

New York Public Welfare Association  
155<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Conference

**Tough Times**

**Don't Last,**

**Tough Teams Do**

Preview Notice  
January 23-26, 2024  
The Albany Marriott Hotel

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## Opening Address



### Grace C. Bonilla, Esq.

Grace is a distinguished leader with extensive experience in the nonprofit and public sectors. She has served as the President and CEO of United Way of New York City (UWNYC) since July 2022. In her role, Grace is dedicated to advancing the organization's mission to support the diverse communities of

### Keynote Speaker

New York City, actively working to ensure that low-income and underinsured New Yorkers have access to preventative healthcare, educational resources, and community support.

Prior to her role at UWNYC, Grace held leadership positions across the nonprofit sector, including Senior Vice President for Latin America at Covenant House International (CHI), where she addressed the root causes of child homelessness across multiple countries. Grace's impressive career also includes serving as the Executive Director of New York City's first Task Force on Racial Equity and Inclusion, appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. She made significant contributions to New York City's social services landscape as the Administrator of the Human Resources Administration (HRA).

Grace has garnered prestigious awards and honors, including induction into the City Limits Hall of Fame in 2023, being named in the City and State Power 100 2023, receiving the City and State 2023 Above & Beyond: Women award and delivering the keynote address at this year's Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Annual Not-For-Profit Summit. She is a lifelong New Yorker, holding a JD from Brooklyn Law School, and remains deeply committed to shaping policies that address the challenges to achieving economic justice and equity for all New Yorkers.

### NYPWA President, Commissioner Sarah Merrick, Invites You to Our Winter Conference

*"Our winter conference will provide a wonderful opportunity to hear how your colleagues across the state are facing the challenges in a post pandemic world. Workshops will touch on areas of staffing and morale, as well as methods to streamline work processes. Come and learn how your team can successfully face the challenges ahead."*

### NYPWA Conference Liaison/Commissioner, Michael McMahon, Rensselaer County

*"The scope of topics to be presented to attendees during our upcoming winter conference is designed to provide a broad range of thought provoking concepts. Most importantly, we want you to take away ideas on how to strengthen and support your team, develop leadership and improve the customer service experience."*

• A Special Welcome to All Sponsors, Advertisers, and Exhibitors •

## Special Feature

We will be offering an exciting array of leadership and management topics that support our theme of Promoting Tough Teams.

## Local Expertise

Commissioners will be spearheading sessions on local initiatives that strengthen communities and build resilient staff.

## Legal Series

We have confirmed CLE sessions on Child Welfare Caselaw, Confidentiality, DEIA, Child's Out-of-Court Statement, and Child Support Caselaw. More to come.

## State & Local Presentations

Children's Services, Adult Services, Child Care, Budget/Fiscal, Legal, Temporary Assistance, Housing, SNAP, Employment, Child Support, Medicaid Eligibility, Long Term Care, Administration, Staff Development, Management, IES and Technology.

## Schedule at a Glance

### Tuesday, January 23

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Exhibitor Set-Up
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration
6:00 pm	Dinner on Your Own

### Wednesday, January 24

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration
9:00 am - 10:45 am	Meetings, Workshops & Exhibits
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Welcome & Opening Address
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	Luncheon
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Workshops & Exhibits
6:00 pm - 7:00pm	Reception
7:00pm	Dinner on Your Own

### Thursday, January 25

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Workshops & Exhibits
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Reception & Banquet

### Friday, January 26

8:00 am - 11:00 am	Registration
8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Meetings & Workshops

**Take Advantage of Our Group Discount for LDSS – 6<sup>th</sup> Registrant is Free!**

### • NYPWA Conference Team •

Nicole Gee, Administrative/Conference Coordinator  
Rick Terwilliger, Director of Policy & Communications  
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## JANUARY 23-26, 2024

### REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the Conference Registration form (upper portion) and send or email to the NYPWA with your voucher, check, or credit card information.
2. Meals ARE included with multi-night hotel packages at The Albany Marriott Hotel. If you want to order meals only, and do not need lodging, use the "Meals Order Form" below. Send it, with payment, directly to the NYPWA by **Thursday, January 4, 2024**. Please note: meals are NOT included with the cost of conference registration; they must be purchased separately. Multi-night hotel package meal tickets will be available at The Albany Marriott Hotel Registration Desk under the name listed on the hotel registration form. Tickets purchased with the Meals Order Form below will be available at the NYPWA Registration Desk.
3. Carefully read the Hotel Reservation Policy, noting that the cut-off date for hotel registration is **Thursday, January 4, 2024**.
4. Complete the Hotel Registration form with all applicable information — be sure to check the correct rooming package and return the form to The Albany Marriott Hotel.
5. **Registration Cancellation Policy:** Refund of registration fee, less a \$15 administrative fee, will be made only when cancellation is received in writing and emailed by January 4, 2024.

### NYPWA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

	By Dec. 22	After Dec. 22	6 <sup>th</sup> LDSS Registrant
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference	<input type="checkbox"/> \$209.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$223.00	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE
<input type="checkbox"/> One-Day	<input type="checkbox"/> \$134.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$137.00	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Credit Card Payment Contact

(if **NOT** the same as above [name, title, email & phone number] -

NYPWA will call): \_\_\_\_\_

#### NYPWA Forms of Payment:

Check: Make Payable to "NYPWA"

Voucher: Email to [info@nypwa.org](mailto:info@nypwa.org) or use surface mail.

Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Amex, Discover):

Provide **ONLY** by surface mail or by phone

Card Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment Options:

1) Mail: Please complete this form and return via mail to:

NYPWA, 130 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12210

2) Call: (518) 465-9305

3) Email: Send form to [info@nypwa.org](mailto:info@nypwa.org) and we will call you for credit card information.

### MEALS ORDER FORM

If you are not ordering a hotel package, all meals must be purchased individually through the NYPWA by completing this MEALS ORDER FORM. Please return the completed form with payment directly to the NYPWA. **MEAL CANCELLATION POLICY:** Refund of meals will be made only when received in writing and emailed by January 4, 2024. After January 4, 2024 all meals **MUST** still be paid for.

	PRICE	SELECTION
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24</b>		
Breakfast	\$44.19	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lunch	\$48.21	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reception	\$56.92	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 25</b>		
Breakfast	\$44.19	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lunch	\$49.55	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banquet	\$77.67	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 26</b>		
Breakfast	\$44.19	<input type="checkbox"/>

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please inform your server at each meal of any special dietary needs.*

**Please submit conference registration & meal form with payment to:**

NYPWA • 130 WASHINGTON AVENUE • ALBANY, NEW YORK 12210

PHONE: 518-465-9305 • FAX: 518-465-5633 • EMAIL: [INFO@NYPWA.ORG](mailto:INFO@NYPWA.ORG)

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## HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

To reserve a hotel room, please fill out the form below and mail or fax it to the hotel **no later than Thursday, January 4, 2024**. Please review the hotel reservation policy carefully before sending in your reservation.

**HOTEL RESERVATION POLICY:** This form must be used. All hotel reservations must be received by The Albany Marriott no later than Thursday, January 4, 2024, at which time the NYPWA room block will be released. Hotel reservations made after Thursday, January 4, 2024, will be accepted subject to availability. Reservations cannot be accepted by telephone. **All rooms must be guaranteed with a credit card or advance deposit.** Check-in time is 3:00 pm. The Albany Marriott will facilitate storage of luggage if necessary. Check out time is 11:00 am. Please use one form per reservation.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Hotel room confirmation will be emailed directly to you from The Albany Marriott. Email confirmations will not reflect tax exempt status.

**TAX EXEMPT DOCUMENTATION:** Tax exempt certificate ST-129 signed by the occupant is required when paying by check, credit card, or voucher (one voucher per person).

**MEAL TICKETS:** If you have selected a package that includes meal tickets, they will be available at The Albany Marriott Registration Desk upon arrival. The meal tickets will be addressed to the attendee listed on the reservation.

**HOTEL CANCELLATION POLICY:** To avoid a charge, reservations **MUST** be cancelled **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**.

**NOTE:** If you reserve a double room and your roommate cancels, you will be responsible for paying the single room rate. Package rates are subject to applicable taxes. If tax exempt, tax exempt certificate ST-129 signed by the occupant must be presented prior to check-in.

### RESERVATION INFORMATION (Please Type or Print)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY/AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriott Rewards #: \_\_\_\_\_

### IF SHARING

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY/AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriott Rewards #: \_\_\_\_\_

### GUARANTEE TYPE

CHECK (ENCLOSED)  VOUCHER (ENCLOSED)  CREDIT CARD

MASTERCARD  VISA  AMEX

CREDIT CARD: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

### PACKAGE 1: TUESDAY ARRIVAL - FRIDAY DEPARTURE

Includes 3 nights' lodging: Wednesday - breakfast, lunch, reception; Thursday - breakfast, lunch, banquet; Friday - breakfast

Single Occupancy.....\$764.05 each/\$849.95 w/tax

Double Occupancy.....\$550.98 each/\$607.56 w/tax

### PACKAGE 2: WEDNESDAY ARRIVAL - FRIDAY DEPARTURE

Includes 2 nights' lodging: Wednesday - breakfast, lunch, reception; Thursday - breakfast, lunch, banquet; Friday - breakfast

Single Occupancy.....\$581.08 each/\$644.25 w/tax

Double Occupancy.....\$439.03 each/\$482.49 w/tax

### PACKAGE 3: TUESDAY ARRIVAL - THURSDAY DEPARTURE

Includes 2 nights' lodging: Wednesday - lunch, reception; Thursday - breakfast, lunch

Single Occupancy.....\$509.16 each/\$566.57 w/tax

Double Occupancy.....\$367.11 each/\$404.82 w/tax

### ROOM ONLY

For those attendees who wish to stay one night only, we request that reservations be made at one of the nearby hotels listed below.

**PLEASE USE THE MEAL ORDER FORM TO ORDER MEALS.**

• Home2 Suites Albany Airport • [home2suites3.hilton.com](http://home2suites3.hilton.com)

• Hampton Inn Albany • [hamptoninn3.hilton.com](http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com)

• Courtyard Albany Airport • [marriott.com](http://marriott.com)

• Homewood Suites Albany • [homewoodsuites3.hilton.com](http://homewoodsuites3.hilton.com)

• Staybridge Suites Albany • [staybridgesuites.com](http://staybridgesuites.com)

**Please call NYPWA at 518-465-9305 with any questions.**

### ALBANY MARRIOTT HOTEL

ALBANY MARRIOTT HOTEL • 189 WOLF ROAD • ALBANY, NEW YORK 12205

• FAX: 518-437-6306 • PHONE: 518-458-8444 OR 518-458-6344 •

• EMAIL: • [JENNIFER.SPENSIERI@COLUMBIASUSSEX.COM](mailto:JENNIFER.SPENSIERI@COLUMBIASUSSEX.COM)