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Napoleon once said, "Soldiers win battles and generals get the credit." What he didn't mention is that most soldiers and generals have families who are affected by military life.

This is especially true today. Since the abolition of the draft in 1973, the military services have shifted from two-thirds single personnel to two-thirds married personnel.

In this issue, we explore how the U.S. military promotes readiness by supporting families. As always, we welcome your comments.

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Bridging Research and Practice over the Life Course

NCFR's 3rd Annual Public Policy and Education Conference

Mid-Term Progress Report: Economic Stability for Families 2002

As an organization NCFR is very concerned about TANF Reauthorization and its impact on families. Thus, TANF Reauthorization will be the focus of the 3rd Annual Public Policy Conference, Mid-Term Progress Report: Economic Stability for Families 2002. This conference will address the issues that promise to be vital to at-risk American families: TANF Reauthorization, Food Stamp Legislation, Child-Care Development, Social Security Reform, Rural Families, as well as a broad overview of recent research priorities in the behavioral and social sciences identified for NIH. The 2002 Conference Keynote will be Dr. Wade Horn, the Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). Dr. Horn, the Administration official point person regarding TANF Reauthorization, will address the pertinent issues related to TANF.

Another highlight of the conference is this year's recipient of the NCFR Congressional Service to Families Award: the Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee (D) of Houston, Texas. The Award Reception will take place the evening of Thursday, April 18, 2002. Congresswoman Jackson Lee was selected as the recipient of this distinguished award for her diligent efforts to strengthen families. She has distinguished herself as a staunch defender of the Constitution, civil



NCFR Congressional
Service to Families
Award recipient
Sheila Jackson Lee

rights and juvenile justice, protection of America's health needs, gun safety and responsibility, economic empowerment for low and middle income America. In addition, the Congresswoman has been outspoken on human rights issues and has

passed legislation that instructs the National Science Foundation to donate surplus computers and scientific equipment to elementary and secondary schools. During the first term of the 107th Congress, the Congresswoman authored H. Con. Res. 228 "Put our Children First Resolution of 2001." This bill was ultimately passed in the House. NCFR commends Representative Jackson Lee for her tireless efforts to help the children and families get the support they need and deserve.

The Annual Public Policy Conference is both intimate and engaging. This year we anticipate approximately 100-125 attendees will convene to participate in the most urgent and relevant family policy initiatives. This annual event has been planned to provide attendees with an intimate experience that enables one-on-one interaction with

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Members of Congress, administrators of federal agencies, leaders of major advocacy groups, and additional key policy makers in Washington D.C.

Past public policy conference attendees have included experts in family policy, members with merely an interest in family policy, and people with little to no experience who have had a desire to learn about the political process and its

effects on family. This interactive conference is the perfect forum to meet the needs of NCFR members with any level of policy experience. The only prerequisite for this conference is the desire to be a part of the process!

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Capital at Smithsonian. The Holiday Inn is easily accessible to Reagan National Airport, the Capital Complex, the Smithsonian Museum and all other Washington D.C. attractions.

This two-day conference is heavily concentrated with plenary sessions, issue briefings, and receptions. The Public Policy Conference culminates with a congressional Hill visit that enables attendees to personally meet with their representatives. Attendees are able to develop relationships with key policy makers. These relationships are vital for NCFR members to utilize their expertise in family science to influence public policy. Join NCFR's public policy committee as we seek to influence policy by contributing empirical family research to the political process.

Report

of The National Council on
Family Relations

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LEGISLATION ALERT

The 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) created the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. Authorization for the TANF program ends September 30, 2002. For the TANF program to continue, the United States Congress must pass, and the President must sign, legislation reauthorizing that program prior to that date. Although reauthorization could simply involve extending the funding period, it is more likely that Congress and the President will consider several key policy changes. During the same time period, Congress will also consider other legislation affecting low-income families and children, including the reauthorization of the Food Stamp and child-care programs, and the future of welfare-to-work legislation.

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2001 NCFR Fellows

The 2001 Fellowship Committee selected ten nominees for Fellowship status within the National Council on Family Relations during the annual conference in Rochester, NY.

