



The Consortium on
Addiction Recovery
Science (CoARS)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADDICTION RECOVERY SCIENCE



September 23–24, 2026



Virtual

WhoVA GUIDE

EXPLORE OUR QUICK GUIDE TO NAVIGATING
THE WHOVA CONFERENCE PLATFORM AND GET
THE MOST OUT OF YOUR EVENT EXPERIENCE.



All included pictures feature 2025 event platform. All information in the packet is accurate, but the conference information in the screenshots reflects the 2025 event

Whova GUIDE

HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT

We are looking forward to seeing you at the 2026 National Conference on Addiction Recovery Science on September 23-24, 2026! This virtual conference is using the conference event platform Whova, which is a website and app through which all conference activities are found.

This document reviews how to use Whova and access the following conference activities either on a website browser (first section) or on your phone (second section):

- Sign into Whova to view the NCARS event
- Edit your profile on Whova
- View the conference agenda and create your own personal agenda
- Network
- View our posters
- View and contact our supporters
- Access the Zoom links for each presentation and session

You must be registered to view our event on the Whova app. If you are not yet registered, you can do so at this link: <https://whova.com/portal/registration/AF1WMTPzQgKOHuD@ap1m/>

With any questions, please reach out to a conference organizer at zgerndt@mgh.harvard.edu.

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SECTION 1:

WEB BROWSER

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Signing Into Whova

Web Browser

1. Use the link

<https://whova.com/portal/webapp/3m4-HUvqXMLshhWsEAh0/>

1. Click 'Sign up Here' if you don't have an account yet.

Make sure you use the same email you registered for the conference with.

