2019 CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

**What:** National Federation of the Blind of Rhode Island 49th annual state convention

**When:** Friday October 4th and Saturday October 5th, 2019

**Where:** Radisson Hotel Providence, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 (401) 739-3000. Room rates are $105.00 plus 13% hotel tax. Make your reservation as soon as possible to ensure availability.

**How to Register:** ***The deadline to register is Friday, September 27th, 2019!***
- Friday attendees: email info@nfbri.org with the following information:
  - Name
  - Phone number
  - Materials preference (electronic, large print, braille etc.)
- Saturday attendees: register by mail (see attached form) or online at www.nfbri.org/register.

**Details:** Come enjoy a weekend of fun, learning, and community with something for everyone from new job seekers to lifelong learners!

Looking for work? Join us Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:30 pm for interactive and informative workshops specifically geared towards blind job seekers. Check out a hands-on presentation by Dress for Success, hear about interview do’s and don’ts, learn about disability disclosure, and find out more about Social Security work incentives available to SSDI and SSI recipients.

Friday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm will be a time for fun, games and conversation! Come test your skills with trivia and other games, connect with old friends and make new ones in a relaxed atmosphere.

On Saturday October 5th our day starts with registration and light refreshments from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Convention will begin promptly at 9:00 am. The day’s agenda will feature reflections from first time national convention attendees, and the latest news and advocacy updates from our
national office. Learn about resources for people of all ages with presentations from Insight, Hadley institute for the Blind and the RI Treasurer’s Office who will discuss the ins and outs of ABLE accounts. In the afternoon, we will start with a short board meeting and elections followed by a breakout session on Yoga with a blind instructor. The day’s sessions will conclude with a how-to on NFB Newsline’s new smart home capabilities, and specialized tech chats on Apple, Android and more.

The Saturday evening banquet, beginning at 5:30 pm, is the exciting culmination of our state convention. Spend time with old and new friends over a delicious meal while listening to the presentation of scholarships and awards, as well as a keynote address by our national representative, Dan Frye. The banquet will conclude at 8:00 pm.

We wish to thank our convention sponsor for their financial support. FGXI, 500 George Washington Highway, Smithfield, RI 02917