



Schedule at a Glance

2026 LEARN Conference & HealthySteps Symposium

October 27-29, 2026 | Portland, Oregon

Tuesday, October 27

All times Pacific. Sessions listed at the same time run concurrently.

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Room B113-116

HealthySteps Symposium: Showing Up in Challenging Times: Trust, Boundaries, and Compassion in Integrated Pediatric Care

Strategies to support families and pediatric teams amid growing pressures. Topics include unmet social needs and fear of deportation, caregiver trust and vaccine hesitancy, team stress, compassionate boundaries, and everyday advocacy.

Presenters: Dr. Omolara Thomas; Dr. David Higgins; Cherie Craft

5:30 - 7:00 PM | Exhibit Hall A-A1

LEARN Opening Reception: Llama Pajama Party

Exhibit Hall A-A1. Kick off LEARN with a cozy evening of connection and fun! Wear your favorite pajamas, meet and pet therapy llamas, enjoy s'mores, and mingle with fellow attendees.

Plan your conference

This guide highlights HealthySteps sessions and networking opportunities, plus the LEARN opening reception. Descriptions are shortened for easy scanning.

[View the current HealthySteps agenda](#) for updates and the link to the full LEARN conference schedule.



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10:30 - 11:30 AM | Room B113-116

Bridging the Gap: Level 2 Autism Screening for Timely Diagnosis and Family-Centered Support

Learn how Vista Community Clinic uses the LILYA-T Level 2 autism screener to speed diagnosis, referrals, and access to intervention while helping families make informed decisions.

Presenters: Erika Carter; Alyson Kaye; Mendy Rayford; Sujana Gunta

10:30 - 11:30 AM | Room B117-119

Harmony in our Helping Systems: Reflective & Relational Practices to Promote Health Equity

Explore a rural community initiative combining HealthySteps, Strong Roots, and FAN. Practice reflective, equity-centered approaches to coordinating services and engaging families.

Presenters: Diana Morelen; Rachel Adams

1:00 - 2:00 PM | Room B113-116

Developmental and Behavioral Health Screening with Medically Complex Infants and Toddlers: When, Why, and How?

Explore considerations for using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire with medically complex young children, drawing on an integrated behavioral health team's experience in pediatric primary care.

Presenters: Alyson Hatten; Verenea Serrano; Brigitte McClellan

Part 1: 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Part 2: 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Room B117-119

Prioritizing Family Voice Through Attunement: Applying ERH concepts and FAN for HealthySteps and Pediatric Providers

Use parent-led initiatives, FAN-informed communication, and reflective practice to strengthen early relational health, honor family expertise, support shared decisions, and promote provider well-being.

Presenters: Andrea Minor; Linda Gilkerson; Diane Halberg; Hope Williams-Burt; Barbara Ivins

2:30 - 3:30 PM | Room B113-116

Stronger Systems, Stronger Starts: Building Collaborative Partnerships for HealthySteps Implementation and Integration

Learn strategies for stakeholder alignment, cross-departmental partnerships, and quality improvement that strengthen HealthySteps integration and improve access, equity, and outcomes.

Presenters: Diane Lee; Nancy Lee; Rachel Wirtshafter

5:30 - 7:30 PM | Irving Street Tapas

HealthySteps Networking Event

Reconnect with colleagues and build new relationships at Irving St. Tapas. Light bites will be provided.



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7:30 - 8:45 AM | Room B113-116

Networking Breakfast Hosted by Pediatrics Supporting Parents

Start your morning with light bites and conversation! Join Pediatrics Supporting Parents to connect with colleagues, share ideas, and build relationships before the day's sessions.

10:30 - 11:30 AM | Room B117-119

Measurement of Early Relational Health (ERH): Implications for Clinicians and Researchers

Explore ways to measure early relational health through caregiver reports and observations, with findings from two studies involving diverse families with infants and toddlers.

Presenters: Alissa Huth-Bocks; Shannon Franz; Katherine Rosenblum

10:30 - 11:30 AM | Room B113-116

How to Share What's Happening: Assessing and Communicating with Families About Child Development

Learn ways to assess and discuss developmental progress and milestones with caregivers through meaningful exam-room interactions that support children's play, learning, and growth.

Presenters: Sarah MacLaughlin; Shannon Ayers

Part 1: 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Part 2: 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Room B113-116

Elevating the Voices of HealthySteps Families through Co-Creation and Innovation

Discover how a statewide family survey and a co-created Parent Advisory Council help strengthen HealthySteps. Hear lessons and early results from Colorado ABCD and Children's National Hospital.

Presenters: Melissa Buchholz; Rakia Ranney; Lael Coleman; Shardé Pettis; Kara Van de Grift; Marta Genovez

1:00 - 2:00 PM | Room B117-119

Scaling Dyadic and Dynamic Models of Care: Expanding HealthySteps Across a Large Public Health System

Examine NYC Health + Hospitals' expansion across 17 sites, with a focus on integration, data systems, EMR tools, and financial sustainability that support fidelity and local adaptation.

Presenters: Carlotta Low-Sanchez; Natalie Cohen; Ariel Charney

2:30 - 3:30 PM | Room B117-119

Large Health System Innovations: THREE Models, ONE Integrated Care Team, ONE Shared Goal = a High FIVE for Prenatal-5

Explore how HealthySteps, Mothers and Babies, and the Chicago Parent program work together in primary care. Hear practical strategies for screening, brief intervention, family support, and sustainable financing.

Presenters: Claire Kingsbury; LaToya Montgomery, LCSW-C; Savannah Martinez