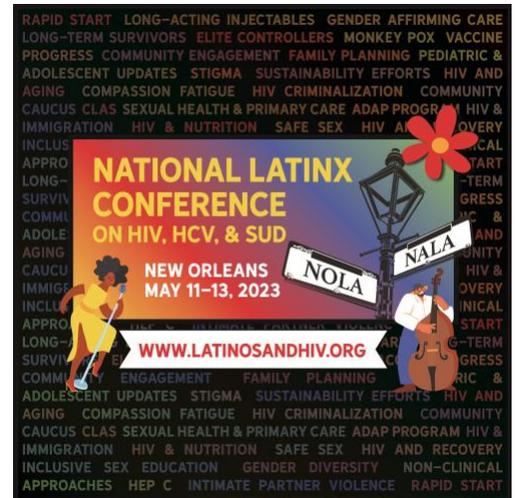


Hello Esteemed Colleague,

Winter 2022/Spring 2023

We hope this letter finds you and your staff most well! As 2022 comes to a swift end, the planning committee of the 2023 National Latinx Conference on HIV, HCV, and SUD ('NaLa' for short) remind you to mark your calendars and graciously invite you to attend our annual conference to be held in New Orleans, LA from May 11<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The National Latinx Conference on HIV, HCV, & SUD is dedicated to providing best practices to physicians, social service providers, case managers, Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) like PAs and NPs, and nurses who serve primarily Latinx patients living with HIV, HCV, and substance use disorders. Last year our conference was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico and had an attendance of over 800.



Our efforts reached professionals from coast-to-coast, Puerto Rico, and even Ethiopia. Our conference has served thousands of HIV, HCV, & SUD staff that range from *Promotoras de Salud* (Community Health Workers) to medical doctors. Each year we continue to connect attendees with other great organizations and provide an environment of exceptional networking. To quote Mr. Guillermo Chacon, President of the Latino Commission on AIDS, "This conference is a space where we can come together to learn and share, but also build strong networks, and strong ties to make a difference against the fight on HIV, viral hepatitis, and in this conference in particular, this year, COVID-19. The challenge is to change the workforce to respond to the challenges which is exciting because we have a brand new national updated HIV/AIDS strategy at the federal level, and this conference, I love to say, helps shape the implementation of the 2030 implementation of ending the HIV epidemic in the U.S. and its territories."

Our theme for 2023 is "**Thriving Together: Innovation and Healing Amidst Pandemics**" and are excited to share the learning objectives and a handful of our topics to be showcased.

### Learning Objectives:

- Increase knowledge, communication skills and respectful attitudes towards the Latinx community and those living with HIV, HCV, or SUD.
- Increase awareness of the cultural and social barriers faced by the Latinx population in seeking/receiving treatment, care, and prevention services for HIV, HCV, and SUD.
- Increase understanding of the disproportionate impact that HIV, HCV, and SUD has among Latinx communities.
- Increase ability to develop culturally tailored medical practices and interventions that support Latinx patients in achieving a better understanding of their health and their care.
- Increase capacity of organizations to provide services that are both health equitable and health literate.

### Topics:

- Rapid StART
- Long-acting injectables
- Gender Affirming Care
- Long-term survivors
- MPox
- Community Engagement
- Pediatric & Adolescent Updates
- Stigma
- Sustainability efforts
- HIV and aging
- Compassion Fatigue
- HIV Criminalization
- Sexual Health & Primary Care
- ADAP Program
- HIV & Immigration
- Gender diversity
- Non-clinical approaches
- Hep C
- Intimate Partner Violence

Registration for the 2023 National Latinx Conference on HIV, HCV, and SUD is now open and can be found on our website <https://latinosandhiv.org>.

NaLa 2023 will be a conference that you won't want to miss. We look forward to seeing you in May of 2023. For more information, please feel free to email [MarcoMartinez@valleyaids.org](mailto:MarcoMartinez@valleyaids.org) or [Scamacho@valleyaids.org](mailto:Scamacho@valleyaids.org). We look forward to seeing you and your team in a few short months.

Yours in the Fight Against HIV, HCV, & SUD,

**The 2023 NaLa Team**

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