership between Cobb & Douglas Public Health's (CDPH) Epidemiology & Clinical Services has fostered the development and utilization of various innovative tools within CDPH clinic locations to support this priority in protecting our clients and employees.	30 Min Room Ben Porter Salon	
Describe how District Epidemiology and Clinical Services collaborate and adapt tools to prevent the spread of infectious diseases within the agency's health departments in response to the changing epidemiology of disease or threat of disease present in the community.		
1195: Effectiveness of DSMES In A Rural Public Health Setting	3a1 May 2, 2024	Melissa Brantley, MPH, MCHES
Can DSMES effectively occur in a rural, public health setting? The South Central Health District is the first public health district in Georgia to obtain DSMES accreditation through the ADA. We will share data that supports the effectiveness of diabetes education in a rural, public health setting.	2:00-2:30pm 30 Min Room 2	Megan Brantley, CHES
Determine the effectiveness of an accredited DSMES program in a public health setting.		

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1308: Mobilizing for Safer Communities Through Green Dot As public health professions, Green Dot training will empower everyone to expand the role of bystanders beyond reactive but engage in proactive behaviors that model and endorse norms that are incompatible with violence. The ultimate goal is not to simply react to potential violence as it is occurring, but rather to simultaneously shift community norms that support the violence that is occurring. Discuss how to engage witnesses to interrupt situations that are imminently or potentially high risk for violence.	3a2 May 2, 2024 2:00-2:30pm 30 Min Room 3	Katrisha Williams, BS, MS Megan McIntosh, BS, MPH
1368: Obesity among Georgian adults during pre- and post- COVID-19 pandemic: A national and regional comparison This workshop will provide an overview of how obesity in Georgia changed after the COVID-19, compared to national and regional averages. Compare the trend of obesity in Georgia to that of the rest of the United States during pre- and post- COVID-19 pandemic.	3a3 May 2, 2024 2:00-2:30pm 30 Min Room Ben Porter Salon	Biplab Datta, PhD Jennifer E. Jaremski, MPA Kit Wootten Lorriane Odhiambo, PhD Catherine Clary, JD J. Aaron Johnson, PhD
1340: A Call Center Reinvented: One Public Health District's Journey in Communicating the Message of a Healthier Georgia How one Public Health District continues to reinvent the District Call Center for improved operations and communication across a 16-county service area in Georgia. Describe the continuous efforts of a District Call Center to improve communication and delivery of service. Implement improvement strategies for a District Call Center to best communicate the message of a healthier Georgia.	3b1 May 2, 2024 2:40-3:10pm 30 Min Room 2	Cindi R. Hart, RN, MSN Courtney Chapman
1275: Teenage Pandemic Stress: Exploring the Relationship between Gender, Pandemic-related Stress, and Parent Perceptions of Stress	3b2 May 2, 2024 2:40-3:10pm 30 Min	Morgan Fleming, MPH Andrew Simkus, MSc Kristen Holtz, PhD Nicole Wanty, MA

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This presentation illuminates the mental health crisis undergone by adolescent girls during the pandemic through four logistic regression models that explore the relationship between pandemic-related stress, child gender, and parental underestimation of their child's pandemic-related stress. Following the presentation, the group will discuss the "why" of the gender difference and "how" to fix it.	Room 3	Eric Twombly, PhD
Describe the relationship between adolescent pandemic-related stress, gender, and parental underestimation of their child's pandemic stress.		
1273: Investment in communication initiatives yields positive results for Georgia's specialized mental health treatment program	3b3 May 2, 2024	Jana M. Scoville, MBA Ellen Dean, LCSW
The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) partnered with Banyan Communications to rebrand, develop, and launch the Georgia Light microsite – designed for young people, families, caregivers, physicians, and health care professionals in Georgia. Investment in communications programs including targeted promotional efforts led to greater awareness of specialized mental health treatment programs and increased the number of referrals to these programs.	2:40-3:10pm 30 Min Room Ben Porter Salon	
Describe a benefit of using communication to increase awareness of a public health program.		
1349: Don't Just Tell Me, Show Me: How to Present Public Health Data to Any Audience Discover how to collect and consolidate public health data from a variety of secondary sources to develop effective communication and dissemination products for diverse audiences and stakeholders, including presentations, community health data profiles, data briefs & executive summaries, and data dashboards. Health metrics of discussion include demographics, health factors (e.g. social conditions of health), preventative health, and health outcomes (morbidity & mortality).	4a1 May 2, 2024 3:25-3:55pm 30 Min Room 2	Beonca Brown, MPH
Describe methods for consolidating secondary health data into easily disseminated print and digital media formats.		

