



NARA and NWRA Announce 2024 Joint Convening

The National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA) and the National Workforce Registry Alliance (NWRA) are pleased to announce their joint Licensing Seminar and Leadership Symposium to be held September 23-25, 2024 in Minneapolis, MN.

The theme for this year's convening is "Soaring Together to Support the Workforce: Ensuring Safe, Healthy Environments Where All Children, Youth, and Adults Thrive." The Licensing Seminar and Leadership Symposium will highlight the important relationship and integration between licensing and registry professionals, as well as include a robust line-up of concurrent sessions on adult care, child care, child welfare, and workforce registries. There will also be plenty of collaborative networking opportunities, and a chance to connect with exhibitors about products and services to increase system efficiencies.

The conference will take place at the <u>InterContinental Minneapolis - St. Paul International Airport</u>. Guest rooms will be available to conference attendees at a reduced rate. Additional information about reservations will be made available in mid to late March. We recommend early registration; this event will sell out.

Additional information on the opening of conference registration is forthcoming. Exhibitors and sponsors may contact <u>events@naralicensing.org</u> or <u>coordinator@registryalliance.org</u> to learn more about available opportunities.

NARA and NWRA are accepting proposals for concurrent sessions this spring. You can visit NARA's <u>2024 Licensing</u> <u>Seminar webpage</u> or <u>www.registryalliance.org</u> beginning in mid-March for more details.

The National Association for Regulatory Administration is an international non-profit professional association founded in 1976 representing all human care licensing, with a particular emphasis on adult residential and assisted living, adult day care, child care, and child welfare. Among our partners are providers, consumers and their families, regulators, advocates, concerned citizens, business and religious communities, policy-makers, universities, researchers, and allied professionals from the academic, technical and treatment disciplines. Good human care is essential for the nation's economic and social well-being. Families need child, youth and adult care for dependent family members who cannot remain at home. The number of children, youth and vulnerable adults in out-of-home care is at an all-time high, and still growing. NARA provides guidance for their protection in an era of downsizing, regulatory reform, privatization and other challenges found in the human care and service industry.

The National Workforce Registry Alliance is a nationwide, non-profit membership home to 46 state registries. For 20 years we have convened registry leadership and staff, software vendors, national and international training organizations, non-profit allies, data professionals, researchers, and change agents committed to supporting those who care for children. The NWRA's mission is to advance a prepared, supported, equitably represented and recognized early childhood and out-of-school time workforce by establishing and supporting quality data and professional development system standards for registries. In that capacity, the NWRA facilitates access to and technical assistance for state members and sets standards that unify and guide the early learning workforce data collection and professional development systems across the nation. We are vested in elevating the nation's essential early childhood professionals, strengthening their competencies and career pathways, and leveraging the data registries collect to better inform policymakers and investments for and on behalf of those who care for and educate our youngest citizens.