



## Attendee Packet

### Illinois Access and Functional Needs Summit 2024:

Building Relationships to Address  
Access and Functional Needs in  
Emergency Preparedness and Response

June 25-26, 2024

The Bank of Springfield ("BoS") Center  
1 Convention Center Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/ILafn2024>

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## Schedule Overview

Visit [tinyurl.com/afnbios](https://tinyurl.com/afnbios) for speaker information.



### *Tuesday, June 25th: Day 1*

**8:00 – 8:30 am:** Registration

**8:30 – 9:00 am:** Director's Welcoming and Remarks; *Sameer Vohra, M.D., J.D., M.A*

**9:00 – 9:45 am:** Keynote; *Sadie Martinez*

**Description:** A keynote from Sadie Martinez, Colorado Emergency Management's Access and Functional Needs Coordinator, on introducing access and functional needs in emergency management and working together to create inclusive plans that preserve the continuity of services during pandemics and health emergencies.

**9:45 – 9:55 am:** BREAK

**9:55 – 11:15 am:** Why Go FAST?: Introduction to Functional Assessment Service Teams (FAST); *June Kailes*

**Session Description:** What you need to know about Functional Assessment Service Teams (FAST) and how they can support people with access and functional needs during disasters.

**11:15 – 12:00 pm:** LUNCH

**12:05 – 1:25 pm:** You've Got it Right: Disability Rights in Disasters; *Melissa Marshall*

**Session Description:** An overview of the legal obligations emergency management and public health departments have towards people with disabilities during disasters and how to protect and support these rights during emergencies.

**1:30 – 3:00 pm:** Collaborate to Educate: How Planners, Emergency Managers, and Communities with Access and Functional Needs Can Collaborate; *Melissa Marshall, Shari Myers*

**Session Description:** Exploring strategies for planners, emergency managers, and communities to effectively collaborate and support people with access and functional needs throughout all phases of disasters.

**3:00 – 3:20 pm:** BREAK

**3:20 – 5:00 pm:** Panel: Addressing Access and Functional Needs in Emergency Planning; *Susan Johnson, Kira Meskin, Jae Jin Pak, Mary Casey-Lockyer, Rodney Garrott*

**Session Description:** A local discussion on how to meet the access and functional needs of the whole community in emergency planning, response, and recovery.

### ***Wednesday, June 26th: Day 2***

**8:30 – 12:30 pm:** Tabletop Exercise

**Session Description:** A simulation of emergency scenarios to enhance preparedness, response, and recovery that is focused on people with access and functional needs.

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## Location

The Bank of Springfield ("BoS") Center

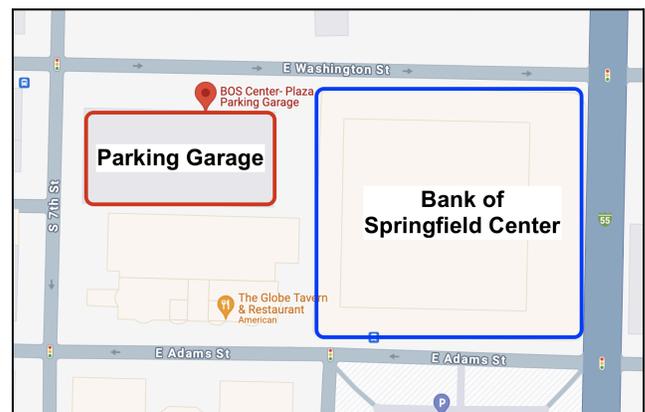
1 Convention Center Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701

The Summit will be held in the Grand Ballroom, located on the Lower Level.

## Parking

The Bank of Springfield Center provides parking for a fee at the Plaza Parking Garage located on the west side of the building.

For more information, including the cost of parking, visit <https://www.theboscenter.com/parking>.



## Summit Accessibility: Accommodations Provided

The following accommodations will be provided:

- American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation
- CART captioning
- Wheelchair-accessible venue
- Hearing loops

For questions about accommodations, contact Cynthia Schierl-Spreen at (217) 557-8617 or [cynthia.schierl-spreen@illinois.gov](mailto:cynthia.schierl-spreen@illinois.gov).

## Tips for Attendees

### ***Registration***

Check-in at the Summit registration table, located outside the Grand Ballroom on the Lower Level, to receive your conference name tag and materials.

### ***Wi-Fi***

The BoS Center provides secure, complimentary high-speed wireless Internet.

**Network name:** “BOS”

**Password:** IDPH2024

### ***Refreshments and Lunch Offerings***

Refreshments throughout the Summit and lunch for day 1 will be provided. Visit [tinyurl.com/afn-lunch](https://tinyurl.com/afn-lunch) for more information.

#### *Tuesday, June 25*

- Light refreshments:
  - **AM:** Water, tea, and coffee
  - **PM:** Water, tea, and lemonade
- Lunch
  - Sandwich options: Honey-smoked ham; Smoked turkey breast; Vegetarian wrap; Avocado and veggie delight.
  - Lunch comes with a bag of chips and a cookie.

#### *Wednesday, June 26*

*\*Please note that lunch will not be provided.\**

- Light refreshments: Water, tea, and coffee

## ***Need Help?***

During the event, volunteers will be on-site to assist with Summit information and requests. Volunteers can be identified by their red volunteer ribbons attached to their name tags and will be stationed at the check-in table throughout the event if you need assistance.

## ***Health and Wellness***

To protect the health of Summit attendees, we encourage the following:

- Be up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccine doses and flu shots. If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the past two weeks, are experiencing symptoms, or have a positive test, please do not attend the event. Updated CDC Respiratory Virus Guidance is available here [tinyurl.com/26c9rhzk](https://tinyurl.com/26c9rhzk).
- Face masks are welcome and will be offered.
- Please limit the use of fragrant products (e.g., perfumes, colognes, lotions, and powders) in consideration of attendees with sensitivity and/or allergies to fragrant products.

## ***Health and Medical Services***

Within 1 mile of the BoS Center:

- Emergency Room: HSHS St. John's Emergency Room, 800 E Carpenter St, Springfield, IL 62769
- Urgent Care: Springfield Clinic Urgent Care, 1025 S 6th St, Springfield, IL 62703
- Pharmacy: CVS Pharmacy, 211 E Carpenter St, Springfield, IL 62702
- Local Resource Assistance: United Way 211 Help Center, (Dial 2-1-1)
- Non-Emergency Dispatch: Springfield Police, (217) 788-8311

## Get Involved

### *Social Networking*

Use the hashtag #IllinoisAFNSummit2024 to connect with attendees on social media, post and view event photos, and share your favorite conference moments.

### *Exhibitors*

Exhibitor tables will be available on Tuesday, June 25. In between sessions, stop by to learn about various support service partners. Visit [tinyurl.com/extables](https://tinyurl.com/extables) for more information.

### *Share Your Feedback!*

We want to hear from you before you go!

#### Day 1

Go to [qrco.de/bfACMO](https://qrco.de/bfACMO) to fill out a quick survey on your experiences for Day 1.



Day 1 Survey

#### Day 2

Go to [qrco.de/bfAC1z](https://qrco.de/bfAC1z) to fill out a quick survey on your experiences for Day 2.



Day 2 Survey