



## New Hampshire Department of Corrections

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### NEW HAMPSHIRE TO HOST NAVAC CONFERENCE THIS WEEK

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**Manchester, NH** – The New Hampshire Department of Corrections is excited to host the 15<sup>th</sup> annual National Association of Victim Assistance in Corrections (NAVAC) Conference this week at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Manchester. The annual conference kicks off with a welcoming ceremony on September 13, 2022, at 8:30 A.M.

“The New Hampshire Department of Corrections is honored to host this year’s NAVAC annual conference,” said NH Department of Corrections Commissioner Helen Hanks. “Thank you to the NAVAC team for bringing victim services professionals together from across the country. Victim-center restorative justice programs and post-conviction victim assistance are critical components of the criminal justice system.”

This is the first time New Hampshire will host the annual conference which runs through Friday, September 16, 2022. The conference brings together correctional victim services personnel from across the United States and Canada to learn new information, gain skills and insight into best practices, and network with peers. More than 100 victim-services professionals are registered to attend. This year’s keynote speakers are Scarlett Lewis from the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement and Shannon Desilets from Choose Love New Hampshire.

For more information on the conference, including the agenda and presentations, please visit [www.navac.website](http://www.navac.website).

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**MEDIA NOTE:** Members of the media wishing to attend the welcome ceremony on **Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 8:00 A.M.** should RSVP with Richelle Angeli, NHDOC Public Information Officer at 603-271-5602 or [pio@doc.nh.gov](mailto:pio@doc.nh.gov).

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