**NFBNYS 2023 Convention Virtual Experience**

Please join us virtually for a series of meetings of our special interest groups, divisions, and committees in the week leading up to our In-Person main event. We hope to see as many of you as possible in Albany this year, however if you truly can’t be with us, you will be missed, and there are virtual experience links for the majority of our in-person meetings and sessions as well. So, check back closer to convention as events taking place on Friday through Sunday, December 8th through 12th will be added to this virtual agenda for those joining us by Zoom on Convention Weekend.

Please note: All times are given in EST, Eastern Standard Time, so please adjust accordingly. Zoom and One-Tap-Mobile links as well as dial in information are provided for each meeting, after the description and contact info.

**Monday December 4th, 2023**

**The New York Association of Guide Dog Users**7:00 P.M.

Come and join us for the first segment of a two-part series on considering the decisions surrounding applying for a guide dog. This session focuses on exploring the very real and compelling pros and cons that come along with handling a guide dog. We want to offer an alternative to the standard cautiously crafted, and sometimes vague answers to many of the common questions that potential guide dog handlers have. We are giving clear and less ambiguous answers exploring both sides of these considerations. Working with a guide dog isn’t a list of 3-star reviews, but rather a range of experiences. Everyone must apply their own personal equation.

This will be a seminar style presentation, with time for a Q and A after, door prizes of course, and hand-outs sent upon request.

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**Blind Diabetics of New York**8:00 P.M.

If you or a loved one is diabetic or prediabetic, or if you are interested in learning more about Diabetes and its management, you are invited to join the NYS Diabetic Group for a Virtual Holiday Pajama Party! Wear your favorite warm jammies and bring your favorite holiday treats. To celebrate holiday cheer diabetic style. BDNY meets monthly to discuss a variety of Diabetes related topics, so come and check us out between conventions too.

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**Tuesday December 5th, 2023**

**Blind Parents of New York**7:00 P.M.

Come join us to catch up with your fellow blind parents, and bring your ideas for how we should move forward with events and activities next year. Grab a hot beverage, those great ideas for this group in 2024, and, of course, some of your favorite parenting stories from 2023.

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**Blind Seniors of New York**7:00 P.M.

What did you come into this room for? What were we talking about? What DID you have for breakfast anyway? Though we discuss these and other timeless queries, in the BSNY, we also come together to problem solve, collaborate, advocate, and actively work for change for blind seniors across New York State. Come and join us as we gather to reflect upon 2023, and to chart a course for 2024.

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**Wednesday December 6th, 2023**

**NFBNYS Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee**

8:00 P.M.

Tis’ the season for giving, and the NFBNYS DEI Committee has a special gift for you!  In honor of Human Rights Month and our 67th Annual State Convention, Guest speaker, Samelys Lopez, from the Commission on Human Rights, will be hosting a presentation on Disability through that lens.

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