



NARA-NWRA Annual Licensing Seminar and Leadership Symposium

September 23-25, 2024

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Things to Know Before You Go

Whether you are participating in the 2024 NARA-NWRA Annual Licensing Seminar and Leadership Symposium virtually or in person, we are excited to welcome you! This year's theme, ***Soaring Together to Support the Workforce: Ensuring Safe, Healthy Environments Where All Children, Youth, and Adults Thrive***, highlights the importance of collaboration, particularly in the relationship and integration between licensing and registry professionals. The **Welcome and Opening Keynote begin promptly at 8:30 am CT on Monday** morning, followed by a full day of learning and networking.

All attendees are encouraged to download Whova. **Whova** is the Seminar and Leadership Symposium app. Attendees will be able to participate, interact and build connections through the app. Whova provides up-to-date event information and a personalized agenda. You can access it from your mobile device or from your desktop. [Click here to get started](#). Virtual attendees will join the sessions of their choosing through Whova. In-person attendees can also access sessions virtually through Whova.

Service Project to Benefit the Minneapolis Community

The 2024 service project benefits CornerHouse, a local nonprofit organization whose mission is to partner with families, communities, and systems - entrusted with the safety of children, youth and vulnerable adults - to reduce trauma and end abuse. CornerHouse's programs are designed to empower children, adolescents, and caregivers to make informed decisions about their disclosures and the services they receive; without the support of centers like CornerHouse that provide child-centered, individualized programming, children are less likely to disclose abuse and face increased re-traumatization when coming forward for help. Our services are particularly vital in Minnesota, where only 13 Children's Advocacy Centers serve 87 counties.

CornerHouse is a critical resource for law enforcement, child protective services, and prosecution in providing youth and family support in the most severe cases of abuse, including sexual abuse, physical abuse, and witnessing violence. Each year, CornerHouse serves over 1,500 youth and families directly and trains over 2,500 professionals, parents, and community members.

There are two ways you can support the mission of CornerHouse.

- 1) Purchase and donate Visa gift cards or gift cards to local gas stations and grocery stores. Check Whova for a list of nearby gas stations and stores. Drop your gift cards off at the onsite NARA-NWRA Registration/Check-in Desk by 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 24.
- 2) Make a direct donation to CornerHouse by scanning the QR code.



If you are joining us in person in Minneapolis, keep reading for a few “things to know before you go.”

Headquarters Hotel

InterContinental Minneapolis – St. Paul International Airport
5005 Glumack Drive
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450
Local Phone: (612) 725-0500

All sessions and Seminar & Leadership Symposium related activities will take place at the InterContinental Minneapolis – St. Paul International Airport.

Overflow Hotel

Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport
3800 American Blvd E
Bloomington, Minnesota 55425
Local Phone: (952) 854-2100

Complimentary, limited shuttle service is available each day between the NARA-NWRA overflow hotel, the Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport and the InterContinental Minneapolis – St. Paul International Airport.

Shuttle Departure Schedule

	Departure from Hilton	Departure from InterContinental
Monday, September 23	7:25 am and 7:45 am	6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 24	7:25 am and 7:45 am	4:15 pm
Wednesday, September 25	7:25 am and 7:45 am	11:45 am

Schedule

Onsite check-in and registration is open on Sunday, September 22 from 4 - 5:30 pm as well as Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Our registration desk is located in the Passport Ballroom Foyer on the second floor of the hotel.

Our **Welcome and Opening Keynote begin promptly at 8:30 am on Monday** morning, followed by a full day of learning and networking. Don't miss the **Welcome Reception on Monday night!**

Monday's Lunch on Your Own

If You Completed the TSA Gate Pass Request Form

You must complete this two-step process to utilize the gate pass.

- 1) PICK UP YOUR GATE PASS:** Stop by the designated table near the NARA-NWRA onsite check-in and registration desk on the 2nd floor of the hotel between 8:00 am – 11:00 am on Monday to pick up your gate pass. You will need your photo ID or passport. You CANNOT enter the airport for lunch without this pass so it is imperative that you pick it up before 11:00 am on Monday. **The pass must be issued by airport employees who will only be available from 8:00 am – 11:00 am.**

- 2) **PASS THROUGH THE SECURITY CHECKPOINT ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE HOTEL:** Proceed to the 3rd floor of the hotel between 11:15 am -12:30 pm. Present your gate pass **AND** photo ID or passport at the TSA security checkpoint and proceed into the airport via the skywalk. Please note, this is an official TSA security checkpoint and is subject same to the federal regulations as air travel. (Remember to empty your water bottle!) **The security checkpoint will only be staffed by TSA between 11:15 am – 12:30 pm. You must enter the airport during this time but may return to the hotel via the skywalk at any time.**

Other Lunch Options

The hotel has two restaurants on the first floor that will be open for lunch on Monday. Both restaurants will be offering the same menu with a variety of options. In addition, lighter grab and go options will be available at the coffee shop, also located on the first floor.

Airport Shuttle and Parking

InterContinental Minneapolis – St. Paul International Airport

The InterContinental Hotel offers a complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the hotel. Upon your arrival at the airport, follow these instructions.

- From baggage claim, follow the Ground Transportation signage to Shuttles.
- Take escalators or elevators up one floor to the designated shuttle pick-up location.
- Upon your arrival at the designated pickup location at MSP Airport, please contact the hotel directly at 612-725-0500 to arrange pickup by the complimentary airport shuttle.

Please note, if you are arriving via Terminal 1 and have ONLY carry-on luggage, you have immediate access to the hotel by following these directions.

