NEW YORK WELFARE FRAUD INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION
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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that the NYWFIA 41st annual Training Seminar will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Binghamton, NY, June 01, - 03, 2026. Our theme for this seminar is *"Maximizing Our Investigative Resources".* Please register for both the hotel and the conference at www.NYWFIA.org under the "Events" tab. Meal descriptions are also available during registration. Please reserve your hotel room no later than May 02, 2026, to get the State per diem rate of $117.00 per night. NYWFIA has provided continental breakfast on Monday morning and a buffet breakfast on Tuesday morning for hotel guests. The full registration fee is $185.00, which includes our annual Luncheon and Awards Gala.

Seminar registration begins at 8:00 am, Monday June 01, 2026, followed by a Welcome Session featuring local and state dignitaries including leadership from OTDA and OCFS starting at 9:00 am. We have many knowledgeable presenters being offered by OTDA, OCFS, OIG, and local districts, among others. There will also be a Fraud Directors meeting again this year and the United Council on Welfare Fraud will offer the Certified Welfare Fraud Investigators test. You must sign up for the test by April 30th. For more information, please visit www.ucowf.net.

The luncheon Keynote Speaker on Monday, June 01, is sponsored by the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, and presented by Ed Robinson, Certified Speaking Professional. Ed will focus on "From Facts to Foresight" and "Transformational Leadership for Investigators".

Tuesday evening's event will be the 41st annual GALA and awards ceremony. The association will recognize trailblazers in the work we do, and present the President's, Service, and Member of the Year awards. And as always, there will be NYWFIA fun and games, snacks and networking. Each District is encouraged to bring an item that represents their county for the evenings raffle.

Lastly, we cannot thank our partners at the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and the Office of Children and Family Services enough. This year they are again offering 178 registration scholarships to local districts. Please note that scholarships do not include transportation or lodging costs.

On behalf of the NYWFIA executive board, we look forward to your attendance at the many networking opportunities and exciting training sessions being offered. Congratulations on 41 YEARS of conferences, NYWFIA!

Allison Sullivan

Allison Sullivan – NYWFIA 1st Vice President

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