

# TASC “How To”: Abstract Development

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# Agenda

**Welcome and Introduction**

**Abstract Preparations**

**Abstract Writing**

**Post-Abstract Submission**

**Closing**

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# What to prepare

- **Identify conferences of interest**
- **Staffing plan**
- **One-sentence summary of scope and goals**
- **Review submission requirements**
- **Poster? Presentation?**
- **Timeline with roles**
- **Supporting data**

# Writing your abstract

- **Introduction**
  - Why is this presentation important?
- **Objective or research question**
  - What was the goal of this project?
- **Methods**
  - How did you complete this project?
- **Findings**
  - What happened in this project? What are the data findings?
- **Conclusion**
  - What are the project's implications?
  - What do you want people to remember?

**The Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project (SHSPP) assists 115 Healthy Start (HS) grantees across the US. SHSPP's Technical Assistance (TA) and Support Center (TASC) provides capacity building assistance, including ongoing TA/training/education to reduce disparities in infant mortality and adverse perinatal outcomes.**

**This presentation will assess the varying levels of TA/support offered to ascertain the influence of those activities on the Healthy Start programs.**

TASC has developed approaches to assessing grantee engagement, synergy, and participation in its CBA offerings, as well as overall satisfaction with the TA provided.

**For instance, in 2024, 75% of all Healthy Start grantees engaged with TASC for 1:1 TA. Of the grantees that engaged with 1:1 TA, 95% were satisfied or very satisfied with their TA interaction, and 85% implemented changes to their work to improve maternal and child health outcomes. These findings, among others, will be analyzed and contextualized among other TASC offerings.**

**Implications for community-based organizations, technical assistance centers, evaluators, and public health at large will be discussed.**

<b>Key:</b>
<b>Introduction</b>
<b>Objective</b>
<b>Method</b>
<b>Findings</b>
<b>Conclusion</b>

# I submitted an abstract. Now what?

- **Expect to hear from the conference organizer about three months before the conference is scheduled**
- **If not accepted: Don't sweat it!**
- **If accepted:**
  - **Make a workplan with partners to meet conference due dates**
  - **Finalize travel and lodging**
  - **Build out your presentation**
  - **Practice! You got this!**



# Thank you!

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