



2025 Families Anonymous World Service Convention Agenda

Chicago Marriott Oak Brook

July 25-27, 2025

Friday July 25

- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Registration at hotel (Hallway outside Rooms)
- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Dinner on Your Own (Dozens of Oak Brook Restaurants Across Street)
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Meet & Greet Reception with Sweet Table (Elmhurst 1 & 2, Lower Level)
- 8:00 PM - 8:15 PM: Welcome Kickoff (Elmhurst 1 & 2)
- 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM: FA Meeting & Serenity Game (Elmhurst 1 & 2)

Saturday July 26

- 7:30 AM – 8:45 AM: Registration (Hallway outside Rooms)
- 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: Full BREAKFAST BUFFET (Room A)
- 8:45 AM - 9:00 AM: Welcome/Agenda/Intergroup Info (Room A)
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM: [Keynote Presentation](#) – Stephanie Zwilling, Founder, Providence Farm - [Family Recovery in Healing Communities](#) (Room A)
- 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM: [Breakout #1](#) (3 Presenters)
 - 1A** Jacob D., Ryan G., Ryan S., Ryan F. - Alumni from Providence Farm [Experiencing Success and Empowerment](#)
 - 1B** Joe Scally, MA, JD, Founder, The Child & Family Law Center [Mindfulness and Self Empathy as Healing Gifts](#)
 - 1C** Jimmie Searle, M.Ed., CADAC, Rosecrance Addiction Counselor, [Stronger Together, A Path to Family Wellness](#)
- 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM: [Breakout #2](#) (3 Presenters)
 - 2A** Carol Deely, Gabriels' Light Founder [Surviving the Death of a Loved One](#)
 - 2B** Julie Schauer, Board of Director - Every Brain Matters [Today's Marijuana – What Every Parent Needs to Know](#)

2C Maria N., Randy D., Andrea G., Rosemary T., - FA Group #1522
Applying FA Principles of 'Helping' in Our Lives

- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM: LUNCH BUFFET (Room A)
- 12:45 PM – 1:30 PM: FA World Service Board Member Table (Hallway outside Room A)
- 1:45 PM – 2:30 PM: [Breakout #3](#) (3 Presenters)
3A Lizz Blackwell, CADIC, BA, Hazelden Betty Ford Treatment Centers
The Family that Recovers: Putting Information Into Action
3B Marian Kraus, Founder of Delamora
If Nothing Changes, Nothing Changes
- 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM: [Breakout #4](#) (3 Presenters)
4A Dale Hugo, PhD, Former World Service President
Sociopathy
4B Kathleen McNamara, MSW, LSW, CCATP - DuPage County Probation
Partnering With Professionals Impacting Relationship and Behavioral Change
4C Desiree Mitchell, Founder, Hope Dealer Outreach
Fighting Through Heartbreak to Uplift and Empower
- 3:45 PM – 4:30 PM: AA Speaker in Recovery, Jim R. (Room A) The Bone Crushing Space Between Breaking and Healing, and Between Holding On and Letting Go
- 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM: PLATED DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT (Room A)

Sunday July 27

- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: BREAKFAST BUFFET (Room A)
- 9:40 AM – 10:10 AM: FA Speaker In Recovery, Carmen O. (Room A)
The Sky Is Falling
- 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM: Keith Burton, Author "Shadows of Sobriety"
A Journey of Self-Discovery and Healing a Family Legacy (Room A)
- 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM: Wrap Up – Matt B., Chair, Chicagoland FA Intergroup
Barry Z., Vice Chair, Chicagoland FA Intergroup - Gratitude
Greg C., Chair, Families Anonymous