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1245: Plasticizers, Pregnancy, and Stress, Oh My! Stress Enhances Relationship Between Plastic Chemicals and Infant Neurodevelopment The best time to intervene in an individual's life is during development, before health conditions have arisen. This presentation will describe the results of research investigating whether maternal stress during pregnancy can impact the relationship between exposures to ubiquitous environmental chemicals, specifically phthalates, and infant neurodevelopment. Identify potential maternal mental health symptoms that may exacerbate the effects of environmental exposure on infant brain development.	4a2 May 2, 2024 3:25-3:55pm 30 Min Room 3	Katherine Springer, BS Jasmin Eatman, MS Patricia A. Brennan, PhD Anne L. Dunlop, MD, MPH Dana Boyd Barr, PhD Elizabeth J. Corwin, PhD, MSN Donghai Liang, PhD, MPH Stephanie M. Eick, PhD, MPH Parinya Panuwet, PhD Grace E. Lee, MPH
1260: Unintentional Injury Deaths and Suicide in Frontier Areas—Georgia, 2015-2021 Presentation will describe the leading causes of injury deaths in Georgia (through 2022) and present statistics overall and by urban, rural, and frontier counties (2015-2021). Presentation will also describe flagship prevention resources developed by CDC's Injury Center. Describe leading causes of injury deaths in Georgia and discuss ways to prevent them.	4a3 May 2, 2024 3:25-3:55pm 30 Min Room Ben Porter Salon	Karin A. Mack, PhD Judy Qualters, PhD, MPH Andrea Carmichael, MPH Avital Wulz, MPH LMSW Dana Flanders, MD, DSc, MPH
1266: A Stressful Situation: A Mediation Analysis of Racial Disparities in COVID-19 Severity and Chronic Stress The COVID-19 pandemic revealed disparities across race. While many suspected that limited healthcare access, flexibility to work virtually and follow quarantine guidance, and access to reliable information were to blame, little is known about the causes of racial disparities in COVID-19. Racial minorities also experience disproportionate levels of stress. Thus, we investigated chronic stress as a potential mediator of Black-White disparities in severe COVID-19. Conclude that Black-White disparities in COVID-19 severity can be partially explained by differences in chronic stress levels.	4b1 May 2, 2024 4:05-4:35pm 30 Min Room 2	Miranda M Montoya MPH Jennifer C Gander, PhD, MSPH Shakira F Suglia, ScD Bennett McDonald, MPH Shivani Patel, PhD, MPH Teaniese Davis, PhD, MPH Rachel E Patzer, MPH, PhD Ram Jagannathan, PhD Larissa Teunis, MPA Jessica L. Harding, PhD
1281: Self-management practices among adult Americans with diabetes: A study of the 2017 – 2020 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey	4b2 May 2, 2024 4:05-4:35pm	Tran Ha Nguyen, DrPH, MPH, MT(ASCP)SC

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Diabetes has become a substantial public health issue with steadily increased prevalence, and controlling diabetes remains an ongoing challenge. Evidence demonstrates that people with diabetes benefit from compliance with self-management practices to control their condition and prevent complications. We examined the longitudinal 2017 – 2020 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey to provide a snapshot of self-management practices among adult Americans with diabetes.	30 Min Room 3	Amanda Barefield, EdD, RHIA, LNHA Gianluca De Leo, PhD, MBA
Discuss the escalating challenges of managing diabetes and its complications.		
1385: Georgia's Abortion Landscape from 2010-2022: Assessing Trends in Abortion Incidence, Weeks' Gestation, and Methods	4b3 May 2, 2024 4:05-4:35pm	Sara K. Redd, PhD, MSPH Hayley V. McMahon, MPH Whitney S. Rice, DrPH, MPH
Georgia serves as a hub for abortion access in the Southeastern U.S., yet access in the state has grown increasingly restricted due to state policies restricting abortion care. This presentation will explore abortion incidence in Georgia over the last decade in the context of this increasingly restrictive environment, most notably Georgia's new ban on abortion past ~6 weeks of pregnancy.	30 Min Room Ben Porter Salon	Windley 3. Nice, Dirii, William
Describe trends in abortion incidence in Georgia from 2010-2022.		
Describe trends in abortion by weeks' gestation and abortion method in Georgia from 2010-2022.		
Describe variation in abortion incidence in Georgia following implementation of a ban on abortion in early pregnancy.		
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1347: Public Health Ethics: Practical Approaches for Ethical and Equitable Public Health Practice	May 3, 2024 9:45-10:45am	Micah H. Bass, MPH Eva C. Bodin, MBE
Public health officials regularly face competing ethical, legal, and professional obligations, such as fairly allocating scarce resources and ensuring that risks and benefits are equitably distributed. Public health ethics provides a theoretical basis and practical frameworks for addressing challenges that commonly arise in public health practice. This session explores how systematic	60 Min Room 8	,