The fellows were nominated by their peers and selected for their history of outstanding contributions to the field of family studies in such areas as published scholarship, innovative and influential teaching presentations, development and implementation of significant intervention of programs designed to promote healthy family relations, development and implementation of innovative curricula for training professionals in family studies, social policy support for family issues, and a consistent record of superior contributions to NCFR over time.

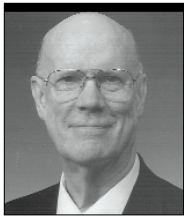
THE NEW NCFR FELLOWS ARE:



- **Alan Acock** is professor and chair of Human Development and Family Science at Oregon State University. He is widely recognized as a family research

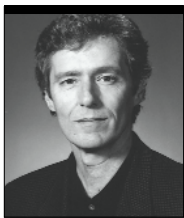
methodologist. His work has also contributed to understanding adolescence and intergenerational relations. He is a lifetime member of NCFR where he has served on numerous committees and chaired several positions in the organization. He served on the Reuben Hill Committee and chaired the Theory Construction Research Methodology Preconference.

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• **Bert Adams** is professor emeritus of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. His contributions to understanding the family

have been significant as evidenced through his many books and research articles on the family. His work has focused on marital relations, mate selection, and kinship systems. He is a past president of NCFR and he has contributed to developing and planning the Family Theory Workshop of NCFR.



• **Paul Amato** is professor of Sociology at Pennsylvania State University. His research has made significant contributions to understanding family life on the causes

and consequences of divorce, the effects of marital quality on children, and cohort and generational difference in family relationships. He has served as program chair (2001-2002) for NCFR, and he has served in other important capacities in NCFR, such as chair of the Burgess Award and as a member of the Reuben Hill Award Committee.



• **Gary Bowen** is the Williams R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His research con-

tributions in promoting work and family systems and on at-risk children in the school and community are recognized both nationally and internationally. He is an active member of NCFR and he has served on numerous committees over the years. He served with distinction as Vice-President of membership of NCFR.

• **Marilyn Coleman** is professor of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She has conducted extensive research on remarriage and stepfamilies. Her work has made a significant contri-



bution to understanding the complex dynamics of marital relations and parent-child relationships. Her work is widely cited and used by other scholars. She is

an active member of NCFR where she has served as editor of the *Journal of Marriage and the Family* and she served on both the Reuben Hill and Burgess Award Committees.



• **Carol Darling** is professor of Family and Child Sciences at Florida State University. Her scholarly work has significantly contributed to developing teaching

methodologies, models, and programs. Her research has also focused on sexual relationships and female sexuality. She has served in many capacities in her long affiliation with NCFR, most notably committees concerned with teaching. She was a member of the Standards and Criteria for Certification of Family Life Educators and she chaired the Education and Enrichment section of NCFR.



• **Lawrence Ganong** is professor of Nursing and Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has widely pub-

lished in several research areas such as remarriage and stepfamilies, post-divorce families, and family obligations. He has made numerous important contributions to NCFR that include chairing the Remarriage and Stepfamily Focus Group, serving as Vice-Chair of the Family and Health section, and serving as a member of the Editorial Boards of both *Family Relations* and the *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

• **Shirley Harmon Hanson** is professor of nursing at Oregon Health Sciences University. She has written extensively about topics on fathers and fatherhood, family assessment, and family transi-



tions. She has a long service record in NCFR. She has been a member and served as chair of numerous committees in NCFR. She was Vice-Chair and Chair of the

Family and Health section and was a member of the Reuben Hill Award Committee.



• **Patrick McKenry** is professor of Human Development and Family Science, and the Ohio Agricultural Research Development Center at Ohio State University. He is also

Adjunct professor of African American and African Studies at Ohio State. He has published extensively on family stress and coping through his articles and books that focus on divorce, domestic violence, and adolescence. He has a long service record in NCFR where he has served on numerous committees. He has served as Vice-President for Program and he has served on the CFLE Committee.



• **Joe Pittman** is professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Auburn University. His research and writings have contributed to understanding work

and family issues and adolescent development. His scholarly work has also contributed to developing conceptual and theoretical views on work-family linkages. He has a long service record with NCFR where he has served on numerous committees. He has served as Vice-President of Publications and treasurer for NCFR, and he was elected as an at-large board member of NCFR.

