New York State Association of Counties

2019 Fall Seminar

Sullivan County
Home of Woodstock
Celebrating Its 50th Anniversary

September 16-18, 2019
Resorts World Catskills . Monticello
Special Host County Event
Sponsored by
Sullivan County

September 17th  6:00pm-8:30pm
The Museum at Bethel Woods
Center for the Arts
Monday, September 16th

8:30am-5:30pm Registration

9:30am-11:00am **NYSAC Standing Cmt. Mtgs. (Track I)**
- Public Employee Relations
- Children with Special Needs
- Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- Taxation & Finance
- Public Health/Mental Health
- Transportation & Public Works

11:30am-1:00pm **NYSAC Standing Cmt. Mtgs. (Track II)**
- Economic Development & Environment
- Medicaid & Human Services
- Native American Affairs
- Public Safety
- Intergovernmental Relations

1:00pm-2:00pm NYSAC Luncheon

1:00pm-5:00pm Exhibits Open

2:00pm-5:00pm Women’s Leadership Council

2:00pm-3:15pm **Workshop Session I**

3:15pm-5:00pm Resolutions Committee Meeting

3:15pm-3:45pm Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

3:45pm-5:00pm **Workshop Session II**

6:00pm-8:30pm Reception and Dinner Event

9:00am-10:15am **Opening Plenary Session**

Doug Schwartz, PhD
Director, Quinnipiac University Poll

10:15am-10:45am Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

10:45am-11:00am **Workshop Session III**

Noon-1:30pm NYSAC Business Meeting Part I
Inaugural Luncheon

1:30pm-2:00pm Time to Visit Exhibit Hall

2:00pm-3:00pm NYS County Executives’ Association

2:00pm-3:00pm NYS Assoc. of County Administrators

2:00pm-3:15pm **Workshop Session IV**

3:15pm-3:45pm Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

3:45pm-5:00pm **Workshop Session V**

3:45pm-5:00pm County Leaders Meeting:
- County Executives,
- County Chairs of Legislative Brds,
- County Administrators

3:45pm-5:00pm Women’s Leadership Council

5:30pm - 8:30pm Sullivan County Dinner Event
The Museum at Bethel Woods

Tuesday, September 17th

7:00am-5:00pm Registration

7:30am-5:00pm Exhibits Open

7:30am-8:45am General Breakfast

Wednesday, September 18th

8:00am-9:00am General Breakfast

8:00am-9:00am Joint Intercounty Breakfast

9:00am-9:30am NYSAC Business Meeting: Part II
Resolutions

*Agenda Subject to Change*
GENERAL INFORMATION

Important Deadlines

**HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE - AUGUST 30th**
or until the Conference room block is sold out.

Please call Resorts World at 833-586-9358 to book your reservation.

**CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 9th**
Please register at the Conference registration desk as a walk-in after this date but please note that you will not be able to purchase meal tickets.

**REGISTRATION CANCELLATION DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 9th**
Paid registrations cancelled prior to Sept. 9th will be refunded and subject to a 25% administrative fee. Cancellations made after this date cannot be refunded. All cancellations must be made via email to jmunguia@nysac.org.

Hotel Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved at Resorts World Catskills in Monticello, NY (Sullivan County). To make a hotel reservation, please call the hotel directly at (833) 586-9358. Rooms will be sold on a first come, first served basis, so make sure to call the hotel as early as possible to assure that you get a room. The deadline for hotel reservations is August 30th. It is important to note that the deadline does not mean that you are assured a room if you register before this date. The deadline means that our room block is being held until this date. Remember that the room block can sell out before the deadline so please don’t wait to reserve your room. If you need to cancel your hotel reservation once registered, please do so directly with the hotel 72 hours in advance of the conference start. NYSAC cannot process hotel arrangements or hotel cancellations.

HOTEL RATES DO NOT INCLUDE MEALS! MEALS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE OF THE CONFERENCE AT THE TIME OF ONLINE REGISTRATION. MEAL TICKETS CAN NO LONGER BE PURCHASED DURING THE EVENT DUE TO HOTEL ADVANCED MEAL GUARANTEE REQUIREMENTS.

NYSAC Events Code of Conduct

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) professional conferences enable our members to receive continuing education, build professional networks, and discover new products and services for government efficiencies. To provide all participants – members, speakers, exhibitors, staff, and volunteers – the opportunity to learn and share best practice ideas, NYSAC is committed to providing a professional environment for everyone. As an attendee to a NYSAC conference or meeting, you have a shared responsibility to create and maintain that professional environment for the benefit of all.