2. You will automatically be taken to the main page.

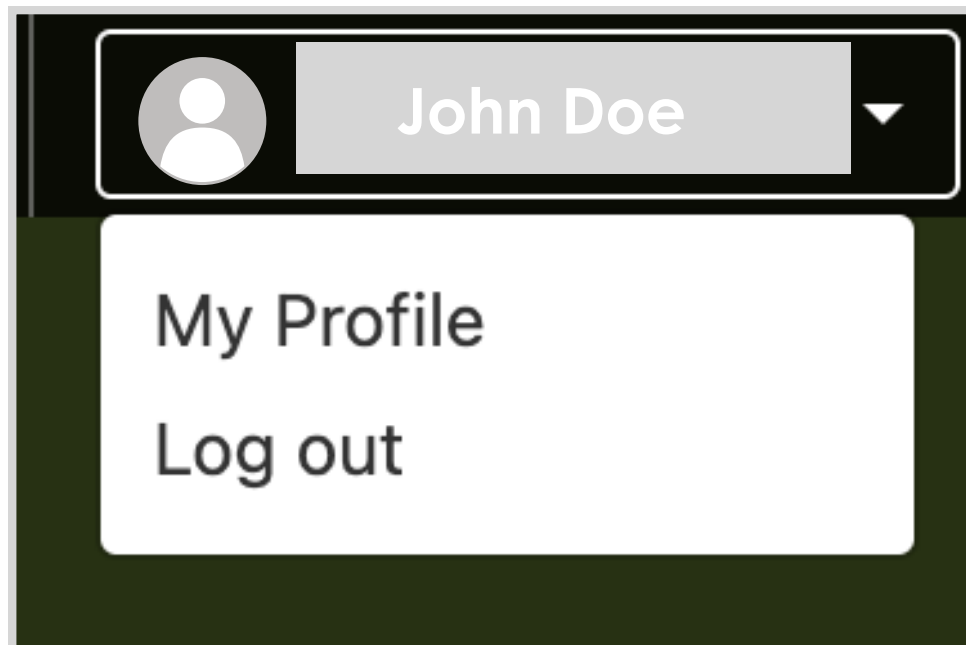


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Editing Your Profile

Web Browser

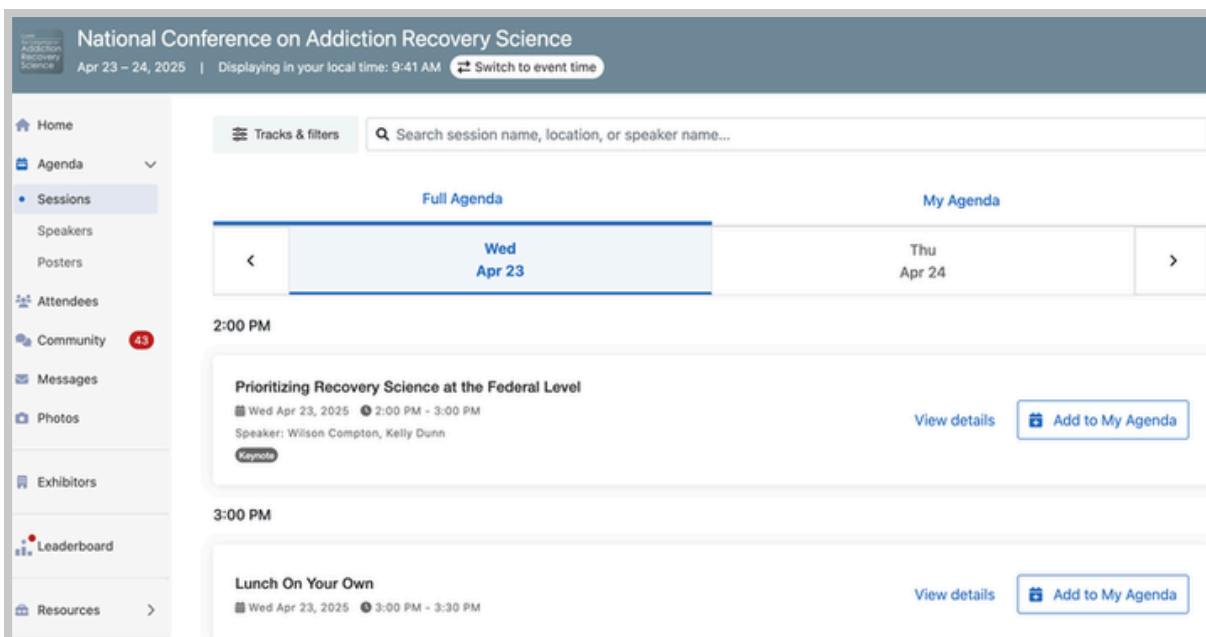
1. In the top righthand corner, click your name and 'My Profile' in the dropdown.
2. You can customize as much or as little as you want! Feel free to add a profile photo, bio, affiliation, social media pages, etc.



3 Viewing the Agenda and Planning Your Schedule

Web Browser

1. Find the Agenda tab on the lefthand side of your screen.
2. You can move through different days by selecting the date you want to view on the calendar at the top of the agenda.
3. Browse or search for sessions on the top bar.
4. To create a personalized agenda, add the sessions you plan to attend by clicking 'Add to My Agenda'.
5. You can choose to view the whole schedule, or your personalized schedule.

