



## Frequently Asked Questions

TNOYS' [43rd Annual Conference](#) on Services to Youth & Families

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## Registration

### What are my [registration](#) options, and how much does registration cost?

Registration prices are dependent on the conference dates you choose to attend and whether you are a TNOYS Member. Registration prices increase after the early bird rate ends. TNOYS Members get exclusive discounts on conference registration and many other benefits. To learn more about becoming a TNOYS member, [click here](#).

TNOYS' 43rd Annual Conference includes Pre-Conference Institutes on June 9 in Austin, and the full conference from June 10-12 in Austin. [You may register](#) for one, some, or all of these conference dates. **Please note: registration closes on Monday, May 26.** Onsite registration will also be available.

43rd Annual Conference Early Bird Rates (Early Bird Deadline: April 3, 2026)		
General Registration	Full Conference (June 10-12)	Pre-Conference Institutes Add-on to Registration (June 9)*
<b>TNOYS Member</b>	\$365	\$100
<b>Non-Member</b>	\$465	
<b>Youth</b>	\$50 (Price Covers the Full Conference)	N/A

Single Day Registration	In-Person, Full Day (June 10 or 11)	In-Person, Half Day (June 12)	Pre-Conference Institutes Only (June 9)
	\$270	\$165	\$135

*\*Pre-conference institutes take place Monday, June 9th. The Institutes are a great way to learn about a specific topic in-depth and earn additional CEUs. On the registration form, you may add a pre-conference institute to your conference registration for \$100. If you are not attending the regular conference, you can still register for a Pre-Conference Institute only! The cost to do so is \$135. You can learn more about Pre-Conference Institutes in the section below.*

Not able to attend the full conference?

Choose either of the full-length days on June 10 or 11, or the half-day on June 12 You can also register for a Pre-Conference Institute without registering for the full conference. Pricing for single days is the same for all registrants:

[Register for the conference here!](#)

## Can youth and young adults attend the conference? What are their registration options?

Yes! Not only do we welcome and encourage youth and young adults (ages 15-26) to attend, TNOYS also engages youth and young adults as planners, presenters, and performers throughout the event.

**Youth registration is \$50 per individual, which includes full access to the conference (June 10-12).** Youth and young adults are not permitted to register for Pre-Conference Institutes.

The in-person conference offers exclusive sessions and activities for youth and young adults (YYAs), including:

- A youth-only lounge where YYA attendees can safely store their belongings, recharge between sessions, and participate in games and activities with their peers;
- A youth-only orientation and storytelling workshop on Wednesday, June 10, and a leadership track on Thursday, June 11 that features a variety of skill-building sessions designed for young people;
- An optional youth-only lunch on Wednesday, June 10.
- Dozens of sessions designed specifically for young people and professionals to learn alongside one another.

Please note: TNOYS is not responsible for supervising the youth and young adults (YYA) who register for this event. To ensure the safety of YYA in attendance, TNOYS requires at least one registered adult per ten youth/young adults. This chaperone is not required to accompany the YYA throughout the full conference, but they should assume responsibility for the actions and whereabouts of the YYA in their care.

## What are Pre-Conference Institutes?

Pre-Conference Institutes are full-day (4-6 hours) training sessions on one in-depth clinical skill or evidence-based tool or approach. All Institutes take place Tuesday, June 9 at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin. TNOYS typically offers 2-4 institute options that reflect the latest research, trends in the field, and priorities among youth-serving providers. Pre-Conference Institute participants typically walk away with a certification in a tool, practice, or skill, in addition to CEU credit hours.

For the 2026 Annual Conference, attendees may choose from one of two Pre-Conference Institutes:

- Motivational Interviewing Basics: Building Skills for Effective Change Conversations; Tuesday, June 10, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Experiential Strategies for Addressing Trauma and Grief; Tuesday, June 10, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Stay tuned, as additional Pre-Conference Institutes will be announced soon. Learn more about this year's Pre-Conference Institutes [here](#), and [register for a pre-conference institute here!](#)

**Separate registration for Pre-Conference Institutes is required.** Check out the [Pre-Conference Institutes page](#) on the conference website to learn more, and register through the [online registration form](#).

