



Family Planning Advocates

of New York State

27TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

January 26, 2004

Day of Advocacy: January 27

Empire State Plaza
Convention Center
Albany, New York



FPA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday, January 26, 2004 FPA's 27th Annual Conference

9:00 am Registration and
Continental Breakfast

9:00 am–4:30 pm Exhibits Open

9:15 am–9:45 am Workshop:
Lobbying 101

10:00 am Welcome and
Presentation of
Legislative Agenda

10:30 am Plenary Session

Featuring Donna Brazile, managing director of Brazile and Associates and the first African American to lead a major presidential campaign.

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In addition to Donna Brazile's presentation, elected officials will address critical reproductive health care issues and FPA's Al Moran Public Policy Award will be presented.

12:15 pm Annual Conference
Luncheon

Presentations will be made by elected officials and youth groups. Don't miss this opportunity to have lunch with your colleagues, legislators and staff.

1:00 pm–2:00 pm Lobby Visits

2:00 pm–3:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

Sex Education in New York Schools: Step Inside the Classroom

Participants will learn what taking a sex education class is really like and discuss strategies for promoting medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education in communities around the state. Youth and adults welcome.

Bioethics Forum: The Link Between Reproductive Rights and the Stem Cell Debate

Explore the bioethical, legal and moral issues linking the abortion debate with the controversy over research utilizing embryonic stem cells to develop potential treatments for Parkinson's and other diseases. Topics will include the role of people of

faith and the pro-choice community in partnering with organizations seeking to further the advancement of medical science.

Reproductive Rights: What's at Stake in the 2004 Elections?

Anti-choice forces are in control of the White House and Congress. Access to reproductive health services is under attack at home and abroad. How will reproductive rights issues impact the 2004 elections? Hear political insiders analyze key issues and races.

Immigrant Women and Access to Reproductive Health: On Our Way But Not There Yet

Language barriers, lack of health insurance, racism and fear inhibit many low-income immigrant women from getting the reproductive health care they need. Learn how organizations across the state are working to overcome these barriers through innovative programs, language access advocacy, partnership development and anti-racism work.

3:45 pm–5:00 pm Rally for Choice

The alternative rock band, BETTY, will energize advocates for the work that lies ahead. Elected officials will offer insight on issues affecting reproductive health care. FPA's Margaret Sanger Award will be presented.

5:30 pm–6:30 pm PPANYS Reception

Cocktail reception to benefit Planned Parenthood Advocates of New York State, featuring **Charlie Cook**, publisher of The Cook Political Report and political commentator extraordinaire. Tickets are \$75 each and may be reserved using the Registration Form attached.

Tuesday, January 27, 2004 FPA Day of Advocacy

9:00 am–10:00 am Lobbying 101 and
Continental Breakfast

10:00 am–4:00 pm Lobbying Appointments

FPA will support legislative lobbying activities by individuals and groups. Contact FPA at 518-436-8408 if you would like assistance in setting up appointments or identifying key issues for meetings with legislators.

A resource room will be maintained at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center throughout the day. FPA staff will be available to assist with meetings and provide lobbying materials.

Please be sure to complete a lobbying report for each legislative meeting and return completed reports to FPA staff at the resource room at the end of the day.

YOUTH CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday, January 26, 2004 Get the Facts Youth Conference

9:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 am–4:30 pm Exhibits Open

10:00 am Welcome

10:30 am Plenary Session

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1:00 pm–2:00 pm Youth Workshop

Think Globally, Act Locally: Leadership Skills that Build Movements

Join Global Kids for an interactive workshop that will focus on the skills you need to move your school towards offering an age-appropriate, medically accurate sex education program.

This workshop will consider both comprehensive and abstinence-only sex education curricula. Global Kids works to ensure that young people have the knowledge, skills and experience they need to succeed, and encourages participation in shaping domestic policy and international relations.



The Youth Conference is generously supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of the Regional Health Administrator and the Office of Family Planning. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provides funding for this portion of the conference only and not for general conference activities.

