2023 Legislative Conference
Crowne Plaza/Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY
February 27, 28, & March 1, 2023
Seeing the Forest through the Money Tree: An Economic Forecast for 2023

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Monday, February 27th

8:30am-5:30pm Registration

9:30am-11:00am **NYSAC Standing Cmts. (Track I)**
- Public Employee Relations
- Children with Special Needs
- Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- Taxation & Finance
- Climate Action
- Transportation & Public Works

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

1:00pm-2:00pm **NYSAC Luncheon**

1:00pm-5:00pm Exhibits Open

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

2:00pm-3:15pm NYSIT Task Force

3:45pm-5:00pm Resolutions Committee Meeting

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

6:00pm-8:00pm **Dinner Banquet**
*(ticket required)*

Tuesday, February 28th

7:30am-8:45am General Breakfast

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

10:45am-Noon **Workshop Session III**

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

2:00pm-3:30pm **Workshop Session IV**

3:45pm-5:00pm **Afternoon Plenary Session**

Wednesday, March 1st

8:00am-9:00am General Breakfast

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

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

9:30am-3:00pm **NYS Emergency Management Certification Training**

~Adjournment~

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The State of Early Intervention Services in New York State The New York State Health Department and Bureau of Early Intervention Services will join us for a discussion on the rollout of the new fiscal agent, and early intervention program updates. This timely workshop will also focus on opportunities for the state and counties to partner together to help address the recruitment and retention of early intervention providers. *(Monday, February 27, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm)*

Ethics in Government: County Government Institute Core This session will provide an overview of the codes of conduct and legal requirements of county elected and appointed officials under state and local ethics laws, policies, and procedures. The session will describe state and local laws governing gifts and inducements, conflicts of interest, financial disclosure requirements, operations of county ethics boards, and other areas relating to integrity in government. This session is one of the core course requirements of the County Government Institute (4 credits awarded). *(Monday, February 27, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm)*

County Procurement: From Everyday Purchases to Using ARPA Funds This workshop will provide a quick overview of the current procurement regulations under General Municipal Law 103. County procurement experts will also cover the regulations and issues facing local governments when spending federal funds, including those from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). *(Monday, February 27, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm)*

Improving Health Through Housing Ending homelessness and preventing childhood lead poisoning are key public health priorities for counties. This workshop will explore innovative approaches to improving health through housing, where additional investments are needed, and the legislative and budget proposals under consideration during the 2023 New York State Legislative Session. *(Monday, February 27, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm)*

858-SNOW: Erie County’s Unexpected Lifeline for Residents Erie County implemented a new phone line, 858-SNOW, just days before the worst blizzard in decades hit the region in December 2022. The new phone line was designed to service numerous non-emergency needs, but when emergency services were entirely down due to the whiteout conditions and snow accumulation, it became a lifeline to offer survival tips to callers on how to shelter in place where they were and helped the coordination between the many departments at its emergency operations center. Workshop presenters will discuss lessons learned and how the phone line was also used to pivot to the most urgent needs as recovery happened for the following days, from dialysis trips to baby formula delivery. *(Monday, February 27, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm)*

Anatomy of a Cyber Attack: Lessons from Suffolk County In September 2022, Suffolk County was a victim of a ransomware attack that brought their systems
down immediately, requiring them to rely on their Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and activate their continuity of operations plans (COOP) to deliver public services without back office information systems. In this workshop, Suffolk County leaders will discuss findings from their forensic investigation and some of the lessons learned from their response to this cyberattack. 3:45 p.m. (Monday, February 27, 2023, 3:45 pm-5:00 pm)

**Building a Green Future in New York State** 2022 was a banner year for the environment in New York, and the Governor and Legislature are expected to continue their legacy of environmental leadership in 2023. This workshop will provide an overview of the major legislation and rulemaking to watch during the 2023 Legislative Session and beyond. (Monday, February 27, 2023, 3:45 pm-5:00 pm)

**Pre-School Special Education: An Update from the NYS Education Department** The State Education Department oversees the administration of the preschool special education program. In conjunction with local school districts, an evaluation and services are provided to eligible children with disabilities at no cost to the parents/guardians. In addition to program expenses, counties are also responsible for providing transportation services to children receiving services. NYSED will provide attendees with an update on the program and administrative actions affecting the preschool special education program. (Monday, February 27, 2023, 3:45 pm-5:00 pm)

**The State of Media: Reporters Roundtable** Few industries have experienced as much change over the last decade as journalism. Social media, smartphones, cord-cutting, and media consolidation have all changed how reporters cover the news and which stories breakthrough for them, their editors, and producers. In this workshop, you’ll hear directly from reporters about the current media landscape and how local government officials can build mutually beneficial relationships with reporters, meet the demands of today’s multimedia environment, and more effectively inform residents. (Monday, February 27, 2023, 3:45 pm-5:00 pm)

**A.M. PLENARY: Seeing the Forest through the Money Tree: An Economic Forecast for 2023** Pinning down what is happening in the economy today, let alone next year, has never been more challenging. While we are finally recovering from a devastating pandemic, we are also dealing with the highest inflation in four decades, lingering supply chain issues, workforce shortages, interest rate tightening, and mixed economic signals on whether, or when, a recession might occur. Join us for this plenary session to hear from a national economic expert on whether counties should batten down the hatches or just take precautions for a minor economic speed bump. (Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 9:00 am-10:15 am)

