



The Self-Advocacy Association of New York State

invites you to participate in the

2023 SANYS Statewide Conference!

**“REMEMBERING OUR PAST,
LOOKING FORWARD TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE”**

Thursday – Saturday

October 26th, 27th, and 28th, 2023

Albany Marriott

189 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY



To register/pay by credit card:

<https://sanys.salsalabs.org/sanysstatewide2023>



To register/pay by check or money order:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHSKXZW>

Conference Agenda

Thursday, October 26th

Registration	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Mini Sessions	2:00 pm – 5:15 pm
Dinner & Entertainment	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Film / DJ Dance Party	8:30 pm – 11:30 pm

Friday, October 27th

Registration	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Breakfast	7:30 am – 8:30 am
Annual Meeting	8:30 am – 9:00 am
Keynote Speaker	9:30 am – 10:00 am
Commissioner's Panel	10:00 am – 11:00 am
Lunch / Awards	11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Workshop Session I	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Workshop Session 2	3:15 pm – 4:15 pm
Dinner	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Musical performance	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
DJ Dance Party / Film	9:00 pm- 10:30 pm

Saturday, October 28th

Breakfast	7:30 am – 9:00 am
Closing Ceremonies	9:00 am -10:00 am

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Hotel Accommodations

You will make your own room reservations and payments directly with the hotel.

The conference will be held at the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY

Conference room rates are as follows:

\$139 per room, per night. Up to four guests can share a room and the costs.

To receive these special room rates, be sure to tell the Marriott that you are attending the Self-Advocacy Conference. These rates do not include tax. If you are sponsored by an agency, be sure the Marriott has a tax-exempt form from your organization.

ACCESSIBLE ROOMS

Availability of Accessible Rooms Is Very Limited

The Marriott has several accessible rooms. Please see the following descriptions for room selection:

Room Type 1:

Accessible room with roll in shower (the shower will accommodate a wheelchair or roll in shower chair): They have 4 of this type. Located on 4 floors.

Room Type 2:

Accessible Room with low threshold shower entry (the shower in this room will not accommodate a wheelchair or roll in shower chair but is more accessible than standard showers). There are 15 rooms of this type, with low shower entry, extra grab bars.

Room Type 3:

Standard Room: Each shower has sliding glass doors, with a 4-inch step over to get in the shower and no extra grab bars. Can easily accommodate shower chairs for those who require them.

*The Marriott has doubles and kings for partially accessible and standard rooms. The fully accessible rooms are all king beds with sofa sleepers. Each wheel in shower room connects to either a king or a double standard room.

If You Need an Accessible Room:

Call and request a room at the Marriott and they will be happy to assist you.

Marriott Hotel (518) 458-8444

If you have any questions, you can also contact Dan Flanigan, SANYS Regional Coordinator, at central@sanys.org or 315-473-6927

If the Marriott no longer has a room available, please refer to the Hotel Contacts list below.

HOTEL CONTACTS

Other Hotels:

Best Western	(518) 458-1000	Hampton Inn	(518) 438-0001
Wolf Road		Western Avenue	
Holiday Inn	(518) 459-3600	Homewood Suites	(518) 438-4300
Wolf Road		Wolf Road	
Hampton Inn Wolf	(518) 438-2822		
Road			

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Paratransit Requests (STAR): For paratransit from the train or bus station or to get around while you are here in Albany, take the following steps:

1. Contact your local paratransit company a month or so before the conference
2. Tell them you will be attending conference in Albany
3. Give them the dates
4. They will contact CDTA with your information
5. Contact CDTA 518-437-8378 to verify that they received your information
6. To make your reservation call CDTA 518-482-2022, press 3. It is best to do this **one week before the conference, but at minimum 48 hours prior**
7. Changes/Cancellations should be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling 518-482-2022
8. Please make sure you contact CDTA if you are not going to be taking your trips
9. If you are riding with a guest they ride for free. **If you are not enrolled in paratransit, you may be able to ride as a guest of another conference attendee.**
10. Your trip will cost \$2.50 each way.

If you have any questions or concerns about this process, you can call Shameka Andrews at 518-382-1454.

Public Bus: A single ride will cost \$2.00 and is the cheapest option to get around Albany. Use their Trip Planner to find the best route to your destination at tripplanner.cdfa.org or download the CDTA iRide app on your smartphone. You can also call **518-482-8822** and a customer service representative will help you find your route.

Taxis: This is the most expensive option. Accessible taxis are available but limited in number, so they should be requested in advance.

Capitaland Taxi: 518-465-0077

Capital City Taxi: 518-488-2273

Please make sure to send in your registration for the conference and make your hotel reservation. These are two separate processes. If you have a hotel room but are not registered for the conference, you will not be able to attend.

IF YOU DO NOT YET KNOW WHICH SUPPORT STAFF WILL BE COMING, PLEASE INDICATE "STAFF" FOR FIRST NAME & "AGENCY" FOR LAST NAME (for example: Staff - Arc of Orange County). For additional staff, just put "staff 2" as first name and agency name for last name (for example: Staff 2 – Arc of Orange County). **Please note that we will need the staff name by Friday, September 15, 2023.**

REGISTRATION PAYMENT

FULL CONFERENCE: \$250.00

Enjoy the whole conference experience of learning and networking, good food, and fun. This includes registration for all conference activities and meals for the three days.

ALL DAY FRIDAY: \$185.00

Includes Workshops, Lunch, Dinner, and Entertainment

PAYMENT POLICY

The popularity of our State Conference has continued to grow, and we must ask that everyone register and pay before the conference so that we can efficiently accommodate the large number of attendees.

**WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT BY FRIDAY,
9/15/2023, FOR YOU TO BE REGISTERED FOR THE CONFERENCE.**

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE CONFERENCE

**If paying by check or money order, please make them payable to
SANYS and mail them to:**

Self-Advocacy Association of NYS, Inc.

500 Balltown Rd, Bldg. 12B

Schenectady, NY 12304

Or Fax to: (518) 382-1594.

Please call to confirm the fax

If you register online and wish to pay by check or money order, you will be considered pre-registered but will not be registered until payment is received.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you need to cancel this registration, please e-mail Cynthia Gilchrist at cgilchrist@sanys.org or call our office at (518) 382-1454. You will receive a cancellation confirmation number.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or need help, please send an e-mail to Cynthia Gilchrist at cgilchrist@sanys.org or call our office at (518) 382-1454.