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ethical analysis can identify concerns, improve public health decision-making, and build public trust.		
Apply tools of public health ethics to common challenges faced in public health practice to improve public health decision-making, justify public health action, build public trust, and promote equitable health outcomes.		
1372: Smoke-free Georgia: Gaps and Opportunities for Protecting All	May 3, 2024 9:45-10:45am	Laura Bracci, MPH Michael Mumper
During this presentation, learn about the efforts that have taken place over the last two decades to protect Georgians from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke. Discussion will center around successes, as well as the existing gaps that the state faces to fully protect all, and the opportunities that we each have to make a difference.	60 Min Room 9	Wilchael Wulliper
Understand the smoke-free policies that have been adopted at the state and within local municipalities across Georgia.		
Recognize the differential impact of smoke-free policies on various demographic groups.		
Understand the importance of protecting vulnerable populations (e.g., children, pregnant women, individuals with health conditions) from secondhand smoke.		
1257: Georgia's Medical Support Shelter: Hurricane Preparedness and Planning for Functional Medical Needs Individuals	May 3, 2024 9:45-10:45am 60 Min	Nyssa Owen Santos, MPH, CHES Keilondria Robertson, MPH,
Explore part of the statewide response to coastal Georgia hurricane evacuations at this presentation. The Georgia Department of Public Health Division of Emergency Preparedness introduces a revised Medical Support Shelter plan for those with Functional Medical Needs. Learn about this updated operational strategy ensuring comprehensive care during evacuations and enhancing public health resilience in the face of coastal challenges.	Room 11	LMSW, GA-CEM
Identify the three phases of emergency preparedness.		
1356: Exploring Perspectives on Equity in Public Health: An Interactive Workshop	May 3, 2024 9:45-10:45am 60 Min	Brandy Walker, PhD Carolina Darbisi, PhD

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Equity at the center of public healthwhat does that mean to you? Join other public health professionals in this interactive workshop and participate in an ongoing research project to reveal nuances in the prevailing perspectives of how we operationalize equity in public health. You'll sort some cards, collaborate with others, and even get to analyze the data generated in the room.	Room 4	Melissa (Moose) Alperin, EdD, MPH, MCHES Laura Lloyd, MPH, MCHES Emily Saunders, EdD Elizabeth Kidwell, MPH, CHES
Discuss their perspective on equity in public health.		
Collaborate with other public health professionals in operationalizing approaches to equity in public health practices.		
1202: Closing the Gap between Nutrition Knowledge and Real Life Application: Simple Tips on Healthy Eating	May 3, 2024 9:45-10:45am	Amy Jo Riggs, PhD, RDN, LD
Diet has a profound effect on overall health, but eating healthy can be challenging in many ways. The purpose of this presentation is to provide applicable ways to eat a diet to support health and prevent and/or treat chronic disease.	60 Min Room 5	
Identify and compare the six essential nutrients.		
Describe three simple ways to improve nutritional value in the diet.		
1265: More Taboo Than Tattoos: An introduction to invasive and unusual body art procedures In the evolving landscape of self-expression, tattoos and piercings have become prominent symbols of personal identity over the past few decades. Despite their increasing popularity, certain body modifications and body art procedures remain taboo. Join us as we learn about the history of body art regulation, prohibited body art procedures, and the tools used during prohibited body art procedures.	May 3, 2024 9:45-10:45am 60 Min Room 7	Joseph Austin Addison, DHSc, REHS, CHES
Describe prohibited body art procedures and the tools used.		
1203: Are we listening? Approaches to community-centered needs assessment This session will explore opportunities to center community members in a statewide needs assessment. We will discuss how we garnered community input for new SNAP-Ed programs in	May 3, 2024 11:00-12:00pm 60 Min Room 8	Latresh Davenport, MPH Mikayla Gallo, MPH Amanda Tyler