Nominations for next year's class of NCFR Fellows are now open. For detailed information on how to nominate a fellow, call NCFR at 888-781-9331 or e-mail ncfr3989@ncfr.org.



Reflections on the Diversity Forum

As I reflect on the Diversity Forum, I am pleased that NCFR is involved in honoring diversity. Although my social location as a Black woman makes it easy for me to think about diversity, the Diversity Forum reminds me that others are involved in the social movement toward honoring everyone, especially individuals who live in the margins of society.

The Diversity Forum helped me to reassess my professional decision-making. I left the forum convinced that the need to move forward while looking backward at the complex history, politics, economics, and education of each

group in the margins of U. S. society continues to be a deep rooted need of this society and social science professionals. I am convicted that there is a critical need to expand our scholarship, education, and application of diversity.

During the Diversity Forum facilitated by William Allen at the 2001 Annual Conference in Rochester, New York, panelists and members discussed their views on how to understand and improve diversity within the organization. This reflective discussion included an acknowledgement of the organization's good efforts toward improving and understanding diversity. Michael

Benjamin reminded us of recent efforts to build professional alliances between NCFR and the Historic Black Colleges and Universities, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACUs), and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC). Benjamin has also sought funds to support NCFR's efforts toward diversity: one such effort was his request to the Annie E. Casey Foundation to fund work on issues of community capacity. Dr. Edith Lewis spoke with hope and optimism as she encouraged us to celebrate the things we have done that are working — on both the micro- and macro-levels.

NCFR Receives Foundation Grant

During the Christmas holidays, NCFR received notification that a grant of \$75,000 had been awarded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The grant is intended to advance the Foundation's knowledge about selected family issues and contribute to the scholarly literature and debate in those areas.

This initiative is in part based on NCFR's 2001 Annual Conference Presidential Session on family-centered community building. As a backdrop, studies from a variety of disciplines have found evidence that community and neighborhood factors play a significant role in family stability, childrearing strategies, and children's psychosocial functioning and educational achievement particularly with regard to low-income families. Community building has a long tradition of systemic efforts to revitalize neighborhoods and empower residents. Family-centered community building is a relatively new emphasis that puts concerns of families at the center of such change. How this emerging field is being defined, what family theories, research and practice issues are most relevant to it will in part be the grist for this initiative.

In our proposal, we listed the following activities:

- convene three study groups, each consisting of about eight researchers and practitioners recognized for their expertise to address key topics related to family change;
- publish 2-3 fact sheets around the selected topics;
- produce a special issue of the *NCFR Report*; and
- publish a special issue of *Family Relations*.

This is an eighteen-month project with Kay Pasley, Editor of *FR*, and Michael L. Benjamin, NCFR Executive Director, serving as co-project directors. For more information, interested persons can contact either Kay at 336/256-0095, FamilyRelations@uncg.edu; or Michael at 888/781-9331, mbenjamin@ncfr.org.

For more than half a century, the Annie E. Casey Foundation has worked to build better futures for disadvantaged children and their families in the United States. Its stated mission is to foster public policies, improved human services, and community supports that effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families.



HONORING DIVERSITY

This optimism was tempered by the recognition that NCFR needs to create a supportive and progressive climate that honors and understands diversity. First of all, Dr. Francisco Villarruell asked how NCFR defines "diversity"? Have we as members articulated a collective vision of diversity? Do we honor diversity as a shared value? Have we taken on the moral responsibility for working toward a more diverse organization? Secondly, Dr. Estella Martinez emphasized the importance of having the active support of the Board of Directors. Thirdly, Dr. Lewis' suggested the need for long-term "fixes" or approaches to understanding and honoring diversity.

Both the changing demographic composition of the American population and the evolving global economy have prompted a resurgence in the study of diverse families. Do we as an organization accept the pivotal role we can play in educating ourselves, our students, and other professionals about the win-win stance of honoring diversity? If the number of Hispanic families is growing in major cities in the United States, how are we preparing future professionals and ourselves to address the needs of their families? As the global economy continues to expand, how are we preparing to deal with professionals and families on the continents of Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America?