Registration Fees (including meals)

All county/state/federal conference registrations must be made on our online registration system which can be found at the following address: www.regonline.com/nysacfall2019

If you are not a county/state/federal official please go to www.regonline.com/fs19vendors to register for this event.

You have the option to choose from a number of registration types that are with or without meals. This year we are offering more customized registration options than ever before.

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Don’t miss our cutting edge sessions that will keep you ahead of the curve on emerging issues of interest to counties.

- Early Voting and Election Reforms
- Vaping and E-Cigarettes and Youth Addiction
- Centralizing Citizen Complaints
- What Counties Need to Know About Immigration Law
- Malware and Ransomware Prevention
- Sports Gambling
- Green Energy
- Developing Mission Core Values
- Deconstructing the Prison Pipeline

And more....

NYSAC welcomes county officials from across New York State to the 2019 Fall Seminar. Please note that all workshops and plenary sessions are credit eligible for the NYSAC County Government Institute certification program. Please remember to sign in at all sessions in order to get credit for your sessions.
Polling and the 2020 Election

Douglas Schwartz, Director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute, has a unique 25-year perspective and insight into the opinions and attitudes of our nation’s voters. Doug is responsible for the poll's methodology and all aspects of the survey process, directing each project from conception through analysis.

Schwartz began his career as a survey associate with the CBS News election and survey unit and as an election night analyst for the late 60 Minutes correspondent Ed Bradley. He has taught courses on polling methodology and has served as president of the American Association for Public Opinion Research's New England Chapter.
Workshops

NYSAC Women’s Leadership Council: A State Perspective
In 1919, the first women were elected to the NYS legislature. In 2019, more women than ever before served in the NYS Legislature, in both the Senate and Assembly. The numbers are growing at the local and federal levels as well. At this NYSAC Women’s Leadership Council workshop, women serving in all levels of government will provide their perspective on what’s changing, what’s ahead, and the importance of women in elected office. (Monday, 9/16, 2:00-3:15pm)

Cashless Bail Implementation: Preparing for January 1, 2020
Join us as we cover an overview of the legislation, discuss challenges, potential implementation hurdles, and changes to the bail system as we know it. The law takes effect January 1, 2020! (Monday, 9/16, 2:00-3:15pm)

Tapping into Funds to Protect Your Water
Communities across the country are confronting dangerous PFAS chemicals that contaminate our drinking water and have been linked to serious public health risks. These so-called “forever chemicals” are used in the production of everything from non-stick cookware to stain-resistant carpets and will be costly for counties to treat. Attend this workshop to learn about the state’s new drinking water standards and the funding available to upgrade local water systems. (Monday, 9/16, 2:00-3:15pm)

Early Voting and Election Reforms
There were a lot of legislative changes in 2019 that have impacted how elections are delivered in New York State. Join us for an overview of the new voting laws and how counties are implementing these reforms. (Monday, 9/16, 2:00-3:15pm)

Early Intervention: An IFaCT Presentation-State Systemic Improvement Plan
Join us as we hear from the NYS Department of Health (DOH) on an update to the state’s plan to improve Early Intervention with IFaCT. (Monday, 9/16, 2:00-3:15pm)

Raise the Age: What’s Next for County Implementation?
On October 1st, 2019, the age of criminal responsibility will be raised from 17 to 18-year-olds. This means that a 17-year-old that is charged with a crime will be considered an Adolescent Offender (AO), and will be protected from adult incarceration in a county jail. This workshop will provide an update on how counties are preparing for the second phase of raise the age implementation. (Monday, 9/16, 3:45-5:00pm)

Statewide First Net Rollout
Federal law created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) in 2012. The law gives FirstNet the mission to build, operate and maintain the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety’s emergency and daily data communications. In
New York, the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services represents public safety stakeholder interests with FirstNet and its selected partner, AT&T. (Monday, 9/16, 3:45-5:00pm)

Early Intervention: State Fiscal Agent Changes & Fiscal Billing Update
In New York State, the Department of Health (DOH) is the lead State agency responsible for the Early Intervention Program. The program was established in 1993 under Article 25 of the Public Health Law and is part of the national Early Intervention Program created in 1986 under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act. DOH contracts with the Public Consulting Group (PCG) for oversight of the statewide fiscal agent. (Monday, 9/16, 3:45-5:00pm)

Foundations of County Government
This session will detail the historic and legal foundations of county governments in New York State. During this session, participants will learn about the structures of county governments in New York and their authority, duties and responsibilities under state law. This session will provide county officials with a working knowledge of state government, the state legislative process and a fuller understanding of how it ultimately affects the everyday operations of county government. (County Government Institute Core Requirement 4 credits). (Monday, 9/16, 3:45-5:00pm)

