



# 41ST ANNUAL PERINATAL PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

STRIVING TO IMPROVE PERINATAL SYSTEMS, SERVICES &  
OUTCOMES:

SHOWCASING KEY ISSUES, BEST PRACTICES, EMERGING  
RESEARCH, AND BRAINSTORMING TRANSFORMATIVE STRATEGIES

**JUNE 10-12, 2026**

**EARLY CONFERENCE BROCHURE & ADVANCE  
REGISTRATION**

**The Hilton Hotel & Conference Center**

**40 Lodge St, Albany, NY**



**BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!**

*Join your colleagues, peers and other perinatal health providers from throughout NYS at the only multi-disciplinary statewide conference focused on pregnancy, birth, infant care.*

*It's your opportunity to hear from - and meet with government officials, clinical and community providers and advocates to gain new information and strategies to help improve care and service provision*



**SAVE YOUR PLACE AT  
THIS PREMIER  
CONFERENCE!  
REGISTRATION LIMITED  
TO 350 INDIVIDUALS.**



# FROM 2025:

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SO MANY GREAT TOPICS THIS YEAR - HEALTHCARE IS MORE COMPLEX WITH A LOT OF CHANGES. THIS CONFERENCE DID A GREAT JOB SHARING THE WORKABLE SOLUTIONS AND WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR TEAMS NAVIGATING PERINATAL HEALTH.

“CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS WERE TIED TOGETHER WELL, ALLOWING FOR EXTENDED LEARNING. THE VARIETY OF MEDICAL, DATA, COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES & PROGRAMS IS GREAT TO SEE.”

“ALWAYS ENJOY THIS CONFERENCE! AS A NURSE HOME VISITOR & WHNP STUDENT, THE INFORMATION GAINED IS HELPFUL TO MY PRESENT WORK AND WILL BE FOR MY FUTURE PRACTICE AS A PROVIDER.

EXCELLENT CONFERENCE! LEARNED A LOT AND WILL UTILIZE SOME OF THE EXPERIENCE AT MY FACILITY. PRESENTERS WERE GREAT! ENJOYED THE VARIETY OF TOPICS.”

“HAVE BEEN ATTENDING NYSPA CONFERENCES FOR > 15 YEARS. I LEARN SO MUCH EVERY YEAR FROM AMAZING SPEAKERS. NETWORKING WITH OTHERS FROM ACROSS NYS IS PRICELESS - I HAVE MADE SO MANY CONNECTIONS. LOVE THE EXHIBITS - MOST REPS ARE SO FRIENDLY AND KNOWLEDGEABLE! “

**DON'T MISS OUT! START YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE 2026 CONFERENCE.**

Take advantage of the Early Registration rates.

Register online @ [nysperinatal.org](https://nysperinatal.org)  
Reserve your overnight room ASAP.

Any questions, Call Sharon @ 607-725-4832 or email:

[schesna0415@gmail.com](mailto:schesna0415@gmail.com)

# THE 2026 CONFERENCE – AT A GLANCE

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026**



**6/10/2026: PRE-CON SESSIONS**

**8:00 – 4:30: AWHONN - Obstetric Patient Safety: OB Emergencies Workshop**

**8:30 – 4:30: TBD**

**Evening: 7:00 – 8:30: More than Hot Flashes: Navigating Perimenopause and Menopause** Ashanda Saint James, MD

**Thursday & Friday, June 11-12**



**Conference Sessions:**

**Thursday:** Keynote: 8:45 am w/ 4 additional plenary sessions & 10 concurrent workshops **Posters & Exhibits** all day

**Friday:** Keynote: 8:45 am w/ 2 additional plenary sessions & 5 concurrent workshops **Poster Exhibits** close at 11:15 am

**Social & Special Events  
& Exhibitors**



**Thursday:** 12:15 – 1:25 pm **NYSPA Annual Awards Luncheon** - everyone

5:15 – 6:15 pm **Welcome Reception & Silent Auction** - everyone

6:30 – 9:00 pm **ARPPN Annual Dinner Meeting** - invitation only

**Friday:** 7:30 – 8:30 am **RPC Coordinators & Nurse Managers Meeting** – invitation only

**EXHIBITORS:** Thursday 7:30 am – 6:00 pm /Friday 7:30 am – 11:15 am

The 2025 Perinatal Partnership Conference was a great success!

- 98% of individuals completing evaluations rated the speakers & content as excellent or very good, and 97% intend to change practice as a result.
- *“I learned so much and now have so many resources to bring to my patients!”.*
- *“I appreciated the exhibits and the resources to bring back to my practice and patients.”*

**REGISTRATION:  
ALL REGISTRATION WILL  
BE DONE ONLINE AT:  
[WWW.NYSPERINATAL.ORG](http://WWW.NYSPERINATAL.ORG)**

RATES	Member	Non-Member	ONE DAY ONLY (EITHER DAY)/ STUDENT RATE /FULL CONFERENCE
Early Bird 3/1/26 -3/31/26*	\$345*	\$400**	\$225.00
Regular: 4/1/26—5/15/26	\$395	\$495	
Late ends 5/16/26—6/1/26	\$445	\$525	
Walk-in: (by card or check at the door)	\$495	\$575	
Group discount of 20% available for 5 or more from the same institution or agency.	To be eligible for the early bird rate; payment must be made by 3/31/26	* No group discount on early bird rates	
In the event you need to cancel your registration, there will be a \$25 service fee. No refunds after 6/1/2026			

If you are not a current member of NYSPA, and wish to take advantage of the discounted member rate; you can join and pay (\$50 annual dues) online, and then register for the conference at the member rate.

