



BOSTON CONFERENCE FAQ SHEET

CONFERENCE LOGISTICAL QUESTIONS

Q: What days will the conference be held?

A: There will be two sessions for this conference (the same material/content will be presented for both). Session One will be held on August 28th and 29th, 2023. Session Two will take place on August 30th and 31st, 2023.

Q: Do I need to attend both Session One and Session Two for this conference?

A: No, the same content/materials will be presented for each session! As of this time, Session One spots are no longer available and we will only be accepting registrants for Session Two.

Q: What time will the conference begin and end?

A: Every day, for both Session One and Session Two, will begin at 9:00AM EST and end at 5:00PM EST.

HOTEL/HOUSING QUESTIONS

Q: Is there a hotel that I can make a reservation with for this conference?

A: You have the option to make a reservation wherever you wish, however the Boston Park Plaza has a reduced Group Rate solely for participants of this conference. The discounted room rate for this event is available to attendees who are part of NIWAP's room block for three days before and three days after the training for attendees wishing to extend their stay. *NIWAP is NOT responsible for making or paying for your hotel room reservation.*

Q: What is the address of the Boston Park Plaza?

**A: 50 Park Plaza at Arlington Street
Boston, MA 02116
<https://www.bostonparkplaza.com/hotel/>**

Q: How do I make a reservation with the Boston Park Plaza?

A: Please book your hotel room online with this link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50513879> OR calling (617-203-7165) and identify yourself as part of the group block called "2023 NIWAP Training".

Q: What are the reduced reservation rates at the Boston Park Plaza?

**A: Single Occupancy: \$264.00
Double Occupancy: \$264.00
Triple Occupancy: \$284.00**

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Quadruple Occupancy: \$304.00

***These rates are subject to the applicable state, local and any occupancy taxes of approximately 16.5% sales tax, per room night occupied. ***

Q: Is there a cutoff date to create a reservation at the Boston Park Plaza?

A: All reservations must be received at the Hotel on or before the hotel reservation cutoff date of Thursday July 20, 2023 to guarantee the discounted room rate.

Q: What attractions/features does the Boston Park Plaza offer?

A: Boston Park Plaza is located in downtown Boston, across from famous Boston Common Park, close to Boston's Back Bay and many attractions, activities, shopping and restaurants near Boston Common just steps away from the Public Garden. The Boston Park Plaza is also in close proximity to the Back Bay and Arlington T stops (Boston's Metro). Following a landmark renovation, Boston Park Plaza offers guests all the charisma and deeply individual charm of a historic hotel with the effortless comforts of a new one. ADA rooms are available for our event. All training workshops and plenaries will take place at the Boston Park Plaza. The hotel offers the convenience of a restaurant, a pub, a Starbucks, on-site access to FedEx Office Business Center, and high-speed wireless Internet access. Hotel amenities can be found here: <https://www.bostonparkplaza.com/amenities/> .

Q: Will the Boston Park Plaza assist in all accommodations for specific needs?

A: This hotel is ADA compliant, please notify the hotel of any special needs and please also inform NIWAP so that we can assist you in ensuring accommodation of your specific needs by calling (202) 274-4457 or emailing info@niwap.org. In addition to hotel accessibility issues please also inform us about other special needs, including but not limited to: hearing impairment, accessibility issues, language interpreters, etc. Should you have dietary/health issues and need snacks during the day, there will be breaks throughout the training and a daily lunch break during which food can be purchased at the hotel and at restaurants and stores within a short walking distance of the hotel. We will be happy to assist you in accommodating these needs.

CONFERENCE TRAVEL QUESTIONS

Q: Does NIWAP cover the costs of travel?

A: No, you are responsible for covering the costs of your own travel: Attendees with grant funding from the following OVW funding sources are authorized cover the costs of travel to this training through their OVW grants: OVW including STOP sub-grantees, Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV), Campus, Culturally Specific Services Program (CSSP), Rural, and Improving Criminal Justice Response (ICJR). All other grantees and grant partners must receive prior approval from their OVW Program Specialist to attend this training. If you have any questions as to whether OVW funds may be used please contact your program specialist at the Office on Violence Against Women.

Q: Is there still time to apply for NIWAP's STOP Travel Scholarship?

A: Unfortunately, the application period has closed and NIWAP will not be looking at any new applications for the STOP Travel Scholarship. All applicants should have received a notification email regarding the status of their scholarship decision. If you registered for the scholarship and did not receive an email regarding your application, please contact us by email (info@niwap.org) or phone (202-274-4457) as soon as possible.

Q: What is the cost of parking for this event?

A: The cost of valet parking is \$65 per day plus tax. Self-Parking is available at Motor Mart Garage, 201 Stuart Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116, directly across the street from the hotel for \$40/day.

Q: What other forms of transportation are available?

A: From the Airport: There are various forms of transportation to the hotel from the airport, here is link with more information <https://www.massport.com/logan-airport/to-from-logan/transportation-options/>. Popular options from Logan Airport to Park Plaza Hotel are as follows:

- Back Bay Express Bus – is FREE, drops off at Back Bay Train Station which is a 0.5 mile (10 minute) walk to the Park Plaza Hotel;
- Subway is \$2.40 (Requires a bus to the Blue Line then transfer to the Green Line, Arlington Station is right in front of the Hotel's Main Entrance;
- Uber/Taxi – approximately \$20;
- A shuttle service is also available by calling Go Boston Shuttle 1-888-437-4378.

CONFERENCE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Q: Will meals or beverages be provided at the conference?

A: The U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women does not authorize the provision of food or beverages at this training. You are responsible for covering the costs of your own meals and incidentals. There are many restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. Closer to the date of the conference NIWAP will provide you with a list of restaurants within walking distance of the hotel that provide breakfast, lunch and dinner options.

Q: When will training registration open?

A: Training registration will open at 7:30 a.m. on August 28 for Session 1, and on August 30th for Session Two. The time will be the same for both sessions. All training workshops and plenaries for the training will take place at the Boston Park Plaza.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at our email (info@niwap.org) or our phone number (202-274-4457)

We are looking forward to seeing you soon!