



**NEW YORK WELFARE FRAUD INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION
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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that NYWFIA's 36th Annual Training Seminar will be held at the Beautiful Desmond Hotel located at 660 Albany Shaker Road Albany, NY 12211 from June 2, 2019 to June 5, 2019. Our 36th Anniversary Conference Theme is: "Preparing Investigators Promoting Prevention with a Purpose". Please register online at www.NYWFIA.Org no later than May 20, 2019. There will be no onsite registration and the full registration fee is \$165.00 which includes our Annual luncheon and Awards Gala.

The training will begin at 9:00 am on June 3, 2019 with a Welcome session featuring local and state dignitaries including leadership from OTDA, OCFS, FNS and OWIG. I am excited to announce a change in our Agenda as we present a variation of mini, full and general sessions that is sure to enhance your skills while sharpening all the tools already in your tool kit. This year we have presentations being offered by OTDA, OCFS, OWIG, NYS Troopers, NYS DMV, USDA FNS, NYC HRA, and APS to name a few.

Our luncheon speaker on Monday, June 3, 2019 sponsored by OTDA is former stand-up comedian Jody Urquhart. Come have some Food and Fun on Monday, June 3, 2019 at our BBQ and War Games event. This event is an additional \$15 and is not included in the registration fee; flyer and details will be sent under separate cover. Join us on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 as we kick up our heels to culminate another successful conference at our Gala and after Gala Soiree. Help us recognize a few Trailblazers including the President's Awardee, Service Awardee and Member of the Year. On Wednesday, June 5, 2019 don't miss out on the opportunity to Become a Certified Welfare Fraud Investigator; please look out for flyer and details that will be sent under separate cover.

Last, but certainly not least our partners at the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and the Office of Child and Family Services have agreed to continue supporting our common goals as they will once again offer Full Scholarships. We thank them for their commitment and dedication to providing scholarships as we have been offered an unprecedented **178 full registration scholarships for 2019**; 89 from OTDA and 89 from OCFS (please see attached letter for details). Please note that scholarships do not include transportation or lodging costs.

The Board and I are looking forward to your attendance and networking opportunities throughout the conference. Should you have any questions or need additional information please email me at nywfiaresident@gmail.com. See you in June.

NYWFIA President

Enclosures: Hotel Registration Information Sheet (Fees and Registration Deadlines)
Agenda at a Glance w/Suggested Attire
Member of the Year Criteria & Nomination Form

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1989-Peter Kelly Jenik 1992-Marion Clark 1995-William Zilberman 2000-Frank DeCarlo 2002-Perry Wheeler
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