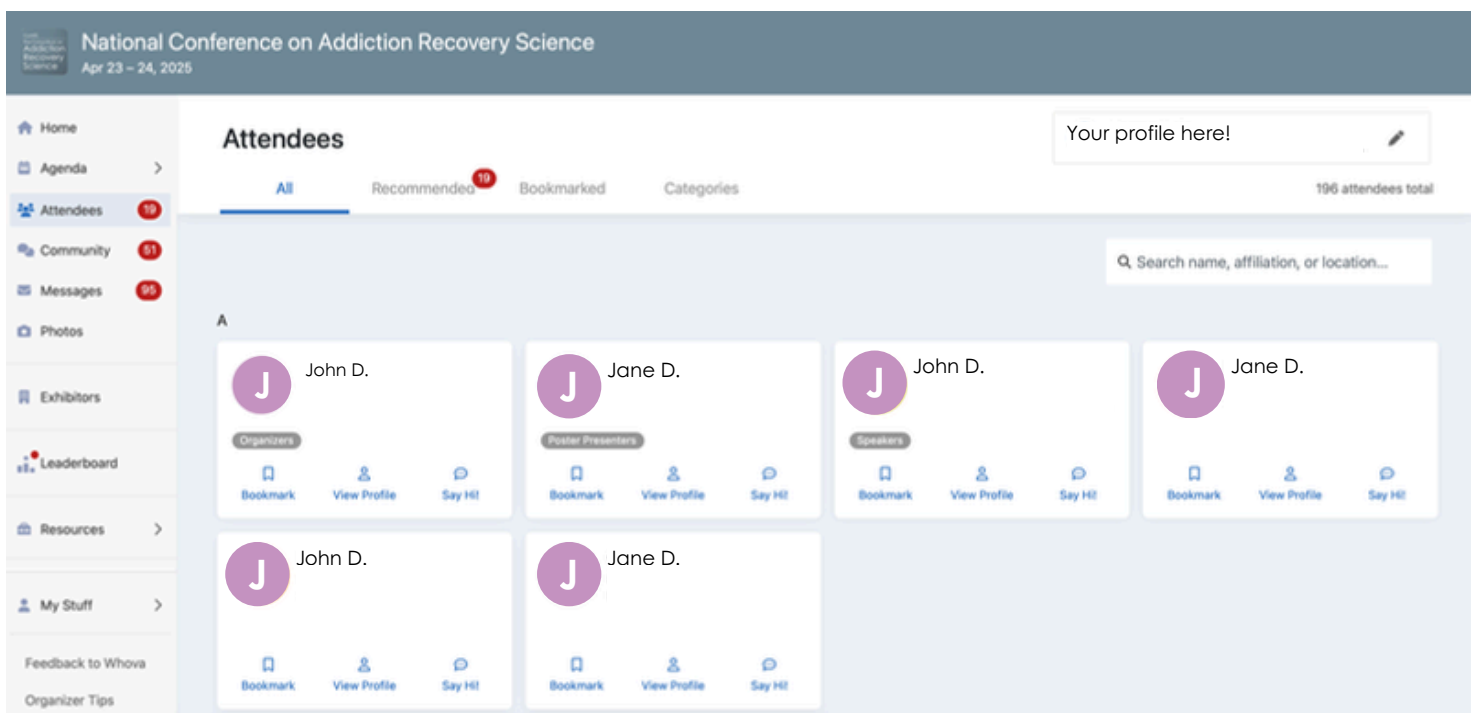


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Networking

Web Browser

1. Find the Attendees tab on the lefthand side of your screen.
2. At the top of the page, you can search attendees by keywords such as company name or title. In their professional profiles, you can take notes or request contact information.
3. To find people with common backgrounds and interests, click the Recommended tab.
4. Say Hi with one click or personalize your message.

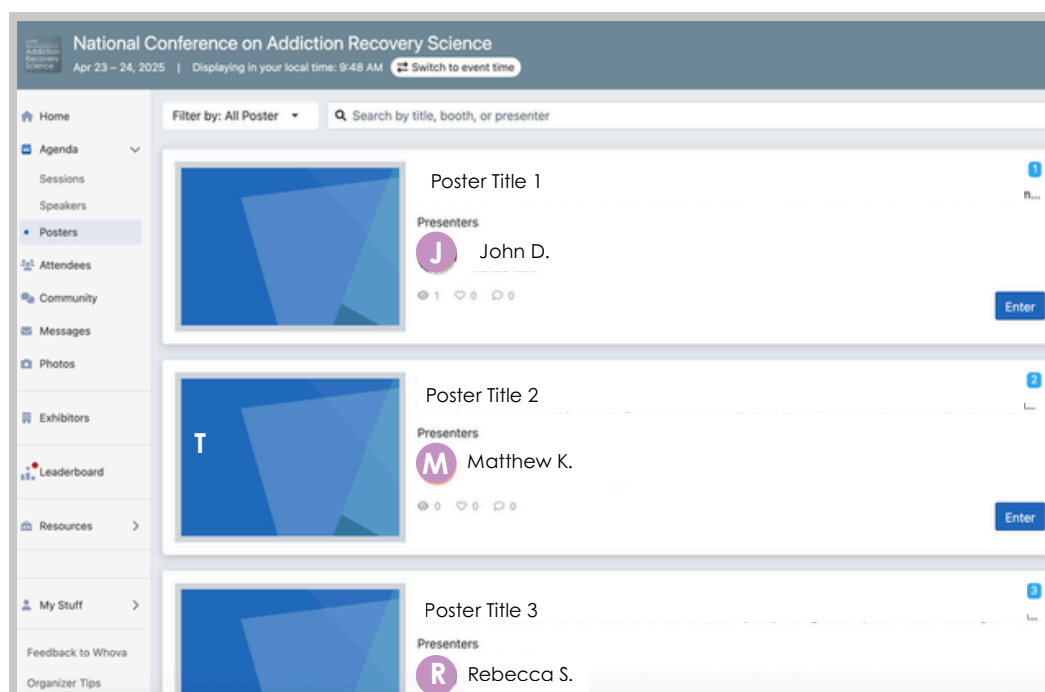


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Posters

Web Browser

1. Find the Agenda tab on the lefthand side of your screen and click the arrow to access the dropdown menu. Then click Posters.
2. In the poster section, you can access the full pdf of the poster, video created by the presenters, and their abstract.
3. On Wednesday, we will be hosting a slideshow of all posters, showing videos of the awardees, and you can go to individual presenters office hours afterwards to ask questions!