Vaping and E-Cigarettes: Growing Problems of Youth Addiction
The fast-growing popularity of vaping products, especially among younger individuals, has resulted in the state enacting new laws to protect the public health and monitor the industry. This session will breakdown the new state laws, discuss public health and potential addiction concerns for our youth, and the county role in addressing these issues. (Monday, 9/16, 3:45-5:00pm)

Succession Planning & Developing Mission Core Values
As much of the county government workforce prepares to retire over the next 10 years, now is the time to think about succession planning – attracting new employees to careers in public service, developing future leaders from within the county, and articulating the core values that define and give meaning to the work you do in your county. This workshop will provide steps to take now to plan for future workforce needs with a focus on your county’s mission and core values. (Tuesday, 9/17, 10:45-12:00pm)

Weathering the Storm: Extreme Weather Mitigation & Resilience
This year, New York State passed ambitious climate legislation that will reshape nearly all sectors of the economy and present new opportunities for counties to protect residents, save money, and create green sector jobs. This session will discuss resources that will help your county respond to disasters and make changes to mitigate future impacts. (Tuesday, 9/17, 10:45-12:00pm)

County Revenue Update
Balancing county budgets continues to be a difficult process even with a roaring economy. This session will provide an update on the primary revenue sources for counties and recent state law changes that will impact county budgets. Much of the discussion will focus on sales tax issues. (Tuesday, 9/17, 10:45-12:00pm)

Centralizing Citizen Complaints
Suffolk County New York recently went live with a new 311 Telephone System that enables taxpayers to voice concerns or seek assistance. Relieving the burden on the 911 call center, this innovative system better connects county government with its constituency. (Tuesday, 9/17, 10:45-12:00pm)

Deconstructing the Prison Pipeline
Safe schools and neighborhoods depend on a caring community where everyone feels they will be equally protected, supported, and heard. Deconstructing the Prison Pipeline seeks to address the root causes of youthful crime and racial inequities in the justice system – and brings together law enforcement, lawmakers, school officials, human service professionals and impacted individuals to innovate and create systemic change. (Tuesday, 9/17, 10:45-12:00pm)
Turning Leafy Greens into Green Energy
Roughly 40% of the food produced in the United States never makes it to our tables. Diverting wasted food from landfills can go a long way toward addressing food insecurity, cutting down on carbon emissions, and even reducing your county’s energy bill. Learn how some counties are leading the way. *(Tuesday, 9/17, 2:00-3:15pm)*

What Counties Need to Know About Immigration Law
Counties play an important and often-misunderstood role in immigration law. This session will give a nonpartisan overview of three important areas of law related to counties and immigration. The presenter will explain the kinds of immigration status, the legal principles that apply to county interactions with federal immigration enforcement authorities, county, and the legal principles that limit how municipalities can interact with noncitizens in the provision of services, public benefits, and licenses. *(Tuesday, 9/17, 2:00-3:15pm)*

Stories from Sullivan County on the Opioid Crisis
This two-part session will offer stories from Sullivan County on the impact of the opioid crisis and then provide information on federal and state lawsuits against the pharmaceutical industry. *(Tuesday, 9/17, 2:00-3:15pm)*

Principles of County Budget & Finance
(County Government Institute Core Session) This workshop will discuss the basic concepts of county budget and finance. Experts in the field will provide information on county revenues, describe how fiscal trends and revenue forecasts are developed, provide insights on how spending levels are projected, and detail how budget documents are prepared and presented. This timely session will provide county officials with useful information and tools to assist them in examining and fully understanding the impacts of a comprehensive county budget. (County Government Institute Core Requirement, 4 credits) *(Tuesday, 9/17, 2:00-3:15pm)*

Malware and Ransomware: Prevention Protocols
Cybersecurity attacks pose a serious threat to the integrity of an organization’s data. In an evolving digital landscape, counties must be aware of cybersecurity threats to prevent such attacks from infiltrating your infrastructure. This workshop will feature an overview of current IT prevention protocols to protect and keep sensitive information and data secure. *(Tuesday, 9/17, 2:00-3:15pm)*

Eat, Drink, & Explore: Your County’s Guide to Tourism
Tourism is New York State’s third-largest industry, accounting for one in every 10 jobs in the state. Is your county maximizing its share of the $100+ billion that tourism generates each year? Attend this workshop to learn how to make your county a first-choice destination for domestic and international travelers. *(Tuesday, 9/17, 3:45-5:00pm)*