## How can I save on conference registration?

**Become a TNOYS Member!** TNOYS Members receive many benefits like advocacy on relevant issues at the Texas State Capitol, opportunities to network with over 120 youth service providers in our statewide network, and exclusive discounts to training and technical assistance opportunities such as TNOYS' Annual Conference. TNOYS members receive a 25% discount, saving up to \$100 on each conference registration compared to the non-member rate. To learn more about becoming a TNOYS member, [click here](#) or email us at [membership@tnoys.org](mailto:membership@tnoys.org).

## Conference Logistics and Location

### Where can I find a detailed conference schedule?

You can find the conference schedule on the [Agenda & Speakers](#) page of the conference website. We'll also release the conference program in late March. [Sign up for our newsletter](#) for the latest updates on what we have in store, and in the meantime - you're welcome to check out [last year's program!](#)

### What can I expect at the event?

The conference will take place Tuesday, June 9, through Friday, June 12, at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin. Over 4 days, the in-person event will feature five engaging keynote speakers and performers, nearly 50 dynamic workshops, and the energy and fun you've come to expect from TNOYS' Annual Conference.

Registrants will gain access to the event app Whova after registration has concluded. This means that ALL registrants will have access to the event app by the week of the in-person conference, providing even more opportunities for you to network with your peers, check out the virtual exhibit hall, and earn points for the chance to win one of our amazing prizes.

## What meals and dining options are available at the event?

In addition to dynamic sessions, this year's agenda also includes several optional meals for attendees, including:

- **Youth-Only Lunch on Wednesday, June 11 from 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (Open to All Youth and Young Adult Attendees)
  - Youth and young adult attendees are invited to a youth-only lunch and hangout session in the youth lounge with an exclusive youth-only meet and greet with conference speakers and performers.
- **Youth-Adult Partnership Luncheon on Thursday, June 12 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.** (Open to All Who RSVP'd Through the Conference Registration Form)
  - Join us to enjoy a luncheon and celebrate the efforts and successes of TNOYS' member network and youth and young adult partners! To kick off, TNOYS Chief Executive Officer Fedora Galasso will present accomplishments and new initiatives on the horizon. Next, we'll celebrate TNOYS' member network and youth and young adult partners with the presentation of our 2026 Annual Member Awards and our Young Adult Leadership Council (YALC) graduation.
- **Breakfast Each Day in the Member Lounge; June 10 - 13** (TNOYS Members Only)
  - Each day of the conference, TNOYS members can enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet and coffee in the member lounge. The member lounge is open to all staff at TNOYS member organizations, as well as Professional Members.
- **Breakfast Each Day in the Youth Lounge; June 10 - 13** (Open to All Youth and Young Adult Attendees)
  - Each day of the conference, youth and young adults can enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet and beverages in the youth lounge. The youth lounge is open to all youth and young adult attendees (ages 15-26).
- **TNOYS' Member Reception on Wednesday, June 10 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** (Appetizers and Drinks Available - TNOYS Members Only)
  - TNOYS members are invited to a festive and fun reception with complimentary drink tickets and appetizers. Join us for fun, on-theme activities, exclusive updates from TNOYS, and much more. To register, please email [annualconference@tnoys.org](mailto:annualconference@tnoys.org).

- **Coffee each morning and a snack on Wednesday afternoon.**

Additionally, the hotel and conference event space provide easy access to a wide range of dining options - you can view their list and recommendations of surrounding options [here](#). All attendees will receive additional guidance ahead of the event!

### **How do I access and use Whova, the virtual event platform and event mobile app?**

All attendees will have access to the virtual event platform, Whova. Whova is easy to use and can be opened on your desktop or in the Whova mobile app. We recommend that registrants participate via the Whova mobile app. Registrants will gain access to the event app via email approximately one week before attending the conference. Before the event, the TNOYS team will provide a detailed Attendee Guide with instructions and tutorials for using Whova. We will also have staff available throughout the conference to help troubleshoot any technical issues.