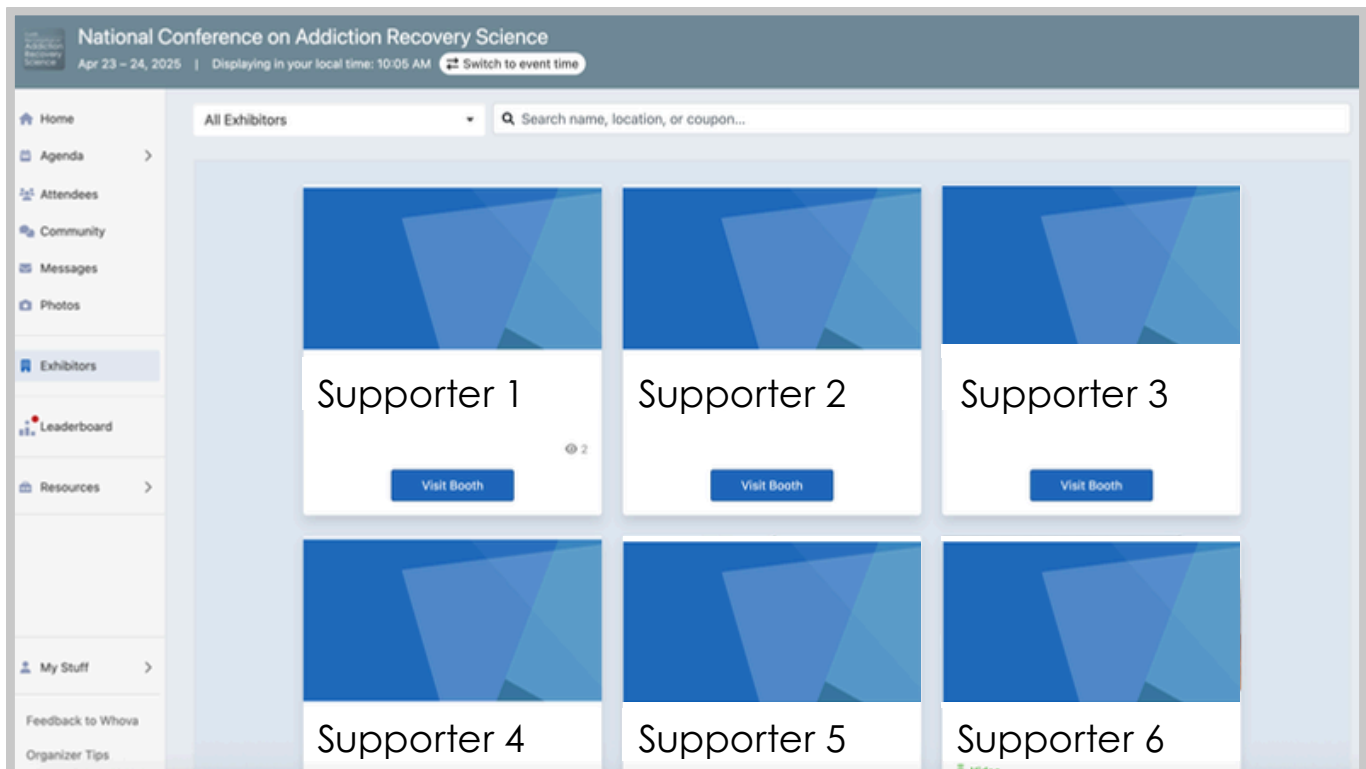


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Supporters

Web Browser

1. To see more information about and connect with our supporters, find the 'Exhibitors' tab on the lefthand side of your screen.
2. You can see all supporters and access each virtual booth. You can also send an inquiry or ask for more information!

