



**South Carolina
HIV, STD and
Viral Hepatitis
Conference**

October 21-22, 2026

<http://www.schiv-stdconference.org>

March 2026

Dear Sponsor and Exhibitor:

We look forward to your participation in our 43rd Conference this year to be held at the **Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center**, 1101 Lincoln Street, in Columbia, South Carolina, from October 21-22, 2026. The theme of the conference is “**Against All Odds: Shaping Resilient Communities**”. This interdisciplinary conference provides opportunities for professionals and community members to dialogue and share past successes, discuss current practices and interventions, as well as address emerging issues and trends.

With nationally recognized keynote speakers, expert concurrent session presenters and valuable topics, this will be a well-attended conference. The format of the conference will be a full two-day event. The primary audience includes nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, other clinicians, pharmacists, HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis educators, social workers, other health professionals, case managers, service providers, teachers, students, people living with HIV and other interested community members.

The Conference Planning Committee invites you to take advantage of this superb opportunity to market your products and services to our targeted audience by becoming a conference sponsor and/or exhibitor. The conference will provide your organization with an excellent venue to educate and reach many of South Carolina’s front-line workers, program managers and consumers. Thousands of people are provided services annually by our conference participants making our conference one of the most effective ways to reach and impact those impacted by HIV/AIDS, STDs and Viral Hepatitis.

We look forward to you joining us this year!

The Conference Planning Committee

Please note that we are now asking that checks be payable to:

“Annual SC HIV STD Conference”

(Fed Tax EIN: 20-3795068)

Thanks!

The Annual SC HIV/STD Conference, Inc., is classified as a 501(c)(3) public charity with the Internal Revenue Service. As such, contributions, including sponsorships, are considered tax deductible by the IRS to the extent allowable by law.

Items by Sponsorship Level	Sponsorship Levels							
	Conference Partner	Diamond Sponsor	Platinum Sponsor	Gold Sponsor	Silver Sponsor	Bronze Sponsor	Non-Profit /State Agency	Commercial /For Profit
Exhibit booth 10' x 6'	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Full conference registrations	20	12	6	3	2	1	--	--
Name badge with	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo display in program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	--	--

Sponsorship Levels

Conference Partner (\$10,000):

- Recognition as a Conference Partnering conference materials and on the conference website Twenty (20) complimentary conference registrations
- Two (2) 10' x 6' exhibit spaces with electricity (includes two 6' x 30" tables) Badge indicating sponsorship level for each registrant listed on your sponsorship form

Diamond Sponsor (\$5,000):

- Recognition as a Diamond Sponsor in conference materials and on the conference website Twelve (12) complimentary conference registrations
- One (1) 10' x 6' exhibit space with electricity (includes one 6' x 30" table)
- Badge indicating sponsorship level for each registrant listed on your sponsorship form

Platinum Sponsor (\$2,500):

- Recognition as a Platinum Sponsor in conference materials and on the conference website Six (6) complimentary conference registrations
- One (1) 10' x 6' exhibit space (includes one 6' x 30" table)
- Badge indicating sponsorship level for each registrant listed on your sponsorship form

Gold Sponsor (\$1,400):

- Recognition as a Gold Sponsor in conference materials and on the conference website Three (3) complimentary conference registrations
- One (1) 10' x 6' exhibit space (includes one 6' x 30" table)
- Badge indicating sponsorship level for each registrant listed on your sponsorship form

Silver Sponsor (\$1,000):

- Recognition as a Silver Sponsor in conference materials and on the conference website Two (2) complimentary conference registrations
- One (1) 10' x 6' exhibit space (includes one 6' x 30" table)
- Badge indicating sponsorship level for each registrant listed on your sponsorship form

Bronze Sponsor (\$750; the base level for commercial exhibitors):

- Recognition as a Bronze sponsor in conference materials and on the conference website One (1) complimentary conference registration
- One (1) 10' x 6' exhibit space (includes one 6' x 30" table)

Exhibit Only

The Exhibit Only Fee for Non-profit Organizations/State Agencies is \$450. The Exhibit Only Fee for Commercial/ For Profit Exhibitors is \$650.

The conference's *Exhibit Only* name badges provide access only to the Exhibit Hall and the registration area. The *Exhibit Only* designation does not include the conference registration fee, which includes attendance at the keynote and concurrent sessions and luncheons.

Additional Sponsorship Opportunities

Conference Keynote Speakers - \$3,000

If you are interested in sponsoring one of our nationally recognized speakers who will motivate and energize the audience by exposing them to new ideas as they participate in educational and networking opportunities, please contact Chris Skope (cmskope1@gmail.com). Acknowledgment will include special program recognition.

Conference Scholarships for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH) - \$270/scholarship

Conference Registration Scholarships provide PLWH from throughout South Carolina, who otherwise would not be able to attend, with the opportunity to participate in the conference and gain valuable tools and strategies to strengthen their lives. We can work with you to customize a scholarship level or program to meet your objectives. For optimal exposure and recognition, the conference will inform scholarship recipients that their scholarship is the result of your sponsorship as well as recognize your organization in the conference program. For more information, contact Gerald McNair (gmcnair30@yahoo.com).