- Access into the hotel is not dependent on the TSA checkpoint hours, as access into the hotel is via automatic doors.
- Access the hotel from Terminal 1 by proceeding to Concourse C at Gate C25 and following the signs to the hotel.
- The access door from the skyway into the hotel is located to the left of the TSA gate. The entrance system is automated and will recognize your approach.
- **YOU CAN ONLY ACCESS THIS HOTEL ENTRANCE IF YOU ARE ARRIVING AT TERMINAL 1 AND DO NOT HAVE CHECKED LUGGAGE.**

Return shuttle trips to the airport should be scheduled when you check-in at the hotel's front desk.

The ***InterContinental Hotel*** offers self-parking and valet service.

- Discounted NARA-NWRA self-parking fee: \$15 (overnight) or \$10 (day guests, mention NARA and pay at the front desk)
 - If you are approaching the hotel on Northwest Drive, take a left at the stop sign onto N Star State Avenue.
 - Loop into the roundabout and take the first exit up towards the parking ramp.
 - Take a left into the ramp to access self-parking.
- Overnight valet parking fee: \$55; More details are available [here](#).

Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport

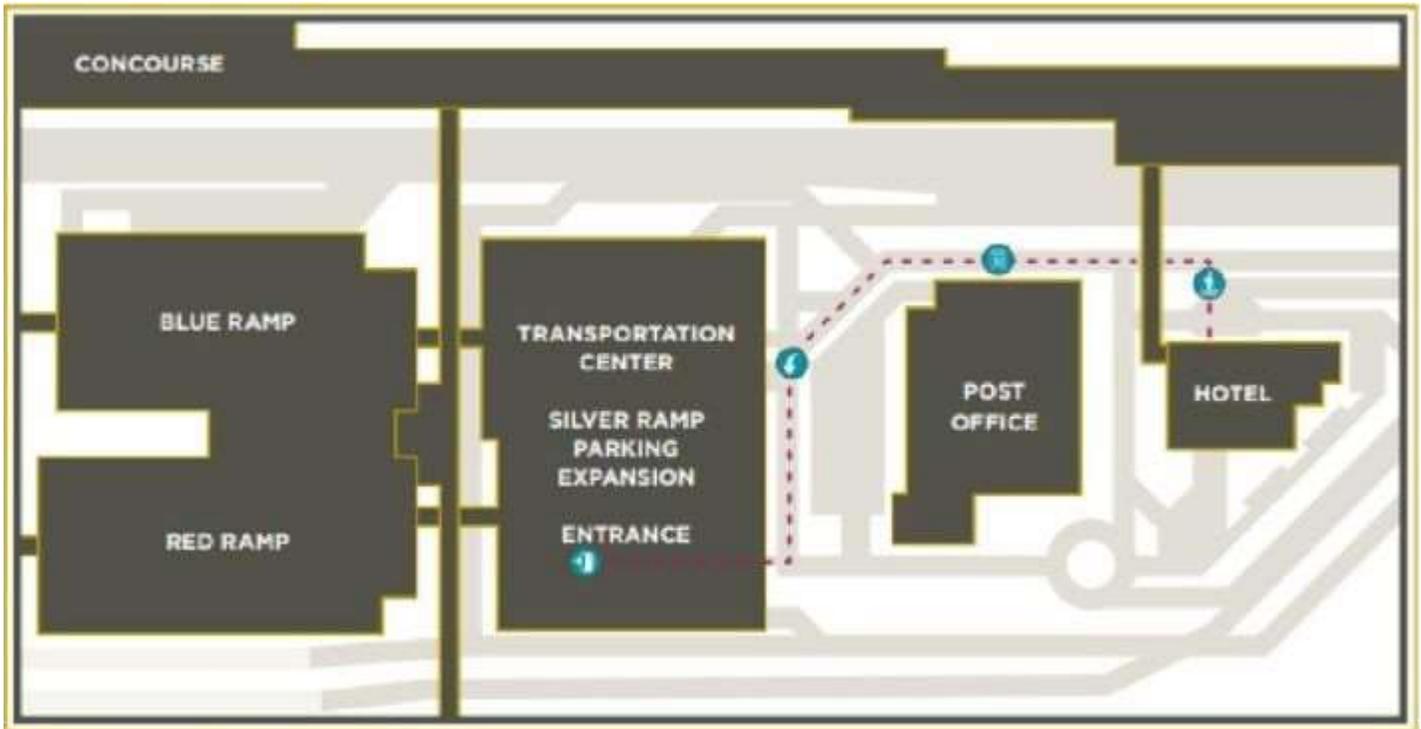
The Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport offers a complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the hotel between the hours of 4:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. To arrange an airport pick-up, call the front desk at (952) 854-2100.

Complimentary self-parking is available for NARA-NWRA guests staying at the Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport.

Explore Minneapolis

If you are arriving early or departing, Minneapolis has plenty to explore! Visit www.minneapolis.org to start planning your adventure.

The Mall of America is located a short distance from the hotel and is accessible via the Minneapolis [Metro Transit](#) (light rail). A Metro station is located at the airport in the Transportation Center. The hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to the Transportation Center. Prefer to walk? Just follow the map below.



Changes

While we are looking forward to seeing many of you in-person, we realize that unforeseen circumstances may necessitate a change in plans for a few. In the event that occurs, please reach out and let us know at events@naralicensing.org. You will still be able to participate virtually. If you have any questions pertaining to our [Licensing Seminar Registration Terms & Conditions](#) you can access those online.



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