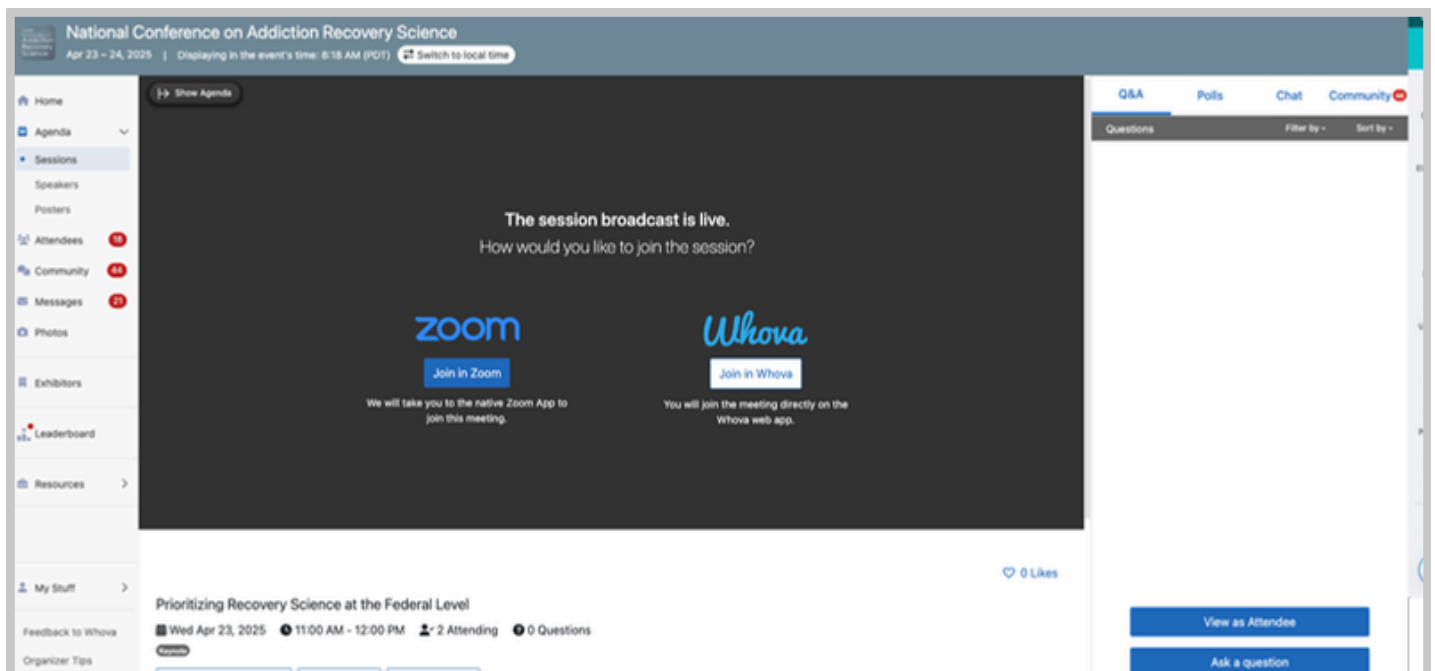


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Session Zoom Links

Web Browser

1. The Zoom link for each individual session is located within its section on the Whova agenda. See page 3 for instructions on how to get there.
2. Once you are in the session, you will see the screen below. You can choose to join in the Zoom app (recommended) or online in Whova.
3. **Each session will have a password to get to the Zoom room.** The session's password will be located at the top of the session description on the same page.



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SECTION 2:

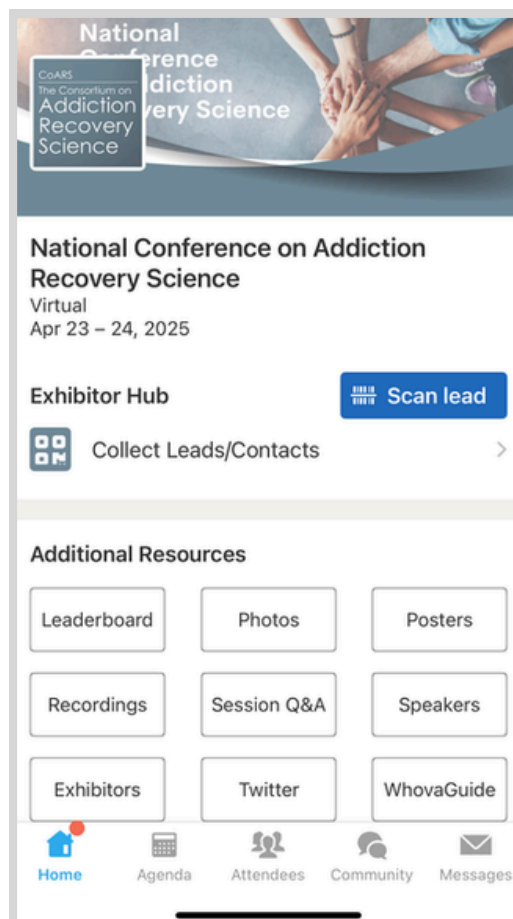
MOBILE APP

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Signing Into Whova

Mobile App

1. Download the Whova app from your phone's app store.
2. Click 'Sign Up / Sign In' and enter your email. **Make sure you use the same email you registered for the conference with.**
3. Create a password and type in your name.
4. You will automatically be taken to the main page.