From the Whova platform, attendees can easily customize their agendas, chat with exhibitors, participate in community board discussions, network and set up virtual or in-person meetings with other attendees, and participate in engaging games. Attendees will also use Whova to sign into sessions, access important resources, receive event updates, and more.

### **Where is TNOYS' 43rd Annual Conference taking place? Is there a hotel room block?**

TNOYS' 43rd Annual Conference will take place at the [Renaissance Hotel](#) at 9721 Arboretum Blvd, Austin, TX 78759.

TNOYS' room block offers discounted rates to attendees and is available until May 18, 2026, or until the room block is full. A discounted room rate of \$173+ tax per night is available for all attendees. Please use the link below to book your rooms:

1. Conference Attendees [Link to Book](#). . The discounted room rate is \$173+ tax per night.

You may also call the Austin Renaissance Hotel at +1 512-343-2626 to book with their central reservations team. Be sure to mention the conference and the room rate in order to ensure you are correctly booked and billed.

The Austin Renaissance Hotel offers a discounted rate for parking for all conference attendees, as well as complimentary WiFi in the guest rooms and the meeting rooms. Check back in early May for further details on accessing parking and other amenities!

All conference sessions will take place on the first and second floors of the hotel — a map of these floors will be available prior to the event with the release of the conference program.

## Earning CEUs

### How many CEUs can I earn at TNOYS' 43rd Annual Conference?

The in-person conference offers **14 CEU credit hours** over 2.5 days. For more information about accessing CEUs, see the next question "How do I access my CEUs?"

Each of the Pre-Conference Institutes offers **4-6 additional CEU credit hours**. *Separate registration is required to attend a Pre-Conference Institute.*

### How do I access my CEUs?

Attendees will find a CEU certificate in a folder they will receive at conference check-in. Attendees can find an electronic version of the CEU certificate under the "Resources" tab in Whova, using the web or mobile app. This certificate is for your records. TNOYS will maintain and provide documentation of your overall conference attendance. **You will need to fill in your name and document which sessions you attend, and then submit the information to your licensing board for approval.**

TNOYS is an approved CEU provider for Licensed Social Workers (LSW), Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT), and Continuing Professional Education Providers (CPE). Most conference sessions are typically approved for Juvenile Probation Officers (JPO), Juvenile Supervision Officers (JSO), and Community Activities Officers (CAO) by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJJD). The majority of sessions are also typically approved for Licensed Child Care Administrator (LCCA) and Licensed Child Placing Agency Administrator (LCPAA) licenses. This conference is also typically approved for CEUs for the following substance abuse professional licenses: LCDCs, Associate Prevention Specialists (APS), Certified Prevention Specialists (CPS), and Peer Mentor/Peer Recovery Designation (PM/PRC).

## Other Information

### What opportunities are there to support the conference?

TNOYS offers many opportunities to support the conference in a more impactful way, including [several levels of sponsorship](#) with increasing benefits depending on contribution. Exhibitor booths (both virtual and in-person) are available for purchase, and TNOYS members receive a significant discount.

Visit the [sponsor/exhibitor webpage](#) to learn more about being a conference sponsor or exhibitor, and the opportunity to show your support for Texas youth and young adults and promote your brand and services to attendees from across the state.

### **How can I learn more about TNOYS?**

The mission of Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS) is to strengthen services and support for Texas youth and families to help them overcome challenges and achieve healthy development. To learn more about TNOYS and our beneficial membership program of over 120 youth-serving providers, please visit <http://tnoys.org/>.

### **Additional Assistance**

For additional questions regarding TNOYS' 43rd Annual Conference on Services to Youth and Families, please contact: [annualconference@tnoys.org](mailto:annualconference@tnoys.org)

We also encourage you to sign up for our TNOYS' [newsletter](#) and keep an eye on the [Annual Conference website](#) to stay up to date on the latest conference announcements!