2:00 pm–3:30 pm Youth Session

Sex Education in New York Schools: Step Inside the Classroom

Featuring Will Power, a dynamic actor, rapper, playwright and spoken word artist whose work is internationally-recognized as a vital voice of his generation.



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Did you know that...

- New York has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the country.
- Half of all new HIV infections in the US occur in people under 25 years of age.
- Each year, 1 in 4 sexually active teens gets a sexually transmitted disease.

Support young people's right to real sex education that provides the comprehensive, medically accurate information needed to stay safe and healthy.

Join the Get the Facts NY Coalition
at FPA's Youth Conference on
January 26 in Albany.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Family Planning Advocates of New York State (FPA) is a statewide membership organization dedicated to promoting access to a full range of reproductive health services. It is supported by more than 150 organizations, including Planned Parenthoods and other family planning agencies, as well as thousands of individuals and organizations representing a wide range of health, welfare and religious groups.

FPA's Annual Conference is an important opportunity for you to meet your legislative representatives and for the family planning community to show its strength. Since Mondays and Tuesdays are prime lobbying days, we encourage you to meet with your legislative representatives at their Albany offices during the conference. Call your legislators in advance to schedule appointments.

Lobbying activities will be fully supported by FPA on both days of the conference. For your convenience, storage space for baggage and coats will be available at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center during Tuesday's Day of Advocacy. A resource room will be staffed by FPA to assist with meetings and lobbying materials throughout the day.

The costs of the conference registration and lunch have been kept as low as possible. Registration fees cover only a portion of actual conference costs; FPA underwrites the remainder. FPA will assist youth and persons with limited income with reduced-cost registration on an as-needed basis. Persons seeking reduced-cost registration may contact FPA at 518-436-8408 or info@fpaofnys.org. Contributions to help subsidize low-income advocates and youth are welcome.

Eligibility:

Family Planning Advocates of New York State reserves the right to determine eligibility for admission to this conference and will issue registration only to those who support the organization's mission. Applicants may apply for registration by returning the Registration Form attached.

Registration:

The registration fee covers admission to all sessions, workshops and the exhibit hall, and includes the cost of meals. Members of FPA are eligible for significant discounts on registration fees. Current members are those who have paid dues since January 1, 2003. Individual memberships may be renewed and new members may join by including the \$25.00 Basic Membership fee or \$50.00 Subscribing Membership fee, with the conference registration payment and checking the appropriate box on the Registration Form attached. Organizations wishing to join or renew should call FPA for membership rates.

Please send your completed Registration Form and payment to the conference planner:

Debbie Radzyminski
Plaza Meetings, Inc.
P.O. Box 849
849 New Loudon Road
Latham, NY 12110
877-666-3404 (Phone)
518-785-3391 (Fax)

Program:

All meetings will be held in the Convention Center and Meeting Rooms on the Concourse level of the Empire State Plaza. Additional information about the program and speakers will be available at the registration desk in the lobby of the Convention Center.

Security:

For your safety, increased security measures are in place at the Empire State Plaza. All conference attendees should have photo identification (i.e., driver's license) with them at all times.

Transportation:

Conference participants must arrange for their own transportation to the conference. For information on charter buses or car pools to and from Albany, please contact your local Planned Parenthood. Free shuttle buses will provide transportation between the hotel and the Empire State Plaza. Schedules will be available at the hotel and at the conference registration desk.

Directions to the Empire State Plaza:

The Empire State Plaza is located in downtown Albany, just south of the State Capitol. Directions to the Empire State Plaza from the:

NORTH: Take Interstate 87 (Northway) to Interstate 90 (east) exit. Proceed east to Interstate 787 (south to Albany) and take Empire State Plaza exit. Follow signs to "Visitors Parking Area."

SOUTH: Take Interstate 87 (New York State Thruway) to exit 23 (Albany). Proceed straight through toll booth to Interstate 787, then take Empire State Plaza exit and follow signs to "Visitors Parking Area."

EAST: Take Interstate 90 and cross the Hudson River. Take exit to Interstate 787 south. Take Empire State Plaza exit and follow signs to "Visitors Parking Area."

