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# Event Agenda

2026 ALPHA Health Summit

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## Tuesday, January 20, 2026

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Registration</b> Location: 3rd Floor Foyer
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	<b>Welcome and Land Acknowledgement</b> Location: Room A/B
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>Opening Address - Lindsey Kato Recording</b> Location: Room A/B
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	<b>Plenary Speaker - Dr. Jay Butler</b> Location: Room A/B Speaker: Dr. Jay Butler
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Break</b> Location: 3rd Floor Foyer
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	<b>Modernizing Data: Lessons from the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium</b> Location: Room A/B Speaker: Ashley Bethel ; Co-speaker: Jen Freeman
10:00 AM - 10:20 AM	<b>Increase in acute rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease in Alaska, 2022–2025</b> Location: Room C/D Speaker: Victoria Balta
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	<b>Day 1 - Lightning Talks</b> Location: Room E/F
	<b>Mental Health Benefits of Functional Fitness Exercise Interventions in Older Women</b> 10:00 AM - 10:05 AM Location: Room E/F Speakers: Britteny Howell, Tracy Hellem
	<b>Profiles to Power: Using Profiles Data to Influence Policy</b> 10:06 AM - 10:11 AM Location: Room E/F Speaker: Jenna Test
	<b>Engaging the Public on Dementia Risk: Using Interactive Tools to Shift Fear into Action</b> 10:12 AM - 10:17 AM Location: Room E/F Speakers: Stephanie Smith, Mara McKown
	<b>Did you know you can add questions to an existing statewide health survey?</b> 10:18 AM - 10:23 AM Location: Room E/F Speaker: Jodi Barnett
	<b>Filling the gaps: New resources for the prevention of excessive alcohol use</b> 10:24 AM - 10:29 AM Location: Room E/F Speakers: Katie Davis, Faith Green, Alexandra Edwards, Diane King
	<b>Effect of an Immunization Registry Policy Change on Statewide HPV Vaccination Rates</b> 10:30 AM - 10:35 AM Location: Room E/F Speakers: Sarah Aho, Jessica Quinn
	<b>New Physical Activity Nutrition, and Obesity Facts Report (2025)</b> 10:36 AM - 10:41 AM Location: Room E/F Speaker: Katie Reilly
	<b>Advancing Cancer Prevention Through 30 Years of Access to Early Detection in Alaska</b> 10:42 AM - 10:47 AM Location: Room E/F Speakers: Stephanie Holmquist, Bedimar Jimenez

- 11:00 AM - 11:40 AM**      **A Syndemic Approach to Care: Integrated Testing and Treatment for Hepatitis C, Syphilis, Substance Use Disorders and Behavioral Health Conditions in Anchorage, Alaska**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Ashley Sheetz ; Co-speaker: George Conway
- 11:00 AM - 11:20 AM**      **Alaska Grown: Monitoring the Health of Alaskan Children.**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Jared Parrish
- 11:00 AM - 11:20 AM**      **Engaging the Community Through Embracing Culture**  
Location: Room E/F  
Speaker: Tara Durand ; Co-speaker: Adyson Hayden ; co-Speaker: Chelsea Ryan, Crystal Turner
- 11:25 AM - 11:45 AM**      **Early Childhood Interventions and Educational Trajectories: Findings from Alaska's Head Start and ALCANLink Data**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Cassie Sheridan
- 11:25 AM - 11:45 AM**      **Stronger Together: Using Shared Risk and Protective Factors to Advance Health and Wellness in Alaska**  
Location: Room E/F  
Speaker: Tanya Iden ; Co-speaker: Marcia Howell, Danielle Redmond
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**      **Award Ceremony and Member Meeting over Lunch**  
Location: Room A/B
- 1:45 PM - 2:05 PM**      **What Does the Health of Alaskans Look Like?--Overview of the Healthy Alaskans' 2025 State Health Assessment**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Annette Marley ; Co-speaker: Cheley Grigsby
- 1:45 PM - 2:05 PM**      **Updated Analyses and Prevention Recommendations for Alaska Infant Mortality**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Marley Elconin
- 1:45 PM - 2:35 PM**      **Bridging Research and Community: Understanding the Female Phenotype of Autism and Its Public Health Implications for Alaska**  
Location: Room E/F  
Speaker: Pamela Bjelland
- 2:10 PM - 2:30 PM**      **From Stress to Food Insecurity: The Burden of Health-Related Social Needs in Alaska**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Andrea Fenaughty ; Co-speaker: Jodi Barnett
- 2:10 PM - 2:30 PM**      **Partnering for Maternal Mortality reduction through support of culturally-matched doulas across Alaska: State of Alaska, Full Embrace Doula Training, and UAA**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Lisa Schwarzburg ; Co-speaker: Faith Green
- 2:45 PM - 3:05 PM**      **Urban One Health: Integrating Infrastructure, Design, and Multispecies Health in Anchorage, Alaska**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Eduardo Piqueiras
- 2:45 PM - 3:05 PM**      **What's Behind the Birth Certificate? Birth Registration in Alaska and an Introduction to the Alaska Vital Records Data Quality Dashboard**  
Location: Room C/D  
Co-speaker: Rosa Avila, Ronnie Whaley
- 2:45 PM - 3:05 PM**      **The Power in Us and the Ask for Help Tour: Building Cultural Resilience, Hope, and Connection Across Alaska's North Slope**  
Location: Room E/F  
Speaker: Olivia Kim ; Co-speaker: Rachel Aumavae
- 3:10 PM - 3:30 PM**      **Pharmaceutical Access in Rural Alaska and the Aviation Supply Chain**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Faith Green

