

Women In Leadership Development

We are pleased to announce that the 19th Annual Women In Leadership Development (WILD) Conference will be held at the **Hilton East Brunswick** on **Friday, March 7 - Saturday, March 8, 2025**.

Every year, with the support of our CLCs, BTCs, and affiliates, our annual WILD conference plays an instrumental role in ensuring that union women have every opportunity to further develop their leadership tools in their workplace and in their unions.

Together, we will foster diversity within the labor movement, while providing new members with the opportunity to meet and network with experienced activists. This year's conference features several esteemed speakers who will offer their insight into the issues that women face in today's workplace.

WILD conferences provide growth and sustainability for the labor movement, as we educate the next generation of leaders, and empower women to become active members in their locals.

We thank you for your continued support.

For further information or any questions, please call New Jersey State AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Laurel Brennan at (609) 989-8730.



New Jersey State AFL-CIO
106 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

19th Annual (WILD) Women in Leadership Development



**Strengthening our
Sisterhood
Through
Solidarity**

March 7-8, 2025

Conference Schedule

Friday, March 7, 2025

5:00 p.m. Registration

5:30 p.m. Reception

WELCOME

Charles Wowkanech
President

Laurel Brennan
Secretary-Treasurer

6:30 p.m. Plenary Session

Invited Keynote Speaker:
U.S. Senator Andy Kim

A true ally to all union women, dedicating his life to serving the country. Senator Kim served three terms as a Congressman representing New Jersey's third Congressional District before his election as Senator.

**Effectively Communicating
our Union Values**

Strong union leaders foster unity and solidarity by effectively communicating union values. Rebecca Damon will share insights into how to have these important conversations whether they take place at a worksite, your home, or in your community.

Presenter: Rebecca Damon

Rebecca Damon is the Chief Labor Policy Officer at SAG-AFTRA, and New York Local Executive Director. A champion for workers' rights, Damon is a fierce advocate for education, empowerment and equality.

Saturday, March 8, 2025

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Plenary Session

WORKSHOPS

**Sharpening the Tools Needed
for this Moment**

A critical step to being a more powerful leader is getting in touch and understanding your style of leadership. No matter your leadership style, Senior advisor to the President of the AFL-CIO, Christyne Neff, will dig into the most powerful tools and techniques to take your leadership to the next level, with proven tangible leadership tools that empower you to grow as a leader.

Presenter: Christyne Neff

Christyne Neff was the first woman chief of staff at the AFL-CIO to President Liz Shuler, and has 30 years of experience as a labor leader, union builder and labor lawyer. Christyne is also a member of UFCW.

Achieving Wellness and Balance in 2025

Janet Gerhard, walks us through how to navigate the challenges that women face in 2025, with an emphasis on how we cultivate wellness in our lives. Together, we will find balance in our busy lives while improving the energy and focus needed to tackle the demands of our busy schedules.

Presenter: Janet Gerhard

Janet Gerhard, the Director of Public and Community Affairs for FHE Health is a seasoned spokesperson — both locally and nationally — and a tireless advocate for union members. Janet is a trusted resource for labor unions across the country on fostering mental health in the workplace.

12:15 - 2:00 p.m. Wrap Up & Lunch

Registration

Conference Fee: \$150

Includes: Meals, Programs, and Materials

Please fill out the information below and mail it, along with a check payable to the "New Jersey State AFL-CIO," to:

WILD Conference
New Jersey State AFL-CIO
106 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

Name

Organization

Address

Phone

Email

Reservations

The Hilton East Brunswick
3 Tower Center Boulevard
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

All participants are responsible for their own room reservations. To book, please call **(800) 445-8667** and use code "AFL" to receive the discounted room rate of **\$129** (tax not included). Overnight self-parking is included in the room rate. Valet parking is an additional charge. To guarantee room availability, please book before the deadline: Friday, February 14, 2025.