**State Budget Review & Advocating County Priorities in Albany** Dave Lucas, NYSAC’s Director of Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs along with Ryan Gregoire, NYSAC’s Legislative Director will provide a review of the state budget, where our county priorities stand in the budget process, and how to effectively advocate for county interests before members of the State Legislature. (Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 10:45 am-Noon)
Growing New York’s Cannabis Industry  After years of preparation, New York State’s first adult-use cannabis dispensaries are opening their doors to customers. This workshop will explore how the industry is taking shape and what is on the horizon. (Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 10:45 am-Noon)

Three Ways to Reduce County Healthcare Costs  There are three certainties in this world: death, taxes, and rising healthcare costs. This workshop will address three ways that self-insured counties can start to reduce healthcare insurance costs for taxpayers and employees. The first is adopting a Medicare Advantage program for retirees over 65. The second is choosing the right prescription benefit manager. And the third is exploring a stop loss captive. (Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 10:45 am-Noon)

Robert’s Rules of Order: How to Achieve a Balanced, Productive, and Civil Public Meeting  Robert’s Rules of Order is the most common parliamentary authority used in the United States. Counties across New York rely on its principles to form the rules for conducting civil and effective public meetings and hearings. Understanding what these rules are, and why they are followed, will help you effectively message your goals at meetings to both the residents that are present as well as the legislature who will take action. Join our expert who will train you on how to achieve an organized public meeting and how the well-enforced rules will create a civil environment allowing all a voice for all and a path to work through the agenda. (Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 10:45 am-Noon)

Public Sector Labor Management Relations: County Government Institute Core  Participants will learn about the unique labor/management relationships existing in county government as established under State law. Topics of this session will include requirements of the Civil Service Law, the Taylor Law, the operations, and responsibilities of the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB), and procedures mandated under other relevant state statutes. This session is one of the core course requirements under the County Government Institute. (4 credits). (Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm)

1st Amendment Audits  “First Amendment audits” are becoming a common occurrence in local governments across the state. These “audits” involve a person entering the local government property to record, and later post online, their interactions with government officials. This is often done by individuals in a provocative manner, seeking those out that may be unaware of the rules that govern what spaces are open to the public and what areas may be restricted. Join our legal experts that will train you and your staff on how to develop responsive policies that will ensure all are aware of when and where the public can enter and record and also what areas have reasonable time, place, and manner (TPM) restrictions applicable within your county. (NOTE: This workshop provides a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit for all attorneys present, however, you do not need to be an attorney to attend.) (Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm)

County Communicators Forum  No one understands the challenges facing county communicators better than your colleagues in the field. In this open forum, PIOs, Communications Directors, and other county officials who engage in communications work will have the opportunity to share ideas for effectively telling your county’s
stories of service to your community. This is a great chance to discuss successes and challenges, ask questions, and network with fellow county communicators!  

(Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm)

**Aging Programs Serving NY’s Seniors & NY’s New Master Plan**  
Join us for a presentation from the New York State Office of the Aging and the Association on Aging in New York to learn about new initiatives that can help your county enhance services for Older Americans. Director Greg Olsen and Executive Director Becky Preve will provide this critical information for county leaders including a review of the SFY 23 Enacted Budget and the significant investments in aging services.  

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**P.M. PLENARY: Leadership Drives Economic Development**  
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**Joint Intercounty Meeting: EV Charging Stations & Electric Fleet Transitions**  
As counties continue to make decisions about converting municipal fleets to electric and hybrid vehicles, counties are also exploring opportunities to bring electric vehicle charging to their communities. The NYS DEC administers the Municipal ZEV Program, which provides rebates to cities, towns, villages, and counties to encourage and enable ZEV adoption by municipalities for fleet use as well as install electric vehicle charging and hydrogen fuel filling station components primarily for public use. This workshop will highlight those funding opportunities and ways to help evaluate your electric vehicle and charging infrastructure needs for your community.  

(Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 8:00 am – 9:00 am)

**NYS Emergency Management Certification and Training Program**  
The NYS Emergency Management Certification and Training (EMC&T) Program supports the State’s strategy of creating unified emergency management training for County Chief Executives and other emergency management stakeholders. The NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has worked with the local emergency management community to develop a standardized curriculum for three tiers of training aimed at County Chief Executives (Tier 1), County Emergency Managers (Tier 2), and other local public officials within Counties (Tier 3). County Chief Executives and County Emergency Managers must complete the training (to include annual refresher training) for DHSES grant eligibility purposes. The training covers all facets of emergency management, including disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. It also outlines the legal authorities and responsibilities related to emergency management in NYS. DHSES is partnering with NYSAC to deliver this training.  

(Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm (lunch included), Town Hall)

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COUNTY OFFICIALS: ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY
REGISTER AT:
www.nysac.org/legislativeconference

Registration Option A $448
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 $358
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.
MONDAY MEALS ONLY: Monday lunch, dinner

Registration Option C $313
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.
TUESDAY MEALS ONLY: Tuesday breakfast, lunch

Registration Option D $250
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.
NO MEALS

Deadlines:

Pre-Registration Deadline: February 17, 2023
*You may register for the conference after the deadline date as a walk-in registrant at the conference registration desk.

Cancellations:
Any registrations cancelled prior to February 17, 2023 will be subject to a 25% administrative fee. Registrations cancelled after February 17, 2023 cannot be refunded. Cancellations must be made via email to jmunguia@nysac.org.