Dr. Villarruell suggested the need for mentoring, teaching, and outreach. Mentoring was described as a care experience and a supportive relationship. Mentors also were characterized as

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President's Report

NCFR: Looking Back, Moving Forward

When talking with NCFR members, the most frequently asked questions are related to how the Carver Model of Board Governance is working for NCFR and what it is like to be on the Board of Directors in the new Carver era. My reply is the same for both questions—wonderful, meaningful, and thankful. In looking back, NCFR will be forever grateful to the leadership provided by the presidents, executive director, and other board members that facilitated this transition. While past NCFR presidents used to have a theme or special project affiliated with their presidency, former presidents, Greer Litton Fox and Bill Doherty, along with former executive director, Mary Jo Czaplewski, had the courage to establish this governance change as their special goal and provide the impetus for this remarkable evolution in NCFR's history. For many of you who receive NCFR publications and attend conferences, the differences may seem slight. However, when looking at the focus of our organization and how we conduct our business, we have greatly changed and forever will be indebted to the leadership who gave us this gift. While this was not an easy task, the commitment and dedication of our leaders have made a real impact on our future.

Presidents no longer have a special project since the board works together as a unit and speak in "one voice." Because all members, and not special constituencies, elect the board, we are committed to representing the entire membership in developing and moving forward with the goals of our organization. Therefore, board members try to be available and/or involved with section meetings and other sessions to bring back to the board any issues of concern to our members. We also do not micro-manage the NCFR executive director and staff as they work to carry out the goals of the organization. Rather than deal with the "means" of how NCFR accomplishes its tasks, we deal with policy issues related to the "ends" of our organization. We have two overall ends

that guide what we do: 1) NCFR members will have the knowledge and skills to study, teach about, and serve families, and 2) Families, professionals, and public decision makers will be better informed about family well-being. These

Please vote in the upcoming elections, including our bylaws changes, and respond to our membership survey.

ends facilitate long-range planning with an emphasis on our future. Since many section officers and members have asked to learn more about the Carver Model of Board Governance, we will be adding some of this information to our website.

In light of these "ends" and the desire to serve our members, we are moving forward in several areas. You will be receiving a ballot to vote on various bylaws changes. Last June, a Carver consultant met with the Board of Directors and noted some areas in which we needed to update our bylaws and revise our governance policies. Some of the bylaws were outdated, because they dealt with issues concerning the transition to the Carver Model that were no longer applicable. We also found that some statements in our Policy Governance Manual were more suited to be included in our bylaws and vice versa. Although these bylaws changes do not reflect any major alterations in our governance structure, they help to update our bylaws and clarify to NCFR members our current functioning.

We will also be conducting a member survey, which we have not done for several years. We need your input on issues related to the Annual Meeting, Certified Family Life Educator Program, public policy agenda, and Student/New Professional issues. We have NCFR committees that are studying ways to improve the quality of the annual meeting, to examine new directions for the CFLE program, to determine ways NCFR can contribute to the public poli-

cy dialogue on family issues, and to facilitate the integration of Student/New Professionals into NCFR. The Board encourages your response to this survey, so we can best meet the needs of our members and move forward with the "ends" of our organization.

We are excited to see the evolution of NCFR's efforts in the public policy arena. For several years, Margaret Feldman, our NCFR Policy Representative in Washington D.C., has been dedicated to promoting our public policy initiatives. Since public policy is one of our "ends," we have been giving increased attention to the policy arena. NCFR's main goal is to emphasize policy education over policy advocacy. One such effort to educate individuals, families, NCFR members, and policy makers is through the publication, *Public Policy through a Family Lens: Sustaining Families in the 21st Century*. This publication, which was supported in part through funding by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, highlights policy recommendations that will promote and sustain the healthy functioning of families. The authors encourage all individuals, who work with families or develop programs and policies that affect families, to make a greater effort to view their work through a "family lens." Included in this document is a *Checklist for Assessing the Impact of Policies and Programs on Families*, which can be used

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NCFR WANTS TO KNOW

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Executive Review

Status Report 2001

As we closed out 2001, I thought it would be important to report on many of the successes NCFR had during this past year. Although it was a particularly tough year for many of us — given the unprecedented terrorist attacks on the U.S. — NCFR members stepped up to the plate to address needs of families affected by the World Trade Center Towers catastrophe. For example, Pauline Boss of the University of Minnesota organized teams of faculty and family therapy interns who flew “bi-weekly to New York to do in-building and in-office counseling as well as family meetings and training workshops on ambiguous loss for therapists.” (See her article in the December 2001 *Family Focus*.) Charles Figley of Florida State University and founder of Green Cross Projects had a group of traumatologists provide direct services to New York victims as well. And from our own staff, Sasha Smith organized a fundraising drive in concert with the American Society of Association Executives. These are but a few examples of NCFR at work during these very trying times!