- 3:10 PM - 3:30 PM**      **Expanding the PRAMS Survey: Addressing New Measures to Capture Maternal Health Challenges**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Kathy Perham-Hester
- 3:10 PM - 3:30 PM**      **Strengthening Crisis Response and Cultural Relevance: Findings from Alaska's 988 Crisis Contact Center Tribal Needs Assessment**  
Location: Room E/F  
Speaker: Sheli Delaney
- 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM**      **Plenary Speaker - Dr. Michael Jurasek**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Michael Jurasek
- 4:30 PM - 4:45 PM**      **Closing Remarks Day 1**  
Location: Room A/B
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## Wednesday, January 21, 2026

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM**      **Registration**  
Location: 3rd Floor Foyer
- 8:30 AM - 9:10 AM**      **Keeping Kids Safe Online: Strategies for Supporting Digital Well-Being**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Aakriti Kc ; Co-speaker: Addy Peters
- 8:30 AM - 8:50 AM**      **Empowering Intimacy: Sexual Health Through Menopause**  
Location: Room E/F  
Speaker: Mallory Wetherington
- 8:30 AM - 9:05 AM**      **: Bridging Healthcare and Public Health: Leveraging ACOs and Data Infrastructure for Public Health Initiatives**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Jessica Downes ; Co-speaker: Gene Quinn
- 8:55 AM - 9:15 AM**      **Best Practices for Blood Pressure Control: Clinical Training and Home Monitoring**  
Location: Room E/F  
Speakers: Verlyn Corbett, Stephanie Janke, Sasha Davis, Chelsea Ryan
- 9:20 AM - 9:30 AM**      **Break**  
Location: 3rd Floor Foyer
- 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM**      **Plenary Speaker - Trevor Storrs**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Trevor Storrs
- 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM**      **Break**  
Location: 3rd Floor Foyer
- 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM**      **Leveraging Barbershops to Promote the Health of Black Men: A Conversation with Black Barbers in Anchorage**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Amana Mbise ; Co-speaker: Nathan West, Kevin Bruno
- 10:30 AM - 10:50 AM**      **Advancing Perinatal Nutrition and Breastfeeding Research in Alaska through Community Collaboration**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Ruby Fried

10:30 AM - 11:20 AM

**Lightning Talks - Day 2**

Location: Room E/F

**Essentially Public Health Live: Training New Staff about Core Public Health Work**

10:30 AM - 10:35 AM

Location: Room E/F

Speakers: Barbara Rose, MPH, Betty Bekemeier

**Getting to Know the Alaska Childhood Understanding Behaviors Survey**

10:36 AM - 10:41 AM

Location: Room E/F

Speaker: Margaret Young

**Setting Climate Mitigation Goals at Your Organization**

10:42 AM - 10:47 AM

Location: Room E/F

Speakers: Darcy Moxon, Erin Marberger

**The Alaska Medical Library's Arctic Health Website**

10:48 AM - 10:53 AM

Location: Room E/F

Speaker: Jennifer McKay

**From Thawing Permafrost to Patients: Why Climate Matters for Health in Alaska—And What Healthcare Providers Can Do**

10:54 AM - 10:59 AM

Location: Room E/F

Speakers: Abby Nelson, Jenny Lessner, Kristin Mitchell

**Stories and Science from the Field: Tailored Digital Training to Strengthen Capacity for the Environmental Health Workforce**