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the State of Georgia. More specifically, we will focus on how we used the principles of equitable evaluation to center the voices of the community and identify strengths, challenges, and solutions to accessing healthy food and active living.		
Explain the mixed method approach to inform the needs assessment.		
Describe a community-based approach to data collection.		
Identify key barriers and facilitators to healthy eating and active living.		
1388: Reclaiming American Healthcare: Medicare for All We have the components of the world's best healthcare system, and yet millions of Americans have insurmountable barriers to getting the care they need. We'll focus most of this workshop on a solution hiding in plain sight: improving Medicare, and providing that to all Americans. We'll share evidence that this will improve our nation's health while reducing what we spend on healthcare.	May 3, 2024 11:00-12:00pm 60 Min Room 9	Ed Weisbart, MD
Understand the landscape of American healthcare in the context of global health, and describe a solution to reclaim our position as international leaders.		
*Not eligible for CE		
1351: Precision Public Health: Empowering Communities with Hyperlocal Data for Targeted Interventions and Improved Outcomes	May 3, 2024 11:00-12:00pm 60 Min	Michaela Bonnett, MPH Meaghan Kennedy, MPH Teri Garstka, PhD
In public health, there has traditionally been a focus on data that can be aggregated across geographies. A precision public health approach based on this focus, however, is more theoretical than actionable. The foundation for designing true precision interventions can and should be built by focusing instead on an actionable framework for collection and governance of community-owned data.	Room 11	Odiraa Okala
Define community level components that can be implemented to create a framework for actionable community owned data and resulting insights, allowing for the design of precision interventions at the community level.		

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1234: Targeting Measurable Health Actions Using a Theory-Structured Blinded Focus Group Process Workshop participants will demonstrate principles of the application of the theory-structured focus group process to a targeted health priority. Participants will use a fishbone design and rating template, which can be used for creating evidence-based measurable targeted messages and programing. The semi-anonymous format permits more open discussion of difficult and controversial topics, as well as a greater number of participants. Apply principles of the theory-structured blinded focus group process to a targeted health priority.	May 3, 2024 11:00-12:00pm 60 Min Room 4	P. Anthony "Tony" Gryffin, PhD LaVondra T. Scarver, MSA
1252: Overcoming Barriers: Enhancing Sexual Health Services for Atlanta's Latino Community Explore the barriers faced by Latino gay and bisexual men in Metropolitan Atlanta in accessing sexual health services. We gathered community feedback from users of a widely accepted citywide peer-navigation service. We examined additional challenges in service delivery, including extended waiting periods, issues of language accessibility, and other navigational challenges.	May 3, 2024 11:00-12:00pm 60 Min Room 10	Carlos S. Saldana, MD Raul Perez Karina Gonzalez Jane Y. Scott, MD David P. Holland, MD Valeria D. Cantos, MD
Describe the main barriers to accessing sexual health services in the Latino Gay and Bisexual Men living in Metropolitan Atlanta reported from direct peer-navigation feedback. 1367: The impacts of collaboration and partnerships between clinical and non-clinical organizations in managing HIV/AIDS care Discussing the importance of collaboration and partnerships between clinical and non-clinical organizations in managing HIV/AIDS care and how it can improve viral load suppression and other health outcomes. Provide an opportunity to share experiences on how other organizations interact with their partners. Identify examples of different partnerships that can have the potential to improve HIV care.	May 3, 2024 11:00-12:00pm 60 Min Room 5	Jeremy Aguinaldo, MD, MPH, CPH, AAHIVS
1313: Advances in Testing, Public Education and Mitigation of Radon to Prevent Lung Cancer	May 3, 2024 11:00-12:00pm	Pamela R. Turner, PhD Uttam K. Saha, PhD

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Radon is the leading environmental cause of cancer and is a preventable cancer risk; however, much is left to be done to prevent this significant public health concern in Georgia. This presentation will inform public health professionals about new research, mitigation and outreach focused on the prevention of radon-related lung cancer and open up potential opportunities to develop new collaborations. Discuss the health risks associated with exposure to radon and identify where to get radon tests for air and water.	60 Min Room 7	Derek Cooper David Parks
Lighting the Way to a Healthier Georgia	May 1, 2024 12:00-1:30pm	Verda M. Colvin, JD
1256: Lessons Learned: Public Health Leadership in a Transformed Normal	May 2, 2024 8:15-9:15am	Patrice Harris, MD, MA, FAPA
1401: The Importance of Public Mental Health	May 2, 2024 12:15-1:45pm	M. Daniele Fallin, PhD