Deadlines to Remember

September 4, 2026– Deadline for receipt of exhibit application

September 10, 2026 – Deadline for sponsors/exhibitors to receive recognition in program brochure

September 18, 2026 – Cancellation deadline for exhibitors to receive a refund (less a \$50 processing fee)

October 5, 2026 – Chris Skope/Pam Harper to be notified of any changes in confirmed registrants.

Note: The conference will accept exhibitor registrations after the **September 10** deadline **if space is available**; however, those exhibits will not receive acknowledgement in the conference program brochure.

Exhibit Space Assignments

Exhibit spaces are assigned on a payment priority basis. Don't wait - register today!

Note: The conference will not accept personal checks on site.

Note: Grants to the conference do not include exhibit space.

Exhibit Installation and Dismantling

The exhibit hall will be open Tuesday, October 20 from 3:30pm until 6:00pm for set up. All exhibits must be installed and ready for the exhibit hall opening at 7:45am, Wednesday, October 21. The exhibit hall will open at 7:45 each morning to give our attendees an additional 15 minutes.

Nothing may be attached to the walls inside or outside of the exhibit hall. Breakdown is scheduled for Thursday, October 22 between 2:00pm and 3:00pm. All trash must be disposed of at that time according to instructions provided at check-in. *Note:* All exhibit materials must be removed by the exhibitor by 3:00pm on Thursday, October 22. Failure to do so will result in a \$100.00 service charge to the exhibitor. Exhibitors are expected to display and be present for both days, however: if you will not be displaying the entire conference, please do not leave an empty table when you leave. Please place information for those attending to pick up after your departure and notify Chris Skope that you will be leaving.

Electricity, Telephone and Internet Connections

Electricity for your exhibit table is available for an additional charge of \$100. This must be requested in advance and paid with the sponsor/exhibitor fees. (Electricity is included for **Conference Partner** and **Diamond Level** supporters.) Wireless Internet connections are free but wired Internet connections are only available through the Convention Center at an additional charge of \$250 to be paid by the Exhibitor (in advance). To arrange for wired high-speed Internet connections, please contact Chris Skope (cmskope1@gmail.com).

This brochure will be available for download and/or printing on the conference website:

www.schiv-stdconference.org

If you have any further questions, please contact

Chris Skope (cmskope1@gmail.com) or Pam Harper (803-286-4121).

SPONSORSHIP/EXHIBIT APPLICATION

Please complete all sections of this application and email form to Chris Skope at
emskope1@gmail.com.

Please mail form with full payment (made payable to Annual SC HIV STD Conference)
to: Mid-Carolina AHEC, PO Box 2049, Lancaster, SC 29721

Step 1. General Information:

Organization Name: _____
[Please print the organization name **exactly** as it is to appear in the Conference Program Brochure.]

Name of Contact Person (Please print): _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Phone (Daytime) _____ Fax _____ *E-mail: _____

Step 2. Names of Sponsor/Exhibitor Registrants or Representatives (please specify):

[Print any additional names on a separate sheet and attach with this form.]

Step 3. Primary Sponsor/Exhibitor Designation (please check one and include amount in step 5):

___ Conference Partner (\$10,000)	___ Silver Sponsor (\$1000)
___ Diamond Sponsor (\$5,000)	___ Bronze/Commercial Sponsor (\$750)
___ Platinum Sponsor (\$2,500)	___ Non-profit/State Agency <u>Exhibit Only</u> Fee (\$450)
___ Gold Sponsor (\$1,400)	___ Commercial/For Profit <u>Exhibit Only</u> Fee (\$650)

Step 4. Additional Sponsorships (please check all that apply and include amount in step 5):

___ Keynote Speaker: \$3,000
___ Additional Scholarships: \$270 each* (Please designate number of scholarships = _____)

* Sponsor-level registrations that are undesignated by **September 10, 2026**, may also be donated for scholarships.

Step 5. Enclose Payment:

Primary Sponsorship/Exhibitor Designation	\$ _____
Additional Sponsorship	\$ _____
Electricity (\$100; included for Conference Partner and Diamond Level supporters)	\$ _____
Additional Tables (\$100 per table)	\$ _____
PLWHA Scholarships (\$270 each)	\$ _____
TOTAL:	\$ _____

Make checks payable to:
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EIN: 20-3795068

Mail to: ATTN:

**Pam Harper Mid-Carolina AHEC
PO Box 2049
Lancaster, SC 29721**

* Please note that a confirmation letter will be sent to your email address upon receipt of your payment. If your payment includes conference registrations, an email address must be submitted for them. An email will be sent to them with confirmation. Representatives without an email address are not considered officially registered; therefore, a name badge will not be available at registration.

All registrations beyond your sponsor level must be submitted on the regular conference registration form found at www.schiv-stdconference.org.

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