11:00 AM - 11:05 AM

Location: Room E/F

Speakers: Kevin deVoss, Betty Bekemeier, Barbara Rose, MPH

**Bringing the classroom to the community: Using community-engaged learning to support public health workforce development.**

11:06 AM - 11:12 AM

Location: Room E/F

Speaker: Corrie Whitmore

10:55 AM - 11:15 AM

**The Alaska WIC Pacify Project: Expanding Access to Breastfeeding Support Services for Alaskans**

Location: Room C/D

Speaker: Katie Reilly

11:20 AM - 11:30 AM

**Break**

Location: 3rd Floor Foyer

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

**Plenary Speaker - Dr. Rachel Lescher**

Location: Room A/B

Speaker: Dr. Rachel Lescher

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

**Lunch on your own**

1:45 PM - 2:05 PM

**Changing the Narrative: Breaking the Silence on Eating Disorders and Elevating Body Confidence Subtitle: Tools for Creating Compassionate, Body-Positive Environments**

Location: Room C/D

Speaker: Molly McManamin ; Co-speaker: Jess Rude

1:45 PM - 2:05 PM

**The Development of an Indigenous Evaluation Logic Wheel in a Tribal Health System**

Location: Room E/F

Speaker: Austen Rogers

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM

**Poster Session**

Location: Room A/B

**Linkage to State COVID-19 Data Increases Registry Accuracy**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM

Location: Room A/B

Speaker: Julie Cleaton

**A Scoping Review of Effective Health Education Strategies for Changing Older Adult Diet and Exercise Patterns**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM

Location: Room A/B

**Rural Health Care Providers' Attitudes on Climate Change in the Northwest United States**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM

Location: Room A/B

Speaker: Abigail Crawford

**Transportation Barriers to Food Bank Access in Palmer, Wasilla, and Surrounding**

## **Areas**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Keely Livingston

### **Mapping Food Access and Transit for Shelter Residents in Anchorage, Alaska**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Jennifer Spencer

### **Applying innovative technologies to enhance public health education: AI in Alaska's online education environment**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speakers: Virginia Miller, Danielle Keller, Katie Walker

### **Lead concentration in areas surrounding gun ranges**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Anna Seryozhenkov

### **Examining Anchorage Reconstruction through a Public Health Lens: A Critique of the Spenard Road Project**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Monika Knight

### **Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Contamination in Anchorage: Spatial Risk Pathways and Vulnerable Populations**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Carie Eastaugh

### **Implementing a Pain-Inspiratory Effort-Cough (PIC)-Driven Rib-Fracture Protocol at an Alaska Based Level II Trauma Center**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: William Simard

### **Effects of a short mindfulness intervention on safe driving behavior - a randomized control trial**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Marcia Howell

### **In-hospital Vascular Surgery Consultation and Complete Follow-Up after Acute Type A Aortic Dissection: A Care Pathway that Improves Surveillance and Survival**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Kyle Stone

### **Providing Education on Patient-Collected HPV Screening in Kodiak, Alaska**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Peyton Schultz

### **Community Health Aide Respiratory Illness Triage Tool in Bethel, Alaska**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Eleanor Lo Re

### **CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA TRENDS AND OUTCOMES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON: A RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Jack Ketelsen

### **Increasing Tribal Involvement in Maternal Mortality Prevention in Alaska**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speakers: Lucy Rogers, Amanda Roedl

### **MCDR Maternal Programmatic Update**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Marley Elconin

### **Polysubstance Use in Perinatal Populations: A review of prevalence, patterns, and health outcomes**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Lauren Kiker

### **Referral to Results: Data from Help Me Grow Alaska**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speakers: Tazlina Mannix, Carmen Wenger

### **The Burden of RSV on Infants and Importance of Immunization**

1:45 PM - 2:35 PM  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Tiffany Belser

