

UNITED COUNCIL
ON WELFARE FRAUD

53RD ANNUAL
NATIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE



PITTSBURGH, PA

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AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2026



OMNI WILLIAM PENN HOTEL

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PITTSBURGH, PA

REGISTRATION

Registration Desk Open:
Tuesday – Thursday
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Coat Check Area, 17th Floor

Monday, August 31, 2026
Registration Open
1:00 – 5:00 PM

- Attendee Check-in
- Presenter Check-in
- Volunteer Check-in
- Raffle Table
- Q & A — Test your knowledge!
- FAQ's

BOARD MEETINGS AND
NEW DIRECTOR
TRAINING

Monday, August 31
8:30 – 10:30 AM
Board of Directors' Meeting
Frick Room, 17th Floor

10:45 – 11:00 AM
Pre-Conference Meeting with Hotel Staff
Franklin & Greene, 17th Floor

Tuesday, September 1
5:30 – 6:15 PM
Regional Election Results
Frick Room, 17th Floor

Wednesday, September 2
5:30 – 5:45 PM
New Director Training
Frick Room, 17th Floor

Thursday, September 3
7:30 – 8:25 AM
New Board of Directors' Meeting
Sky Room, 17th Floor

CWFI TESTING

Monday, August 31
2:45 – 5:00 PM
CWFI Testing
Monongahela, 17th Floor
Arrive with photo ID by 2:45 PM

Wednesday, September 2
5:15 – 7:30 PM
CWFI Testing
Sky Room, 17th Floor
Arrive with photo ID by 5:15 PM

SOCIAL EVENTS

Monday, August 31
4:00 – 6:00 PM
Ice Breaker: Meet & Greet Regional
Directors & Election Candidates
Franklin & Greene, 17th Floor

Tuesday, September 1
5:00 – 7:00 PM
Let's Get Talking! Networking Event
Franklin & Greene, 17th Floor

Pittsburgh Pirates Game
[Get Tickets](#)

Wednesday, September 2
5:30 – 7:30 PM
Alias Assignment – Just for Fun
Networking Event
Franklin & Greene, 17th Floor

DAY 1 — TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1			
TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Conference Opening & Welcome <i>Keynote Speaker: Michelle Henry, PA State Inspector General</i> <i>Staying the Course: Integrity Under Pressure</i>	Keith Miskie (UCOWF President) Terri Linehan (Region 1 Director, Conference Co-chair) David Krasnow (UCOWF Secretary, Conference Co-chair)	Grand Ballroom
10:00 – 10:30 AM — BREAK — Grand Ballroom			
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	TOWN HALL PANEL – EXECUTIVE REGULATORY ISSUES <i>Moderator: Andy McClenahan</i>	Gina Brand (USDA) Rachel Greszler (Advancing American Freedom) Sam Adolphsen (Red Door Consulting)	Grand Ballroom
12:00 – 1:30 PM — LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN			
1:30 – 3:00 PM	TOWN HALL PANEL – SNAP PROGRAM INTEGRITY & RETAILERS <i>Moderator: Andy McClenahan</i>	John Walk (USDA OIG) Ken Constable (USDA FNA)	Grand Ballroom
3:00 – 3:30 PM — BREAK — Grand Ballroom			
3:30 – 5:00 PM	Intergovernmental Affairs Q&A Panel	Andy McClenahan (Co-chair UCOWF Intergovernmental Board) Dan Boston (President Health Policy Source) Gayle Gerdes (Vice President Health Policy Source) Steve Corsi (Chair of the Secretaries Innovation Group)	Grand Ballroom

DAY 2 — WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2			
TIME	TRACK 1 Allegheny – 17th Floor	TRACK 2 Monongahela – 17th Floor	TRACK 3 Urban – 17th Floor
8:30 – 10:00 AM	In-state Investigations of Out-of-State Benefits SNAP Fraud <i>Robert Boldin</i>	The True Cost of Fraud in SNAP: New Research, Emerging Risks and Practical Solutions <i>Amanda D'Amico, LexisNexis Risk Solutions</i>	The NDCAC: Resources for Law Enforcement in the Digital Age <i>Alan Distajo, FBI</i>
10:00 – 10:30 AM — BREAK – Grand Ballroom			
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Childcare Development Fund Grant Fraud (CCDF) <i>Paul Vaccaro</i>	Access Device Fraud Crime Trends <i>Hannah Feldman, USSS & Gabriella DiStefano, NCFTA</i>	FNA Office of Retailer Operations & Compliance <i>Ken Constable, John Gallagher & Jamie Slack</i>
12:00 – 1:30 PM — LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN			
1:30 – 3:00 PM	From Risk to Resilience: Integrity Strategies That Saved Thousands of SNAP & TANF Customers from Fraud <i>Christa Phillips & Ainsley MacLeod</i>	Safeguarding Benefits: Kentucky's Fight Against Electronic Theft <i>Melissa Williams & Arielle Akin</i>	Skimmer Response Teams: The Pennsylvania Response to EBT Card Skimming <i>Michelle Kelly Walsh, Kelly Carpenter, Katy Colon & Andrew Gibson</i>
3:00 – 3:30 PM — BREAK – Grand Ballroom			
3:30 – 5:00 PM	Developing High-Quality Criminal Case Referrals <i>Nicole Housley, LexisNexis Risk Solutions</i>	The Check is in the Mail! <i>Edward Shaw & Scott Black</i>	FIS (title pending) <i>Chris Jacobson</i>

DAY 3 — THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3			
TIME	TRACK 1 Allegheny – 17th Floor	TRACK 2 Monongahela – 17th Floor	TRACK 3 Urban – 17th Floor
8:30 – 10:00 AM	DECCD and CCPS Investigations <i>Joshua Bankston & Justin Brown</i>	Inside a Multi-State Benefit Fraud Takedown <i>Brittney Medeiros, Justin Leung & Kim Seebeck</i>	The Future of Program Integrity: The Cost of Letting Analytics End at the Dashboard <i>Mark Haskins</i>
10:00 – 10:15 AM — BREAK – Grand Ballroom			
10:15 – 11:45 AM	Working with USDA Retail Operations to Curb SNAP Fraud <i>Tom Roth</i>	Follow the Data: Then Knock on the Door: Finding Public Benefits Fraud Hiding in Plain Sight <i>David Maimon, SentiLink</i>	Greed in Black & White: The Cost of Fraud During the Pandemic <i>Det. Mark Barker & Barbara Cannito</i>
12:00 – 1:45 PM — AWARDS LUNCHEON (AWARDS & MEMBER MEETING) – GRAND BALLROOM			
1:45 – 3:15 PM	Peeling Back the Layers: Program Integrity, Payment Accuracy & Financial Stewardship Through Precertification Case Analysis <i>Lawrence Singleton</i>	High Stakes, Low Profile — Investigating High Profile Cases <i>Tina Werle</i>	Fraud Investigations Through Legislation <i>Brad Germann</i>
3:15 – 3:30 PM — BREAK – Grand Ballroom			
3:30 – 5:00 PM	Stopping EBT Theft Before It Happens: How Modern Anti-Fraud Tools Are Protecting Benefits <i>Morgan Mckinney, Kira Tebbe & Andrew Barrett</i>	Safeguarding Benefits: Kentucky's Fight Against Electronic Theft <i>Melissa Williams & Arielle Akin</i>	Criminal Investigations of Traditional Retail and Individual SNAP Fraud <i>Jeff Yarian</i>