WEST: Take Interstate 90 (New York State Thruway) to exit 24 (Albany). Proceed east on Interstate 90 to Interstate 787 south, along river. Take Empire State Plaza exit and follow signs to "Visitors Parking Area."

Parking:

Underground parking at the Empire State Plaza is available in the Visitors Parking lot for \$8.00 on

Monday. To reserve space, we must receive your parking reservation by January 16, 2004. Photo identification is required for all drivers and passengers. The parking fee is non-refundable.

Accommodations:

For your convenience, the Albany Best Western Sovereign Hotel has been designated the official hotel for this conference. The rate is \$81.00 per night. Please contact the hotel directly by January 9, 2004, to make your reservations and identify yourself as an FPA conference participant to obtain the conference rate.

Albany Best Western Sovereign Hotel
1228 Western Avenue
Albany, NY 12203
518-489-2981

Directions to the hotel from the:

NORTH: Take Interstate 87 south until it ends at Western Avenue (Route 20). Turn left onto Western. The Albany Best Western Sovereign is located one mile down on the right hand side.

SOUTH: Take Interstate 87 north to exit 24 (Western Avenue). Continue through tollbooths and follow signs for Western Avenue (Route 20). At the stoplight, turn left onto Western. The Albany Best Western Sovereign is located one mile down on the right hand side.

EAST: Take Interstate 90 west to exit 2 (Fuller Road). Turn left onto Fuller at the end of the off-ramp. At the fourth stoplight on Fuller, turn left onto Western Avenue. The Albany Best Western Sovereign is located one half-mile down on the right hand side.

WEST: Take Interstate 90 east to exit 24 (Fuller Road). Bear right after the tollbooths, and take exit 1S (Western Avenue). Follow the bypass until you reach a stoplight. At the stoplight, turn left onto Western. The Albany Best Western Sovereign is located one mile down on the right hand side.

Cancellation Policy: A full refund can be obtained for cancellations received by January 16, 2004. Cancellations received between January 16 and January 23, 2004, will receive a 50% refund. No refunds will be available after January 23, 2004. All cancellations should be telephoned or faxed to Debbie Radzysinski at Plaza Travel. Please do not send cancellations through the mail - they will not be accepted.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

FPA's momentum has never been stronger. But while we have enjoyed another year of success on reproductive health care issues at the state level, federal threats to a woman's right to choose continue to intensify.

This year's conference will help us build on our accomplishments in New York to preserve and expand reproductive rights.



Women across the state will benefit from your dedicated efforts to pass the Emergency Contraception for Rape Victims Bill, which was signed into state law this year. At last, hospitals will be required to counsel rape survivors about the use of EC to prevent pregnancy and offer this safe, effective medication on-site. Women across the country will benefit from this achievement as we translate our experience into a toolkit that can be used by other states to pass similar laws.

Unfortunately, we know that advances in reproductive health policy are never safe. We constantly monitor attacks on our progress, like the current lawsuit challenging the Women's Health and Wellness Act, as we continue to fight for improved legislative and administrative policies.

Our new sex education proposal is an ambitious initiative that will require our full dedication in 2004 and beyond. FPA will lead New York in the national movement to offer age-appropriate, medically accurate sex education to youth. We will also coordinate a huge contingent of activists participating in the March for Freedom of Choice in Washington, D.C. on April 25, 2004, demonstrating New York's commitment to reproductive rights.

Every year, we renew that commitment at our Annual Conference in January. I hope that each of you will join me at this year's conference in Albany. Your participation builds our political strength. And our strength has never been more important as we move forward in an environment that presents increasing threats to reproductive rights.

