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catalyzing research,  
theory and practice



# We are NCFR

A professional profile



The collage consists of four photographs. The top right photo shows a man in a suit and a woman in a white top standing together. The middle left photo shows three people (two men and one woman) standing in front of a poster. The bottom left photo shows two women standing together. The bottom right photo shows two women, one in a blue top and one in a brown top, smiling.



# We are NCFR...

The premier professional association for the multidisciplinary understanding of families.

Our members' interests—as diverse as their careers and backgrounds—are focused on topics and efforts that yield a common benefit:

**...understanding and strengthening families**





# Our organization...

The National Council on Family Relations, established in 1938, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit professional organization focused solely on family research, policy and practice.

Our 3,500 members represent the nation's leading family researchers, educators, and practitioners.



# Our members are...

NCFR attracts professionals from social research, teaching, practice, policy analysis, and human services.

- Leading researchers
  - College faculty and administrators
  - Family educators
  - Marriage and family therapists
  - Counselors
  - University Extension specialists
  - Social workers
  - Health professionals
  - Program and curriculum developers
  - Early childhood educators
  - Clergy
  - Graduate and undergraduate students
- ...and more





# What we do...

- Three major scholarly journals
- Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) credential
- Member magazines, “Zippy” e-news
- Teaching/learning resources
- Local affiliates/student affiliates
- Ten “sections” that focus on member interests
- Career development for students and new professionals
- Premier annual conference
- The online Professional Resource Library...hundreds of articles, videos, and downloads on research and practice



# Our journals...

*Journal of Marriage and Family* . . . JMF, for more than 70 years the premier journal in the area of marriage and family. Editor: David Demo



*Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Studies* . . . FR provides an applied focus for practitioners, educators, and policy professionals. Editor: Ronald Sabatelli



*Journal of Family Theory & Review* . . . New in 2009, JFTR provides a new option for exploring family and relationship theory; complimentary distribution to all journal-subscribing members in 2012. Editor: Robert Milardo



# Our CFLE credential...the standard for family life educators



Certification is provided to family life educators through the Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) credential.

The NCFR CFLE curricular requirements have been incorporated into degree programs at more than 120 colleges and universities.

“I see families empowered when they are taught life skills. It boils down to this: people do better when they know better.”

*Deb Cashen, CFLE,  
Parenting  
Partnerships*





# More about CFLE...

## Benefits of certification

- **Increases your credibility as a professional.**  
CFLEs have met the requirements to provide quality teaching and training.
- **Validates your experience and education.**  
CFLEs demonstrate their knowledge and experience in ten family life education areas.
- **Promotes the value of a preventive approach to family well-being.**
- **Provides networking with other professionals, locally and nationally.**

# Keeping you informed



- NCFR *Report*, the member magazine is published quarterly and features a “Family Focus” section with contributed articles on key topics like adoption, fatherhood, poverty, immigration, and cohabitation.
- *Network* is the CFLE newsletter that includes book reviews, best practices, and news from CFLEs around the world.
- The “Zippy News” e-newsletter provides weekly updates and announcements on family matters: conferences, resources, grants, government programs and reports, member news and more.



# Teaching and learning resources



NCFR publications are great teaching and learning tools for college faculty and family educators

- *Family Life Education: Integrating Theory and Practice* (revised 2009). Excellent professional resource and supplemental text.
- *Tools for Ethical Thinking and Practice* (revised 2009)
- *FLE Syllabus Collection*
- *FLE Internship/Practicum Handbook*
- *Careers in Family Science* (revised 2009). What you can do with your degree—includes real-life testimonials from professionals at all levels.

See all NCFR publications at [www.ncfr.org/products](http://www.ncfr.org/products)

“When it comes to resources on family life education, my department looks to NCFR and its publications. *Family Life Education: Integrating Theory and Practice* and the syllabus collection are great sources for anything related to teaching and practicing FLE. We use the ‘tools’ book in our Ethics and Families course. And we buy hundreds of the *Careers in Family Science* booklets to include in our packets for prospective students.”

