

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

(TO THE CONFERENCE)

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MARCH 2, 2018

NATIONAL CASA WEBINAR



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Conference Content

Improvements to Overall Structure

- **Sunday sessions focus on skill-building around theme of being highly effective programs**
- **Monday sessions focus on vulnerable populations we serve**
 - **Can also do the leadership track if you prefer**
- **Excited about the mix of presenters from child welfare, academia and the CASA/GAL frontlines**



Of Special Note

- **Resilience film and panel discussion**
 - **4-5:30 p.m. Monday, March 12**
 - **Panel with Dr. Alice Forrester and Dr. Melanie Berry**
- **Harvard ACEs brain architecture game**
 - **9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 13**
 - **For advocates and training facilitators**
 - **Hands-on experience about how kids build resilience**

Conference App



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We Highly Encourage Using the App

- **Will greatly improve communications and interaction**
- **Find it in your app store called *National CASA Conference***
- **Features include:**
 - **Schedules**
 - **National CASA staff contact list**
 - **Session handouts that you can take home to download**
 - **Evaluation forms for sessions and overall conference**
 - **Social media options**



Alternatives to the App

- **Printed program booklet**
- **Conference website <http://conference.casaforchildren.org>**
- **Registration information booth on 2nd floor**
- **Access link in email confirmation to make changes**



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Special Events



Recognition and Socializing

- **Opening reception**
 - 5-6 p.m. Saturday, March 10
 - "Chowdah" tasting to get in the Boston mood
 - Open to all attendees
- **Awards of Excellence dinner and celebration**
 - 6-9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11
 - **Adding this to your registration must happen by 5 p.m. PST Friday, March 2 (today!)**
 - Semi-formal attire
 - Assigned seating
 - Six awards to be presented, includes some surprises!
 - Clockwork Boston providing music... dance the night away

Logistics



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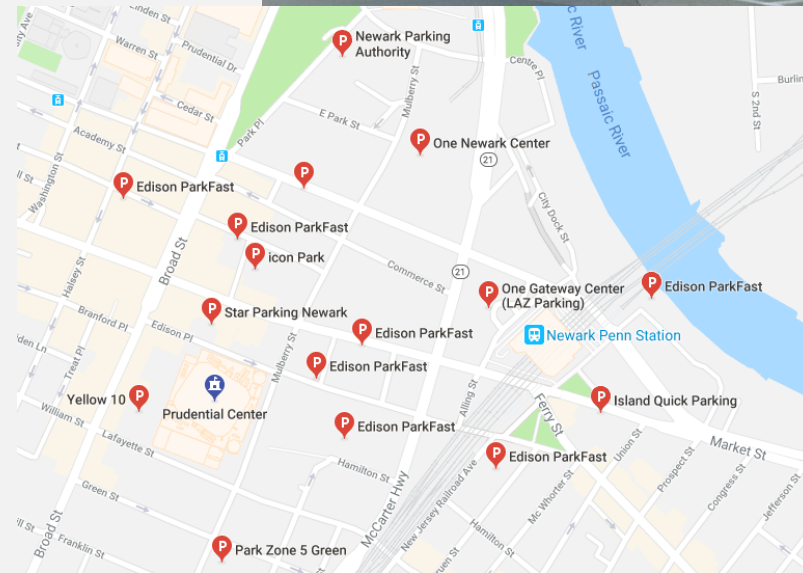
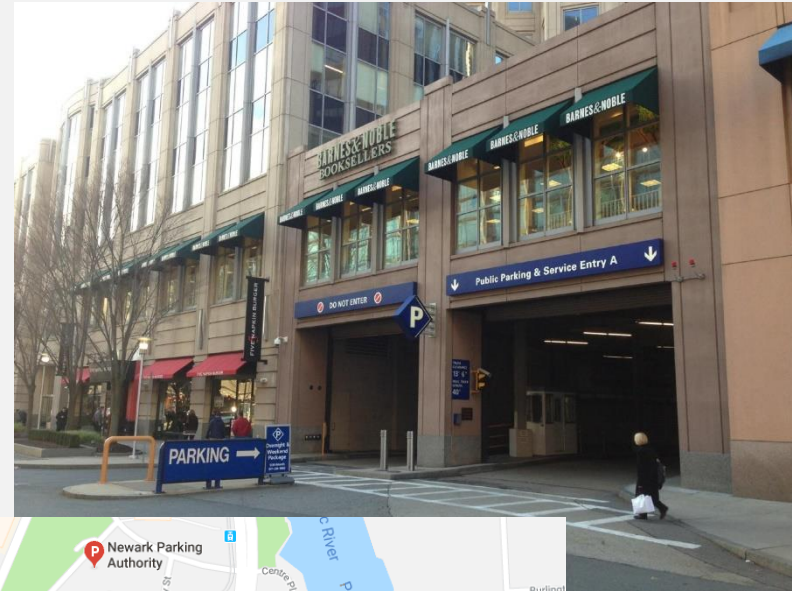
Transportation

- **Back Bay Logan Express**
blue/orange airport shuttle
between Logan and the Hynes
Convention Center connected
to the Boston Sheraton
 - **Runs every 20 minutes,**
\$7.50 per person
- **Cabs, car services, ride share**
- **MBTA (the T) rapid bus**
service (blue to green line,
takes about an hour)
 - **Requires transfer**



Parking

- **Hotel valet at 25% discount for attendees, volunteers (don't need to be staying at hotel)**
- **Self-pay, self-park option at the connected Prudential Center garage**
- **Other neighborhood options you can explore**



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Miscellaneous

- **Registration/information booth on 2nd floor**
- **Consider volunteering for a bit if you get a little downtime**
 - **Workshop proctor**
 - **Do a shift at the info booth to share your Boston knowledge or help with registration**
 - **Door monitor for general session**
- **Have your badge with you at all times to avoid being denied access to a conference venue**



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Reminder of Daylight Savings Time



**We could feel a little wonky on Sunday.
So, Yoga is going to start REALLY early!**

QUESTIONS?

Network Webinar Upcoming Topics

March 23

Topic updated

Building Local Program Logic Models

April 6

**Flex Learning Program Updates
Governance Initiative**

April 20

**Getting Started with TechSoup: Low Cost/
No Cost Tech Tools for Nonprofits**

**Visit the Training Calendar
for the latest schedule, materials and recordings**

[www.casaforchildren.org/State and Local Programs/Training Staff & Volunteers/Training Calendar](http://www.casaforchildren.org/State%20and%20Local%20Programs/Training%20Staff%20&%20Volunteers/Training%20Calendar)



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