

2020 NAMI-NYS Education Conference

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Create Our Future.**

Frequently Asked Questions on Virtual Conference Experience

Q: I have never participated in a virtual conference and I'm a bit challenged when it comes to technology, how do I access the event?

A: This is a new experience for many attendees and NAMI-NYS wants to make sure everyone will be comfortable using this new platform. A week prior to the event all attendees will receive an email with a link to the conference site, as well as a tutorial video on how to navigate around the site. Attendees will also receive a pdf version of the conference journal.

Q: Do I need to use Zoom or a computer to access the conference?

A: No, you don't need Zoom to access the conference. The conference will be housed on a website. As is detailed above, attendees will receive a link to the conference site a week prior to the event as well as a tutorial video on how to navigate the site. The website will be accessible through computers, laptops, tablets, I-Pads and smart phones.

Q: One of my favorite aspects of attending the conference is networking and learning from other NAMI-NYS members. Will there be an opportunity to network on the virtual site?

A: Yes, networking is one of the most important parts of the conference experience and the opportunity to network will be available on the online platform. During breaks there will be networking discussion rooms available. Attendees will also have the opportunity to set-up one on one meetings with other attendees as well as group meetings. Information on how to do this will be included in the tutorial video mentioned above.

Q: Another aspect of the conference that I really enjoy is visiting exhibitors. Will there be exhibitors at the online conference?

A: Yes, there will be a virtual exhibit area at this year's conference and attendees will be able to download exhibitor's resources and materials. [Click here](#) if you are interested in exhibiting at this year's conference.

Q: Will attendees be able to ask questions to presenters?

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A: Yes, each session will have a question and answer period.

Q: I am interested in several of the breakout sessions; will these sessions be available after the conference?

A: Yes, all the breakout sessions will be accessible for 365 days after the conference. Attendees will be receiving information on accessing the sessions at the conclusion of the conference.

Q: Does using the conference site pose a risk to my cyber security or will my information be shared?

A: No, using the site will not pose a risk to your cyber security. [Click here](#) for a link to the platform's security policies.

Q: Will there be awards presented this year?

A: Yes, NAMI-NYS will present the following awards at the conference:

- The Muriel Shepherd Award
- The Max Gabriel Veterans Mental Health Award
- Program Leader Award
- Young Leader Award
- Multicultural Award
- CIT Officer Award

Click here to make a nomination. **Nominations due by Monday, October 5th.**

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