



# 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**





## Be 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 Seat at  
the Only Multi-  
Disciplinary  
Perinatal Health  
Conference in NYS!**



# THE 2026 CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

## ▶ Pre-Con Sessions

### ▶ Friday, June 10th

- ▶ 8:00am – 4:30pm: AWHONN - Obstetric Patient Safety: OB Emergencies Workshop
- ▶ 8:30am – 4:30pm: TBD
- ▶ 7:00 – 8:30pm: *More than Hot Flashes: Navigating Perimenopause and Menopause*  
Presenter: Ashanda Saint James, MD

## ▶ Thursday & Friday Conference Sessions

### ▶ Thursday, June 11th

- ▶ Keynote: 8:45am w/ 4 additional plenary sessions & 10 concurrent workshops

### ▶ Friday, June 12th:

- ▶ Keynote: 8:45am w/ 2 additional plenary sessions & 5 concurrent workshops

## ▶ Social and Special Events

### ▶ Thursday:

- ▶ 12:15 – 1:25pm NYSPA Annual Awards Luncheon - everyone is invited
- ▶ 5:15 – 6:15pm Welcome Reception & Silent Auction - everyone is invited
- ▶ 6:30 – 9:00pm ARPPN Annual Dinner Meeting - by invitation only

### ▶ Friday:

- ▶ 7:30 – 8:30 am RPC Coordinators & Nurse Managers Meeting – by invitation only

## ▶ And please be sure to visit our exhibitors and check out the poster submissions!

- ▶ Thursday 7:30 am – 6:00 pm/Friday 7:30 am – 11:15 am

# WEDNESDAY PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

(CHOOSE OPTIONS WHEN REGISTERING)

## ➤ 8:00am – 4:30pm

- **AWHONN Obstetric Patient Safety: OB Emergencies Workshop (NOTE: AWHONN pre-registration is required)**
  - **Trainers: Sandra Asanjarani, RNC-OB, MS, NPWH, C-EFM & Michelle Szeffler, BSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM**

## ➤ 8:30am-4:30pm

- **TBA Please check the NYSPA website for more information [www.nysperianatal.org](http://www.nysperianatal.org)**

## ➤ 7:00 – 8:30pm

- **More than Hot Flashes: Navigating the Menopausal Transition**
  - **Presenter: Dr. Ashanda Saint James**
- **This 1.5-hour program is being offered by Dr. Ashanda Saint James. This presentation 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.**

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

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

## THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH

7:30-9:00am

**BREAKFAST BUFFET**

8:30-8:40am

**Welcome and Announcements**

8:45-9:40am

**KEYNOTE: *Integrating Mental Health into Ob/Gyn Care***

**Speaker: Catherine Monk, PhD, Columbia University Medical Center**

9:45-10:35am

***The NYS Maternal Child Health Block Grant and State Action Plan***

**Speaker: Kirsten Siegenthaler, MD, NYS Department of Health**

10:40-11:20am

**EXHIBITS/POSTERS/NETWORKING**

11:20am-12:05pm

**Concurrent Workshops (see full program at [nysperinatal.org](http://nysperinatal.org))**

12:15-1:15pm

**NYSPA Awards Luncheon**

1:20-2:05pm

***Can You Hear Me? Improving Outcomes Between Professionals and Patients During Pregnancy and Birth: Impact of Implicit Bias***

**Speaker: LuAnne Brown, MSN, Buffalo Perinatal Network**

2:10-3:00pm

**Concurrent Workshops (see full program at [nysperinatal.org](http://nysperinatal.org))**

3:00-3:30pm

**EXHIBITS/POSTERS/NETWORKING**

3:30-4:20pm

***Preserving Maternity Services in Rural New York***

**Speaker: Sally Dreslin, MA, MS, RN, Step Two Policy Project**

4:25-5:15pm

***Human Milk and the Microbiome***

**Speaker: Ashley Robinson, DrPH, IBCLC**

5:25 - 6:00pm

***NYSPA Welcome Reception - Exhibits, Networking & Silent Auction***

***Invitation open to all registered conference attendees. Enjoy free hors d'oeuvres (cash bar), bid on Silent Auction items, meet with colleagues, talk with exhibitors and poster presenters.***

***Please join us to relax and have some fun together!***

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

## FRIDAY, JUNE 12th

- 7:30-8:30am RPC Coordinator's Meeting (closed meeting/invitation only)
- 7:30-9:00am BREAKFAST BUFFET and **EXHIBITORS/POSTERS/NETWORKING**
- 8:30-8:40am Welcome and Announcements
- 8:45-9:40am **KEYNOTE: *A Fresh Perspective on Intimate Partner Violence: Understanding, Preventing and Healing Using a Trauma-Informed "Multi-Human" Perspective***  
**Speaker: Sally Dear-Healey, PhD, CCE, Doula, PPNE, HFCE**
- 9:45-10:45am Concurrent Workshops (See full program at [nysperinatal.org](http://nysperinatal.org))
- 10:45-11:15am **EXHIBITORS/POSTERS/NETWORKING**
- 11:15AM-12:10pm ***Low Barrier, High Impact: Integrating MATTERS Programming Into Perinatal Practice to Address Fragmented Access to Substance Use Services***  
**Speaker: Raven Manchester, ROC; Brooke Langella, MPH, MATTERS Network**
- 12:10-12:50pm Lunch
- 12:50-1:40pm The Role of Mental Health Consultation in Perinatal Care  
**Speaker: Vanessa Tirone, PhD; Nicole Tchalim, MD, Project Teach**
- 1:45-1:55pm Closing  
Ellen Tourtelot, MD, NYSPA Board President

RATES	Member	Non-Member	(Any) One Day Individual Rate & Full Conference Student Rate
Early Bird 3/1/26-3/31/26 (payment <b>must</b> be received by 3/31/26)	\$345.00*	\$400.00*	\$225.00
Regular 4/1/26-5/15/26	\$395.00	\$495.00	
Late add 5/16/26-6/1/26	\$445.00	\$525.00	
Walk-In (pay by card or check at door)	\$495.00	\$575.00	
Group Discounts	20% registration discount for five (5) or more from same institution or agency	*No group discounts on early bird rates	In the event you need to cancel, there will be a \$25.00 service fee. No refunds after 6/1/26.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- ▶ **REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE** (see next page for additional registration information and pricing).  
**To register:** <http://nysperinatal.org/conference/2026-conference>
- ▶ **REDUCED REGISTRATION available for NYSPA Members: If you are not a current member, please join NYSPA by paying your \$50.00 annual dues online and then registering for the conference at the reduced member rate.\***
  - ▶ \*Members also have access to NYSPA Lunch and Learns and other educational and professional benefits.
- ▶ **Here's a few things you will want to know:**
  - ▶ 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.
    - ▶ Attendees commented, *"I learned so much and now have so many resources to bring to my patients!"* and...
    - ▶ *"I appreciated the exhibits and the resources to bring back to my practice and patients."*

# VENUE: HILTON HOTEL 40 LODGE ST., ALBANY



The Conference and  
Exhibit Center  
(100% fully renovated rooms)



- Reservations can be made @ **866-691-1183**, or online @ <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/nyspa-annual-conference-2026/>, w/ code “1PA”.
  - Identify yourself as a **NYSPA Conference attendee** for the discounted rate of **\$159/night**.
  - **Cutoff date** for hotel reservations is **May 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- 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.

## **ATTENDEE COMMENTS FROM 2025:**

*“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 and programs is great to see.”*

*“Always enjoy this conference! As a nurse home visitor and 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 > 25 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)**