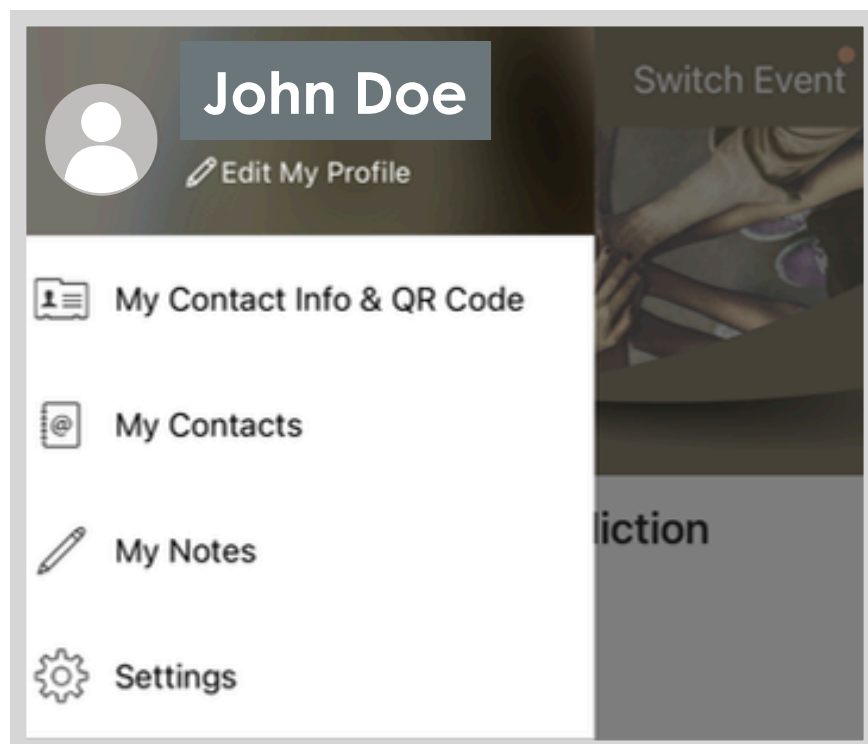


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Editing Your Profile

Mobile App

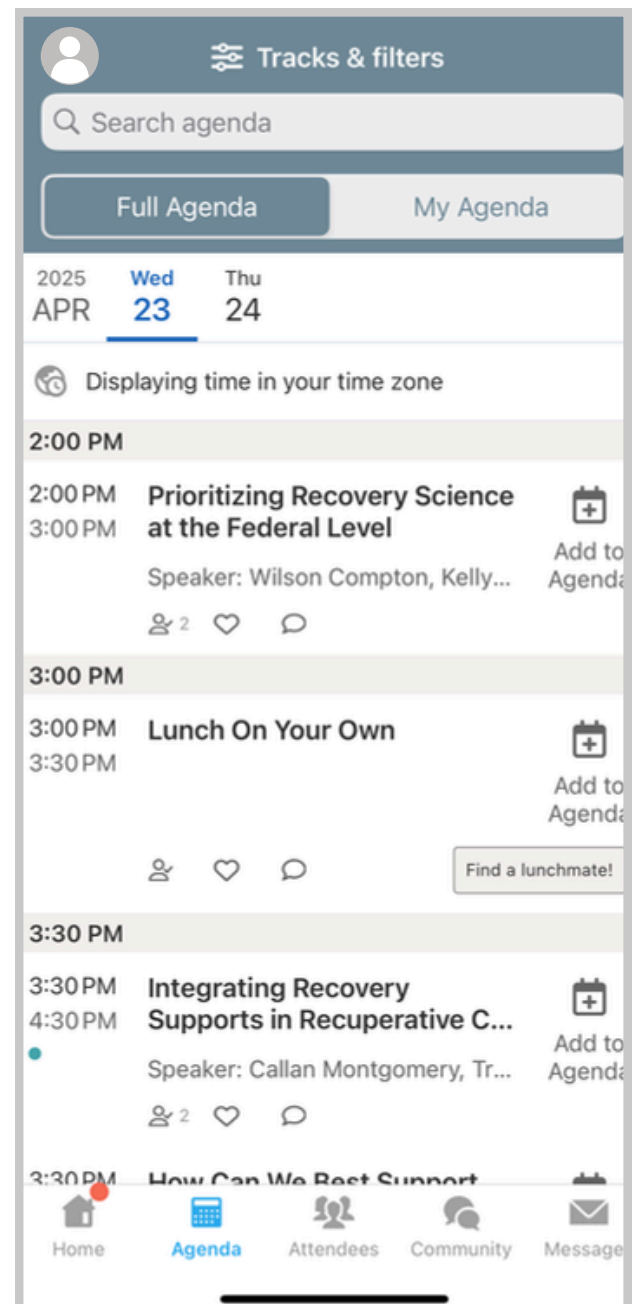
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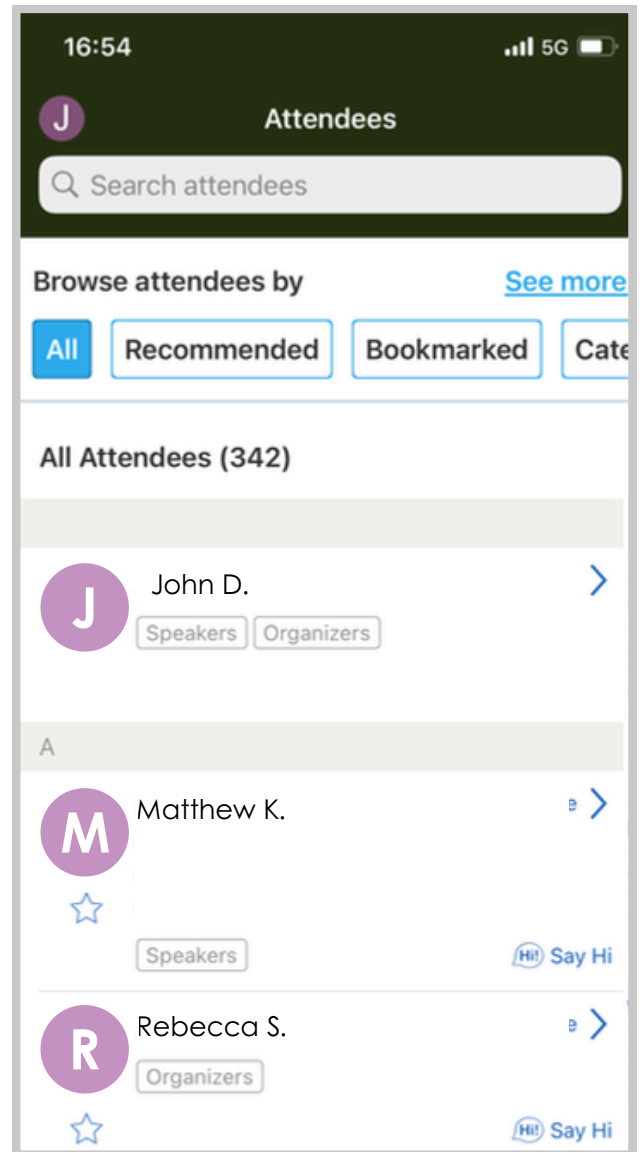