JoAnn M. Smith
President and CEO
Family Planning Advocates
of New York State, Inc.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Organization: _____
 E-mail Address: _____

Early Discounted Registration:

If your application is received by fax or postmarked before 1/9/04

**FPA Member	Non-Member	Student or Youth
\$80.00	\$150.00	\$25.00

Late Registration:

If your application is received by fax or is postmarked after 1/9/04

**FPA Member	Non-Member	Student or Youth
\$100.00	\$170.00	\$45.00

Registration Fee (from above): \$ _____

****Membership:**

Become a member of Family Planning Advocates and take advantage of our discounted rate. Just add \$25.00 for Basic Membership or \$50.00 for Subscribing Membership to your FPA Conference registration fee and SAVE! \$ _____

Monday Parking:

Add \$8.00 (this fee is non-refundable) \$ _____
 Check if you need handicapped parking

Additional Contributions:

Contribution to subsidize low-income attendees \$ _____
 (\$80.00 Registration/\$161.00 Registration and accommodations)
 Contribution to subsidize youth attendees \$ _____
 (\$45.00 Youth Registration/\$121.00 Registration and accommodations)

Planned Parenthood Advocates of New York State Reception

I would like to purchase _____ ticket(s) for the PPANYS Cocktail Reception at \$75.00 each \$ _____

Total Registration fees: \$ _____

Meals

Check if you want a vegetarian lunch

Payment

Checks should be made payable to Family Planning Advocates, or payment may be made using MasterCard or Visa

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (please print clearly):

Credit Card Number: _____ MasterCard Visa

Name on Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ (I authorize the above charges to my credit card)

Fax or mail this application with your payment to our event coordinator:

Debbie Radzynski, Vice President, Meeting Operations
 Plaza Meetings, Inc., P.O. Box 849, 849 New Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110, 518-785-3391 (Fax)
 If you have any questions, feel free to call Ms. Radzynski at 877-666-3404

FPA MISSION STATEMENT
 TO FIGHT FOR PROGRESSIVE PUBLIC POLICIES THAT PROTECT AND EXPAND ACCESS TO A FULL RANGE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES THAT RESPECT CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL'S PRIVACY AND DIGNITY

YES, I SUPPORT FPA'S MISSION

SIGNATURE (ALL APPLICANTS MUST SIGN TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION)

2004 Action Agenda

Sex Education (A.8599 Gottfried)

Young people must have access to the information they need to make safe and responsible choices about their sexual health. FPA will advocate for legislation to fund medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education in New York State. FPA's **Get the Facts NY** campaign will work to ensure that New York's youth receive comprehensive information that supports and strengthens parent-teen communication.

Funding for Reproductive Health Care

Medical research has improved methods of contraception, pap smears and HIV tests that ultimately save lives and money. These new methods are safer, more effective and easier to use, but they are also more costly. Family planning funding has remained flat and Medicaid rates have been frozen for ten years, making many of these new products cost-prohibitive. Without an increase in family planning funding, New York is in danger of creating a two-tiered health system: one for the wealthy and one for low-income persons. FPA will work to ensure that all clients can access the best possible products and services, regardless of their ability to pay.

Immigrant Health

New York's rapidly growing immigrant population faces many cultural, linguistic, economic and legal barriers that complicate access to, and use of, health care services. Low-income immigrant women face a particularly daunting set of obstacles when they seek reproductive health care. FPA is committed to building a coalition and supporting legislation that will eliminate these barriers.

Preserve Choice/Trust Women

A woman's right to choose has repeatedly been upheld in the courts. Yet, continued threats to Roe v. Wade are expected in 2004. FPA will fight against efforts to chip away at a woman's right to a full range of legal health care services. Decisions about child bearing should be made by a woman, in consultation with her family and her doctor – not politicians.

FPA will actively oppose legislation that would establish legal personhood for a fetus at any stage of gestation, such as the "Unborn Victims of Violence Act" (S.403 Maltese). These types of bills undermine a woman's constitutional right to choose.

Emergency Contraception in Pharmacies (A.888 Paulin, S.3339 Hoffmann)

To make emergency contraception more widely available, FPA supports legislation to enable women to obtain EC in pharmacies and from nurses through collaborative agreements with physicians. Alaska, California, Hawaii, New Mexico and Washington have successfully enacted similar legislation.

Emergency Contraception on SUNY and CUNY Campuses (A.384 Englebright)

To increase awareness and use of emergency contraception, FPA supports legislation that would establish emergency contraception awareness and education programs on all SUNY and CUNY campuses. The program would ensure that students have access to information about EC, its use and effectiveness, and would make EC available to students who request it.



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