- 2:10 PM - 2:30 PM**      **Engaging Communities in Evaluation Planning to Ensure Relevance: A 2-Year Call-Back Study of Alaska Tobacco Quitline Callers**  
Location: Room E/F  
Speaker: JaKyra Austin
- 2:45 PM - 3:05 PM**      **Listening to Alaska's Youth: Turning YRBS Insights into Public Health Action**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Jenna Test ; Co-speaker: Andrea Fenaughty
- 2:45 PM - 3:05 PM**      **Trends in Emergency Department Utilization and Cost in Alaska, 2016-2024**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Eliza Ramsey ; Co-speaker: Hugh Winston
- 2:45 PM - 3:30 PM**      **Ethical Inclusion When It's Hard: Trauma-Informed, Harm-Reduction IRB Practices for Sensitive Populations**  
Location: Room E/F  
Speaker: Lauren Lessard
- 3:10 PM - 3:30 PM**      **Connecting Providers; Supporting Kids: A Five Year Evaluation of the Partnership Access Line - Pediatric Alaska (PAL-PAK)**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Joanne Singleton ; Co-speaker: Cassie Sheridan
- 3:10 PM - 3:30 PM**      **Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) cluster among adults in Anchorage, Alaska, 2023–2025**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Laurie Orell ; Co-speaker: Kristen Moore, George Conway ; Co-Speaker:Carolynn DeByle
- 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM**      **Break**  
Location: 3rd Floor Foyer
- 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM**      **Plenary Speaker - E. Ingrid Goodyear, US Attorney Office MMIP Task Force with Not Invisible Act**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: E. Ingrid Goodyear
- 4:30 PM - 4:45 PM**      **Closing Remarks - Day 2**  
Location: Room A/B

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## Thursday, January 22, 2026

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM**      **Registration**  
Location: 3rd Floor Foyer
- 8:45 AM - 9:00 AM**      **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**  
Location: Room A/B
- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM**      **Plenary Speaker - Dr. Kelliher**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Allison Kelliher
- 9:45 AM - 10:00 AM**      **Break**  
Location: 3rd Floor Foyer
- 10:00 AM - 10:40 AM**      **Supporting public health nurses to address intimate partner violence in Alaska**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Avanti Adhia ; Co-speaker: Betty Bekemeier
- 10:00 AM - 10:20 AM**      **Preliminary Trends of Dementia Risk Reduction Knowledge in Alaska**  
Location: Room E/F  
Speaker: Mara McKown ; Co-speaker: Stephanie Smith
- 10:00 AM - 10:20 AM**      **Navigating Turbulence: Reinventing Alaska's EHDl Data System Amid Grant Delays, Vendor Shifts, and National Upheaval**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Annette Callies

- 10:25 AM - 10:45 AM**      **Building Strong Foundations for Alaska's Youngest Learners: The Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5)**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Shannon Parker
- 10:25 AM - 10:45 AM**      **Strengthening Community Response Through the Overdose Fatality Review to Prevent Overdose Deaths**  
Location: Room E/F  
Speaker: Jessica Filley
- 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM**      **Plenary Speaker - Jenn Dobson and Sarah Yoder**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speakers: Sarah Yoder, Jenn Dobson
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**      **Lunch on your own**
- 1:30 PM - 1:50 PM**      **Pathways to Child Sexual Abuse Prevention: A Plan for All Alaska**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Addy Peters ; Co-speaker: Trevor Storrs
- 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM**      **Adaptive Implementation of Self-Measured Blood Pressure (SMBP) in Alaska: Balancing Fidelity, Equity, and Local Context**  
Location: Room E/F  
Speaker: Ashley Arezou Minaei
- 1:55 PM - 2:15 PM**      **Toxic Waters: The Rise of Harmful Algal Blooms in Alaska's Subarctic and Arctic Waters**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Carie Eastaugh
- 1:55 PM - 2:15 PM**      **Surveillance of Prenatal Alcohol Exposure in Alaska: An Attempt to Hit a Difficult Public Health Target.**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Chris Barnett ; Co-speaker: Brittany Corbin
- 2:30 PM - 2:50 PM**      **Food Is Medicine - What, Why, How, and Who in Alaska**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Rachael Miller ; Co-speaker: Karol Fink
- 2:30 PM - 2:50 PM**      **Implementation of the Icelandic Prevention Model (IPM) in Alaska: Challenges and Opportunities**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Travis Hedwig ; Co-speaker: Michael Powell
- 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM**      **The Alaska Policy Cafe': Brewing Stories That Inspire Change**  
Location: Room E/F
- 2:55 PM - 3:15 PM**      **Growing Hope: Fresh Produce for Patients in Cancer Care**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speaker: Jessica Quinn ; Co-speaker: Karol Fink
- 2:55 PM - 3:15 PM**      **Building Strong Foundations: Strengthening Alaska Families through Home Visiting**  
Location: Room C/D  
Speaker: Emily Urlacher
- 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM**      **Panel of Plenary Speakers**  
Location: Room A/B  
Speakers: Allison Kelliher, Sarah Yoder, Trevor Storrs, Michael Jurasek, E. Ingrid Goodyear
- 4:15 PM - 4:30 PM**      **Closing Remarks - Day 3**  
Location: Room A/B