

AFOP NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026 QUICK AGENDA – ONE PAGER



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21		ROOM
9:00am – 4:00pm	Registration Open	Colorado Foyer
10:00am – 12:00pm	AFOP Board of Directors Engagement Exercise: Getting to Know Your Fellow AFOP Leaders	Mt. Sopris
1:00pm – 5:00pm	AFOP Board of Directors Meeting	Mt. Sopris
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22		
8:00am – 4:00pm	Registration Open	Colorado Foyer
8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast Buffet	Colorado Ballroom
9:00am – 10:15am	Opening Plenary Session: Ernesto Mejia, CoolSpeak	Colorado Ballroom
10:30am – 11:30am	BREAKOUT A	Global: Farm Labor Outlook: 2026-27
10:30am – 11:30am		Senior Staff: Taking Sector Strategies to the Next Level
10:30am – 11:30am		Employment & Training: Understanding What Makes Today's Young People Tick
11:45am – 12:45pm	BREAKOUT B	Housing: Deepening Our Understanding of Agricultural Worker Housing
11:45am – 12:45pm		Senior Staff - NFJP for Advanced Users (DOL)
11:45am – 12:45pm		Employment & Training: Effective Recruitment Strategies for Farmworkers
12:45pm – 2:15pm	Lunch on Your Own	
2:15pm – 3:15pm	BREAKOUT C	ATI ONLY: Case Management Review
2:15pm – 3:15pm		Global: Farmworker Case Studies
2:15pm – 3:15pm		Senior Staff: NFJP Eligibility Performance Updates for Executives and Senior Staff (DOL)
2:15pm – 3:15pm		Employment & Training: Building Bridges That Work: Effective Outreach & Partnerships in NFJP Programs
3:30pm – 4:30pm	BREAKOUT D	ATI ONLY: Motivational Leadership Review
3:30pm – 4:30pm		Global: Project Protect Promotoras
3:30pm – 4:30pm		Employment & Training: Reframing Client Potential: Strength-Based Career Advising for Individuals
3:30pm – 4:30pm		Senior Staff: Keeping the Spark Alive: Supporting Team Morale and Preventing Burnout
5:00pm – 6:00pm	ATI Certification Ceremony (all invited)	
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23		
8:00am – 4:00pm	Registration Open	Colorado Foyer
8:00am – 9:00am	Continental Breakfast	
9:00am – 10:15am	Opening Plenary Session Jerry Balistreri, Reading the Tells	Aspen Ballroom
10:30am – 11:30am	BREAKOUT E	Global: How to Project Confidence
10:30am – 11:30am		Senior Staff: Incorporating Principles from the Co-enrollment Guide into Your Programs (DOL)
10:30am – 11:30am		Employment & Training: Introduction to NFJP Eligibility
11:45am – 12:45pm	BREAKOUT F	ATI: Come Meet Your New Trainer!
11:45am – 12:45pm		Housing: Reporting into GPMS
11:45am – 12:45pm		Employment & Training: Connecting the Dots: Performance Reporting for Frontline Staff
11:45am – 12:45pm	Senior Staff: Farmworker Enforcement	
12:45pm – 2:15pm	Luncheon Featuring Excellence Award Winners	
2:30pm – 3:15pm	BREAKOUT G	ATI ONLY: Track 1 Kick-off
2:15pm – 3:15pm		Global: Developing Your Elevator Speech
2:15pm – 3:15pm		Employment & Training: Practical Ways to Partner with your SMA and SWA
2:15pm – 3:15pm		Senior Staff: Connecting Services: WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker and NFJP
3:30pm – 4:30pm	BREAKOUT H	ATI only: Track 2 Kick-off
3:30pm – 4:30pm		Global: Don't Let the Paint Drive the Car: Using AI Without Losing Structure, Compliance, or Control
		Employment & Training: Mapping Participants' Individual Education Plans
3:30pm – 4:30pm		Senior Staff: How to Prepare for an NFJP Monitoring Review
5:00pm – 6:00pm	President's Reception (all invited)	
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24		
8:00am – 11:00am	Registration Open	Colorado Foyer
8:30am – 10:00am	BREAKOUT I	MIS: GPMS round table
8:30am – 10:00am		Senior Staff: Great on Paper: Why Strategic Plans Fail in Real Life—and What to Do About It
8:30am – 10:00am		Employment & Training: Exit and Follow-up: A Primer
10:30am – 12:00pm	Closing Plenary Brunch	
		Aspen Ballroom

Tracks are listed to help conference attendees determine which sessions relate best to their work. Participants may attend any session they like.

*[ATI sessions require advance registration and payment](#). Check with your supervisor.

Agenda subject to change.