**Raeann Hamon, Ph.D., CFLE, Distinguished Professor of Family Science, Messiah College**



# Local connections...

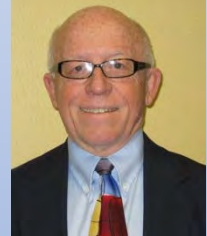
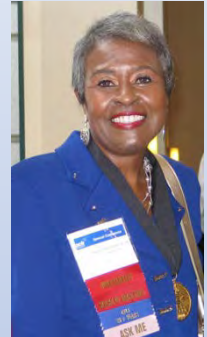


A dozen state affiliate councils gives NCFR a local flavor. Stay in touch with members in your area through conferences, events, and communications.

Plus, 20 student affiliates offer a great option to build your resume and connect your academic experience to real-world opportunities.

The Affiliate Councils provide communication options and conference program events to share information with other local affiliate members.

Dr. Maxine Hammonds Smith and Dr. Richard Sale joined NCFR while in graduate school. Both went on to serve as president of the Texas Council on Family Relations and then took on major roles at the national level in NCFR. Dr. Smith was president of NCFR in 2008-2009; she passed away in 2010 and is greatly missed. Dr. Sale was President of the Affiliate Councils Board.



# Shared interests...NCFR sections make it happen for you



There are ten sections within NCFR, each with a particular area of emphasis. Section members communicate through listservs and web page announcements. Many presentations at the Annual Conference are determined by section submission, review, and sponsorship

- Enrichment and Education
- Ethnic Minorities
- Families and Health
- Family Policy
- Family Social Science
- Family Therapy
- Feminism and Family
- International
- Religion and Family
- Research and Theory

# Students and new professionals start their careers here...



Hundreds of graduate and undergraduate students join NCFR every year. Here's why:

- Honors recognition program
- Presentation opportunities at the annual conference
- Publishing opportunities in journals
- Networking with leading researchers, therapists, and faculty
- Leadership and involvement opportunities in local and university affiliates
- NCFR Career Center resume- and job-posting service
- Access to the latest research and theory involving families
- Awards programs, national-level officer positions for students...and much more



# NCFR Honors Student Recognition Program



Designed to recognize family science/  
family studies students upon graduation for their...

- academic achievement
- leadership ability
- community service

[www.ncfr.org/honors](http://www.ncfr.org/honors)

Lauren Stratton,  
Weber State University, 2009

“My major in family studies was a very natural choice for me. I’ve always been interested in how people interact. My teachers were wonderful, with so much insight; the quality of the education was outstanding.”

A volunteer position teaching life skills to recovering alcoholics and addicts turned into a part-time position for Lauren who is now in a marriage and family therapy master’s program at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington.



# Annual Conference...professional development plus



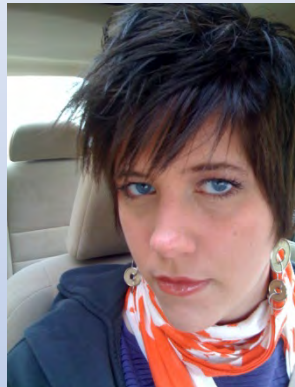
- Stimulating and enlightening...that describes the NCFR annual conference. You'll find major presentations by leading professionals, break-out sessions of all kinds, and informal networking. Grow professionally, establish new contacts, and build lasting relationships.
- More than 400 presenters are involved in symposia, round tables, paper presentations, poster sessions, and panel discussions.

# Why I attend the NCFR Annual Conference



NCFR has embraced the changing culture of family science. What I value most about the annual conference is the openness and enthusiasm for new and collaborative ways of thinking. Looking around the conference you see leading experts and practitioners head-to-head with students and new professionals sharing experiences and ideas with an energy I have not felt at any other professional gathering.

***Amanda Williams, Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant, Oklahoma State University***



NCFR has been my professional home for over three decades. The annual conference quickly became central in my professional development and continues to be so. The conferences expose the most current research, allow opportunities to meet colleagues, mentor new professionals, and just as important, allow renewing friendships over long leisurely dinners.

***Robert M. Milardo, Ph.D., Editor, Journal of Family Theory & Review***





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