



ANNUAL RIGHTS CONFERENCE

September 6 - 9, 2023

Embassy Suites by Hilton

New Orleans, Louisiana

Visit www.narpa.org for registration form and updates.

Conference Keynoters

More to come on Keynoters and Panel Presentations

Ira Burnim, J.D.

Looking Back, Looking Forward

Director, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

Long-Time Advocate and Attorney

For Disability Rights Around the Nation and Internationally

Working For Racial Justice and Equity

Panel Presentation by Advocacy Leaders on Programs, Policies, and Issues

[Anil Mujumdar](#), [Brenita Softley](#), and [Kwamena Blankson](#)

David Cohen, Ph.D.

Past, Present, and Future of Coercive Mental Health

Professor of Social Welfare and Associate Dean, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

Author of *Mad Science*

Innovative Non-Police Responses in Crisis Situations

Group Presentation with Individuals with Lived Experience and Advocates:

A Discussion of What Works and Why

Robert Dinerstein, J.D.

American University Washington College of Law, Professor of Law

Significant Developments in Mental Health Law – 2023

Annual plenary with updates on recent cases affecting disability rights/mental health law.

And many more workshops by nationally known rights advocates and attorneys!

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Certificates of Attendance will be available.



NARPA

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RIGHTS PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

- All attendees at NARPA’s 2023 annual conference must have Proof of Covid-19 Vaccination.
- Wearing of masks is strongly encouraged in conference meeting rooms and the surrounding public areas.
- Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness or fever should avoid conference activities. Covid tests and masks will be available; please notify the NARPA registration desk and they will be delivered to your room.

Masks and distancing protocols help reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses (flu and RSV as well as Covid) and protect attendees who may be immunocompromised or at greater risk for serious illness.

Pre-Conference Institute for PAIMI Council Members:

PAIMI Councils as Leaders for Systemic Reform

1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Every Protection and Advocacy Agency (P&A) across the nation is required by law to have a PAIMI Advisory Council, called the PAC. The PAC should be advising the P&A on PAIMI priorities and should be involved in mental health system public policy reform activities.

NARPA is again hosting a pre-conference institute for PAC members. There will be presentations on the history of the PAIMI Act, PAIMI 101 (an overview of PACs), and other important topics. The Institute is one way to welcome PAC members to the world of NARPA, to bring PAIMI Council members together to network, to discuss possibilities for the work of state PACs, to share ideas about systemic advocacy, and to strategize about national connections. This institute is a continuation of that effort. There is no fee for PAC members attending the pre-conference institute.

_____ Yes, our council members will attend _____ Number attending

2023 ANNUAL RIGHTS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

A registration form may be downloaded from narpa.org, completed, scanned and emailed to narpa4rights@gmail.com. You may also mail a registration form to NARPA, P.O. Box 855, Huntsville, AL 35804. Please fill out a separate form for each registrant.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Accommodation Request:

Diet: Vegetarian _____ Diabetic _____

A conference schedule and handouts (if provided by presenters) will be posted pre-conference on our website.

PAYMENT CHOICE:

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER (U.S. Currency only) _____ **Make payable to NARPA.**

PAYPAL _____

CREDIT CARD (Please indicate) American Express _____ MasterCard _____ VISA _____

Furnish all information: Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder Name _____

Billing Address with Zip Code _____

Signature _____

***Include the three-digit security code from the back of the card; four-digit from the front on Amex.**

REFUND POLICY: Cancellations received by NARPA in writing one week prior to the conference, by August 30, will be fully refunded minus a \$50.00 administrative processing fee per person. Registration fees will not be refunded after that date; substitutions will be accepted.

EXHIBITS: NARPA accepts exhibits from individuals and organizations whose missions and principles are commensurate with NARPA's mission. Exhibit Fee: \$50.00. Additional information sent upon request.

REGISTRATION

Conference begins with Wednesday evening reception and ends Saturday at noon.

Conference fee includes all conference activities, opening reception, daily breaks, and CLE/CEU certificates.

Conference room rate includes full breakfasts and nightly reception.

Full Conference Registration \$425 \$_____

Half-Day Fee \$ 75 Wednesday Evening or Saturday A.M. \$_____

Full Day Attendees \$175 Per Day Thursday or Friday \$_____

Student Rates Available - E-mail NARPA for information.

Exhibit Fee \$_____

Contribution to NARPA. NARPA is a 501 (c)(3) tax-deductible organization. \$_____

Total Enclosed \$_____

Hotel reservations must be made with Embassy Suites by Hilton.

See reservation information below.

Embassy Suites by Hilton - New Orleans

315 Julia Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

For Reservations Use This [Booking Link](#).

You can also call general reservations at 800-445-8667 or the hotel's local number at 504-525-1993.

Ask for the "NARPA Group Room Rate." Rates are \$132 for two-room king-bed suites.

Reservations must be made by August 21, 2023, to receive the conference rate.

Make your reservation ASAP as rooms are booking up fast!

The [Embassy Suites](#) is ideally situated in downtown New Orleans in the heart of the [Warehouse Arts District](#) near many world famous sights. Enjoy a Big Easy stay within a half mile of the French Quarter, Bourbon Street, and the [French Market](#), famous for jazz, food, and fun. Stroll [Riverwalk](#) on the banks of the Mississippi, with more than 75 restaurants and retailers in walking distance from the hotel. Many city attractions are nearby, including [Preservation Hall](#), [Aquarium of the Americas](#), and the [National World War II Museum](#). New Orleans famous streetcar lines traverse the city with one- and three-day passes available for \$3 and \$9, respectively.

To Help You Plan For An Affordable & Fun Conference:

- Embassy Suites in the [Warehouse Arts District](#) has close affordable food options with many restaurants and a grocery store within blocks
- There is also a food court in the convention center, a five minute walk across the street from the hotel
- All rooms are king bedroom suites with separate living rooms and an additional pull-out sofa bed
- Rooms includes microwaves, mini-fridges, and coffee makers
- Embassy Suites is pet friendly
- Lower room rate than last year -- \$132 for 1 or 2 guests
- Room rate includes free cooked to order hot breakfast and complimentary nightly manager's reception with drinks and snacks
- Famous New Orleans trolley traverses the city with daily passes available, along with bus routes
- Fitness center and outdoor pool
- Enjoy drinks, lunch or dinner in the hotel at Julia Street Bar & Grill
- 24-hour business center