Sports Gambling: How New York State is Doubling Down on the Gaming Market
The State Gaming Commission approved rules in January to allow sports betting in New York and is now in the process of granting licenses to commercial and Native American casinos. Join us to learn the rules and regulations of this expanding market and how this change could impact your community and county. *(Tuesday, 9/17, 3:45-5:00pm)*

Building Consensus in a Political Environment: Understanding Dispute Resolution
(County Government Institute Core Session) County leaders are often confronted with the need to settle political differences so that the greater interests of the public can be served. During this session county leaders will learn skills and techniques to help manage and resolve political conflicts. This is an interactive session, where participants will be grouped with other county officials to jointly work on real issues facing your county so that practical application of the techniques can be demonstrated. This session will be led by the NYS Dispute Resolution Association (County Government Institute Core Requirement –4 credits) *(Tuesday, 9/17, 3:45-5:00pm)*
ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY!

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE @ WWW.REGONLINE.COM/NYSACFALL2019

Registration Option  A  $438
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.
ALL MEALS: Monday lunch, dinner – Tuesday breakfast, lunch - Wednesday breakfast

Registration Option  B  $337
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.
MONDAY MEALS ONLY: Monday lunch, dinner

Registration Option  B1  $289
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.
MONDAY LUNCH ONLY

Registration Option  C  $317
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.
TUESDAY MEALS ONLY: Tuesday breakfast, lunch

Registration Option  C1  $283
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.
TUESDAY LUNCH ONLY

Registration Option  D  $250
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.
NO MEALS
*Please note that a free reception and dinner will be hosted by Sullivan County on Tuesday, Sept. 17 off property*

*Pre-Registration Deadline: September 9, 2019 *
(*You may register for the conference after the deadline date as a walk–in registrant at the Conference registration desk.)

COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL OFFICIALS CAN ONLY BE PROCESSED FROM OUR ONLINE REGISTRATION SITE AT WWW.REGONLINE.COM/NYSACFALL2019

PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES CAN ONLY REGISTER AS AN EXHIBITOR OR SPONSOR VIA VENDOR FORMS @ WWW.REGONLINE.COM/FS19VENDORS

PAYMENT INFORMATION
All conference registrations must be paid upon invoice. If using a voucher or purchase order - please submit to NYSAC upon online registration. Vouchers and purchase orders must be filled out completely by the registrant - including the names of which attendee(s) will be covered by that voucher/purchase order to ensure prompt return of the forms to the county for payment in a timely fashion. Vouchers that have not been completely filled out by the registrant will be returned without processing.

If paying by check/purchase order/voucher, please make checks payable to NYSAC 2019 Fall Seminar and mail a copy of your online confirmation to:
NYSAC, 540 Broadway, 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12207

Please note: Any registrations cancelled prior to Sept. 9, 2019 will be subject to a 25% administrative fee. Registrations cancelled after Sept. 9, 2019 cannot be refunded. Cancellations must be made via email to jmunguia@nysac.org.
ROOM RATE PER NIGHT: $179

*(must identify group code 475 when you book your room to receive this rate)*

(Please note that room rates DO NOT include meals)

PLEASE BOOK YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION **BY PHONE ONLY** BY CALLING:

(833) 586-9358 - NYSAC CODE 475

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT HOTEL INFORMATION**

- **Hotel reservation must be received by August 30, 2019** after which time the room block will be released and reservations will be accepted based on availability. Please note that the room block CAN sell out prior to the cut off date so register early to ensure a room in the hotel. NYSAC encourages you to make your reservation as soon as possible to avoid any inconvenience.

- **YOU WILL NEED TO GUARANTEE YOUR RESERVATION WITH A CREDIT CARD**

- Room reservations are booked on a first come, first served basis.

- Check-in time is 4:00 pm. Guest room availability cannot be guaranteed before that time.

- Please present the hotel with a tax-exempt certificate upon check in OR YOU WILL BE CHARGED TAXES

- Checkout is 11:00am. Upon checking out, please pay the hotel directly by cash, check, credit card or county voucher.

- Hotel Confirmation will be sent by email as an acknowledgement of your reservation. Please bring your confirmation to the hotel for prompt check-in.

- **If for any reason you need to cancel your reservation with Resorts World Catskills DIRECTLY at (833) 586-9358, 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid being charged for the room.** If Resorts World is not contacted directly, the registrant is responsible for all hotel charges. Please note that NYSAC cannot accept hotel cancellations. You may cancel this reservation 72 hours prior to your check-in date without charge. Should you fail to arrive or cancel after 72 hours prior to the check-in date, you will be charged for your room. In the event you need to leave or change your reservation once registered, the entire value of your reservation will be charged.