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Networking

Mobile app

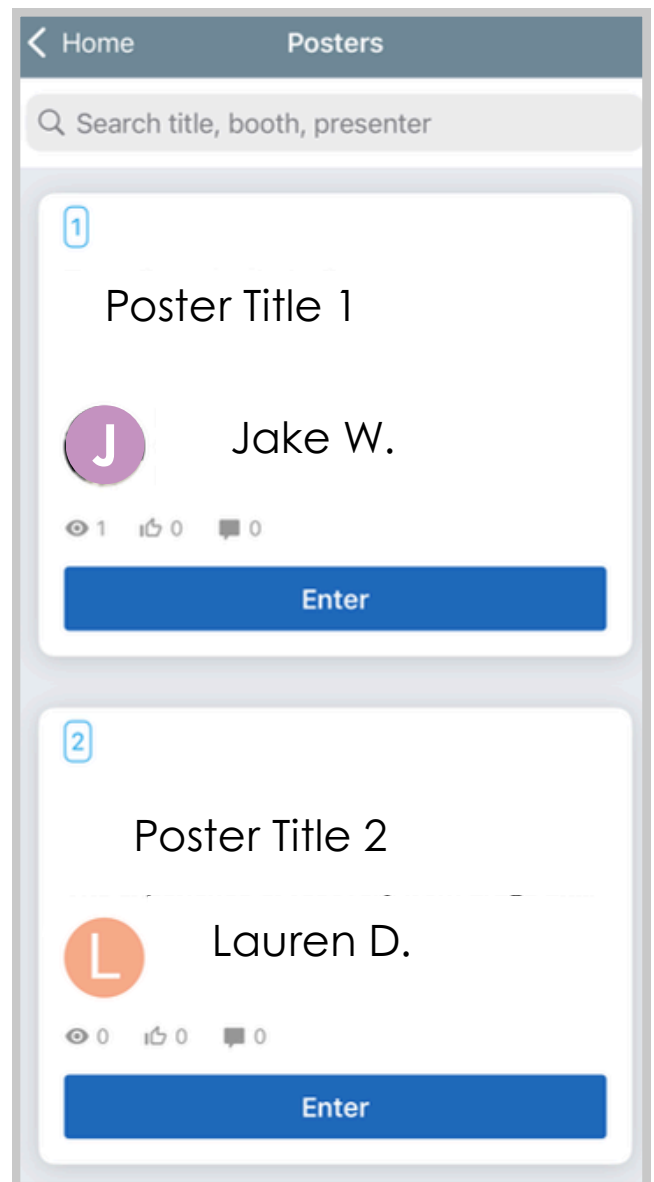
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4. Say Hi with one click or start a private chat by clicking the Message button.



