

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	Maroon Peak
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, “The Good is Still Growing”	Colorado Ballroom
10:30am – 11:30am	Global: Farm Labor Outlook: 2026-27	Maroon Peak
10:30am – 11:30am	Employment & Training: Beyond Motivation: Making Connections That Prepare Young People for the Workforce	Aspen
10:30am – 11:30am	Senior Staff: Workforce Pell Grants – The Time is NOW	Mt. Sopris
10:30am – 11:30am	Housing: Best Practices for NFJP	Mt. Oxford
11:45am – 12:45pm	Global: Keeping the Spark Alive: Supporting Team Morale and Preventing Burnout	Maroon Peak
11:45am – 12:45pm	Employment & Training: From Assessment to Action: Building Better Individual Employment Plans	Aspen
11:45am – 12:45pm	Senior Staff: Apprenticeship Opportunities for NFJP	Mt. Columbia
11:45am – 12:45pm	Housing: Reporting into GPMS	Mt. Sopris
12:45pm – 2:15pm	Lunch on Your Own	
2:15pm – 3:15pm	ATI*: Enhanced Empowerment Tools for Your Clients (final session for 2025-2026 Case Management course)	Aspen
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Employment & Training: Breaking Through Self-imposed Limitations to Build Your Dream Career and Life	Maroon Peak
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Senior Staff: Incorporating Principles from the Co-enrollment Guide into Your Programs	Mt. Sopris
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Housing: Deepening Our Knowledge of Agricultural Worker Housing	Mt. Oxford
3:30pm – 4:30pm	ATI*: Taking Your Leadership to the Next Level (final session for the 2025-2026 Motivational Leadership course)	Aspen
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Global: Project Protect Promotoras	Maroon Peak
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Employment & Training: Introduction to Eligibility Rules for the National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP)	Mt. Columbia
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Senior Staff: NFJP Updates: What’s Changed and What You Need to Know	Mt. Sopris
5:00pm – 6:00pm	ATI Certification Ceremony (all invited)	Colorado Ballroom
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23		
8:00am – 4:00pm	Registration Open	Colorado Foyer
8:00am – 9:00am	Coffee Service Breakfast on Your Own	Colorado Ballroom
9:00am – 10:15am	Opening Plenary Session: The Honorable Ken Salazar, “Welcome to Colorado!” Jerry Balistreri, “Reading the Tells”	Colorado Ballroom
10:30am – 11:30am	ATI*: Client Connections 2.0 Kick-off: Connecting People to Possibility	Maroon Peak
10:30am – 11:30am	Global: Projecting Confidence Through Body Language	Colorado Ballroom
10:30am – 11:30am	Employment & Training: Seeing the Big Picture: Performance Reporting for Frontline Staff	Mt. Columbia
10:30am – 11:30am	Senior Staff: Updates on Performance for the National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP)	Mt. Sopris
11:45am – 12:45pm	ATI*: Leadership 2.0 Kick-off: Elevating Your Confidence, Skills and Impact	Maroon Peak
11:45am – 12:45pm	Global: Change Management and Resilience During Times of Upheaval with NFJP	Mt. Columbia
11:45am – 12:45pm	Employment & Training: Building Bridges That Work: Effective Outreach & Partnerships in NFJP Programs	Aspen
11:45am – 12:45pm	Senior Staff: Cultivating Leadership Growth: Strengthening Roots, Growing Impact	Mt. Sopris
12:45pm – 2:15pm	Luncheon Featuring Children in the Fields Campaign Essay and Art Contest Award Winners	Colorado Ballroom
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Global: Pitch Perfect: Communicating Your Value in Seconds	Mt. Columbia
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Employment & Training: Practical Ways to Partner with your SMA and SWA	Aspen
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Senior Staff: Bridging Services: WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker and NFJP	Mt. Sopris
2:15pm – 3:15pm	MIS: Internal Policies & Procedures for NFJP: Comparing Notes	Mt. Oxford
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Global: Don’t Let the Paint Drive the Car: Using AI Without Losing Structure, Compliance, or Control	Mt. Columbia
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Employment & Training: Effective Recruitment Strategies for Farmworker Youth	Aspen
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Senior Staff: How to Prepare for an NFJP Monitoring Review	Maroon Peak
3:30pm – 4:30pm	MIS: Troubleshooting GPMS for Career Services and Training Grantees	Mt. Sopris
5:00pm – 6:00pm	President’s Reception (all invited)	Colorado Foyer
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24		
8:00am – 11:00am	Registration Open	Colorado Foyer
8:30am – 10:00am	Global: Great on Paper: Why Strategic Plans Fail in Real Life—and What to Do About It	Mt. Columbia
8:30am – 10:00am	Employment & Training: Engaging Youth for Success	Aspen
8:30am – 10:00am	Senior Staff: Compliance with Federal Agricultural Labor Laws	Mt. Sopris
8:30am – 10:00am	MIS: GPMS Round Table	Mt. Oxford
10:30am – 12:00pm	Closing Plenary Brunch	Colorado Ballroom

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

*ATI is a year-round training program that launches each year at the National Conference. [Speak to your supervisor if you'd like to join this class!](#)