## Wednesday 6/10/26 Pre-Conference Sessions

*Pre-con sessions are currently being confirmed. For more information, contact: [schesna0415@gmail.com](mailto:schesna0415@gmail.com)*

**8:00 – 4:30 AWHONN Obstetric Patient Safety: OB Emergencies Workshop** (AWHONN pre-registration required ) **Sandra Asanjarani, RNC-OB, MS, NPWH, C-EFM & Michelle Szefer, BSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM**

**A**WHONN developed the Obstetric Patient Safety (OPS): B Emergencies Workshop, now in its 3rd Edition. The curriculum for this program is guided by the leading causes of maternal morbidity and mortality. The focus of the workshop is on various obstetric emergencies that may occur at any point during pregnancy or in the postpartum period. This course is limited to 16 participants. Additional information and registration process will be available soon. Questions please email: **Sandra Asanjarani** [saa9017@nyp.org](mailto:saa9017@nyp.org) or **Michelle Szefer** [mszefer@kaleidahealth.org](mailto:mszefer@kaleidahealth.org) . **\*\*AWHONN**

**8:30 – 4:30 To be Announced:** check the NYSPA website for more information: [www.nysperianatal.org](http://www.nysperianatal.org) or Sharon Chesna @ [schesna0415@gmail.com](mailto:schesna0415@gmail.com)

**7:00 pm – 8:30 More than Hot Flashes: Navigating the Menopausal Transition**— This 1.5 hour program is being offered by Dr. Ashanda Saint James. Through it, she will explore the menopausal transition in all its facets, navigate the common symptoms that are experienced, provide definitions, and offer opportunities for care, treatment and management solutions. This session is open at no cost to anyone registered for the NYSPA conference. When registering for the conference, this will be an option to accept. If questions, please confirm by contacting Sharon: [schesna0415@gmail.com](mailto:schesna0415@gmail.com)

# CONFERENCE AGENDA THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH

7:30 – 9:00 Complimentary Breakfast Buffet

8:45: Keynote: Integrating Mental Health into Ob/Gyn Care

*Catherine Monk, PhD (Columbia University Medical Center)*

9:45: The NYS Maternal Child Health Block Grant and State Action Plan

*Kirsten Siegenthaler, MD (NYS Dept of Health)*

10:40 Exhibits/Posters/Networking

11:20: Concurrent Workshops (check [nysperinatal.org](http://nysperinatal.org))

12:05 NYSPA Annual Awards Luncheon

5:00 - 6:00 **NYSPA Welcome Reception & Silent Auction** Invitation open to all conference attendees. Enjoy free hors d'oeuvres (cash bar), Bid on Silent Auction items, meet with colleagues, talk with exhibitors and poster presenters – relax and have fun !

1:15 PM Keynote: *Can you hear me?* Improving outcomes between Professionals & Patients during Pregnancy & Birth: Impact of Implicit Bias

*LuAnne Brown, MSN (Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network)*

2:10: Concurrent Sessions (check [nysperinatal.org](http://nysperinatal.org))

3:00 Exhibits/Posters/Networking

3:30 Preserving Maternity Services in Rural New York  
*Sally Dreslin, MA, MS, RN (Step Two Policy Project)*

4:25 Human Milk & the Microbiome

*Ashley Robinson, Dr. PH, IBCLC*

# CONFERENCE AGENDA, FRIDAY JUNE 12TH

7:30 - 8:30 RPC Coordinators Meeting (closed meeting)

7:30 – 9:00 Breakfast/Exhibitors/Posters & Networking

8:45: Keynote: A Fresh Perspective on Intimate Partner Violence: Understanding, Preventing & Healing using a Trauma-Informed “Multi-Human” Perspective  
*Sally Dear-Healey, PhD*

9:45: Concurrent Workshops (check nysperinatal.org)

10:45: Exhibits/Posters/Networking

11:15: Low Barrier, High Impact: Integrating MATTERS Programming into Perinatal Practice to Address Fragmented access to Substance Use Services  
*Raven Manchester, ROC, Brooke Langella, MPH (MATTERS Network)*

12:10 Lunch

12:50 Plenary: The Role of Mental Health Consultation in Perinatal Care  
*Vanessa Tirone, PhD, Nicole Tchalim, MD (Project Teach)*

1:45 Closing: *Ellen Tourtelot, NYSPA Board President*

# OUR VENUE: HILTON HOTEL, 40 LODGE ST, ALBANY



The Conference  
and Exhibit Center



100% of overnight  
rooms newly renovated

❖ Reservations can be made @ 866-691-1183  
– identify NYSPA Conference (rate \$159)  
or online @

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/nyspa-annual-conference-2026/>

★ Cutoff date for reservations is May 15<sup>th</sup>,  
2026.

★ Note: In the event you need to cancel  
your room reservation; to avoid charge,  
the hotel must be notified at least 72  
hours before 6/10/26.



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