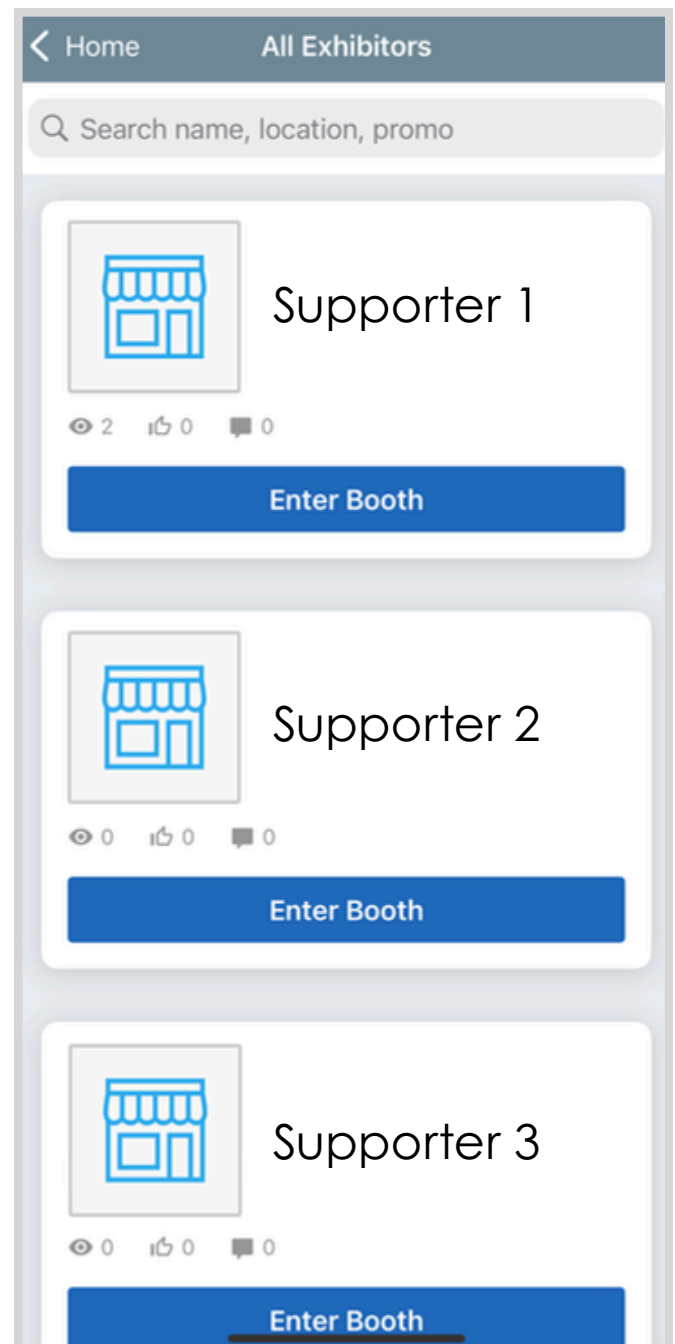
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Session Zoom Links

Mobile App

- 1. Please note that it is recommended to join the virtual Zoom sessions from a computer on the Whova website browser, as Zoom is easier to use that way. However, sessions can be joined on your mobile device via the Whova app if this is not an option for you. To watch on your mobile device, you will also need to download the Zoom app from your phone's app store.*
- The Zoom link for each individual session is located within it's section on the Whova agenda. See page 9 for instructions on how to get there.
- Once you are in the session, you will see a version of the screen below. Select 'Live Stream' under virtual access.
- To view on your computer, select 'Email desktop link' and to view on your phone, select 'Watch in Zoom app.'
- Each session will have a password to get to the Zoom room. The session's password will be located at the top of the session description on the same page.

