



**New England Head Start Association  
2023 Conference Planning  
Frequently Asked Questions**

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1. What is the date and location of the 2023 December Leadership Conference?
  - The 2023 NEHSA Leadership Conference will be held at the [DoubleTree by Hilton Nashua](#), 2 Somerset Parkway, Nashua, NH 03063.
  - A pre-conference session will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023.
  - The conference will run Tuesday, December 5, 2023, through Wednesday, December 6, 2023.
2. What is the conference schedule?
  - The conference schedule can be found [here](#).
3. Will there be any opportunities for networking and connecting with other attendees?
  - We have scheduled time throughout the event to support networking for Parent Leaders and Program Leadership.
  - There will also be breaks throughout the day with additional opportunities to connect with colleagues.
  - A reception will be held for all conference attendees on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.
4. What COVID-19 safety measures will be in place during the conference?
  - Masks and hand sanitizer stations will be readily available throughout the conference area.
5. Who are your sponsors at this year's NEHSA December Leadership Conference?
  - Our 2023 NEHSA December Leadership Conference Sponsors are highlighted [here](#).
6. Who are your speakers at this year's conference?
  - The Conference schedule is linked [here](#).
  - We will be joined by representatives from the Office of Head Start for a large session welcome and address. Marina Winkler, Office of Head Start Regional Program Manager, and Amanda Bryans, Office of Head Start Education and Research to Practice Supervisor, will speak.

- We will also be joined by [David Jacobson](#) of the Education Development Center (EDC) to learn more about their First 10 Initiative.
7. Are any continuing education credits or professional development hours available for attending the conference?
    - We are not able to offer CEU at this time. We will provide a [certificate of participation](#) that can be completed to indicate professional development hours.
  8. How can I request special accommodations due to a disability or dietary restrictions?
    - Please reach out to our Conference Planner, Caroline Conlin, via email [here](#).
  9. Can I use my per diem to pay for food at the Conference?
    - Agencies should plan to support attendees with per diem. The per diem allocation can purchase food outside of the conference.
    - A boxed lunch will be provided on Wednesday for attendees to enjoy as they leave the conference and head home.
    - The DoubleTree Nashua also offers dining options at [Speakers](#).
      - Breakfast**
      - Monday – Friday 6:30-9:30
      - Saturday and Sunday: 7:00-11:00
      - Dinner**
      - Sunday- Thursday 5:00-10:00
      - Friday and Saturday 5:00-12:00 (food ends at 10:00 pm)
  10. What is the cancellation and refund policy if I cannot attend the conference after registering?
    - No refunds are available.
    - We would be happy to transfer the registration to another agency representative.
  11. I would love to meet one-on-one with a colleague, is there any space to do so?
    - Participants are invited to use the [Brookfield Room](#).
  12. Where is the Registration Table?
    - The Registration Table is located in the main foyer outside of the ballroom
  13. How can I stay updated with the latest conference announcements and news?
    - Please visit our [website](#) for the latest updates.
  14. Will the conference sessions be recorded, and will they be available for viewing after the event?
    - Materials will be available electronically for 30 days after the event concludes.
    - Conference sessions will not be recorded.
  15. Will there be any transportation provided to nearby restaurants and venues?
    - Conference participants are responsible for their own transportation.
    - Local restaurants are detailed [here](#).
  16. Who can I contact if I have additional questions or need further assistance?
    - Please connect with NEHSA Conference Planner [Caroline Conlin](#).