In spite of the downward trend of the U.S. stock market, the general financial picture at the close of the fiscal year (May 30, 2001) shows that NCFR is financially stable with a total fund balance of \$907,588 (see financial reports on page 7). The organization reported total assets of \$1,588,247 and total liabilities of \$680,028 for the fiscal year.

During this last year, we continued to focus on three goals:

- 1) To establish NCFR as an influential player in public policy.
- 2) To increase NCFR's visibility nationally and internationally so as to better impact family life.
- 3) To improve member acquisition and retention.

The following is a summary of our successes in meeting these goals.

1) Establish NCFR as an influential player in public policy.

PUBLIC POLICY CONFERENCE

The Second Annual Public Policy Conference was held March 1-2, 2001 in

Washington, D.C. with 53 paid registrants, as compared with 43 paid registrants in 2000, a 23 percent increase, with overall attendance comparable to last year. Eleanor Clift, noted Washington journalist, was the keynote speaker. Theodora Ooms with CLASP and Lauren Fasig with the Society for Research in Child Development provided an orientation for those who visited elected officials on the Hill. Congresswoman Nancy L. Johnson from Connecticut received the 2001 Special Services to Families Award.

Conference attendees were able to engage many of their congressional delegates on issues related to family well-being. NCFR's latest public policy document, *Public Policy Through a Family Lens: Sustaining Families in the 21st Century*, was given to all members of Congress. In addition, copies of *Family Lens* were presented to key state legislators in human services at this summer's National Conference of State Legislatures Annual Meeting.

The Third Annual NCFR Public Policy Conference is slated for April 18-19, 2002, also in Washington, D.C. Its theme is “Mid-Term Progress Report: Congressional and Administration Update — Families 2002.” An important new feature of this conference will be the unique opportunity for NCFR members to share their family policy research papers with their colleagues and members of Congress and the Administration.

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

At the March 1, 2001, Public Policy Committee meeting, chaired by Thomas R. Chibucos, Director of Bowling Green State University's School of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Committee drafted its committee structure, terms of office and officers, goal statement and general guidelines, rules of committee operation, proposed strategic intent and actions, and the responsibilities of the chair.

At the annual conference in Rochester, the Public Policy Committee sponsored three major seminars focusing on educating and influencing public

officials. Speakers for these sessions include Louisiana State Representative Sharon Weston Broome, the first African American female elected to the Louisiana State Legislature, and Lee Posey, of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

NCFR RECOMMENDATIONS ON RURAL POLICY

On July 25, 2001, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tommy G. Thompson announced the HHS Initiative on Rural Communities, a Department-wide effort to improve the provision of health and human services to rural families and individuals.

In responding to the Task Force's request for input, we submitted a detailed response that made four recommendations:

- Create an initiative to target the media (television, movies and print) with solid research information to educate the writers and producers about content that would help debunk existing myths and stereotypes. Under the Clinton Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy provided funding support to various nonprofit organizations to filter the research information to writers and producers via fact sheets and workshops with the Writers Guild and Producers Guild in Los Angeles.
- Develop a program targeted to rural communities in the Office of Community Services (OCS), Administration for Children and Families, DHHS, that would replicate the current 2001 Assets for Independence Demonstration Program (IDA). One of IDA's goals is to create meaningful asset accumulation opportunities for households eligible for TANF as well as other eligible individuals and families. The current IDA program has an urban focus; it should be expanded to address rural communities.
- Convene a group of family scientists, such as the NCFR's focus group on Rural Families and Communities, to identify strategic developmental issues in rural family and community research.

EXHIBIT A

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2001 AND 2000

	2001	2000
Support and Revenue:		
Contributions:		
Unrestricted	\$ 37,578	\$ 1,175
Dues	336,035	238,453
Fees and Subscriptions	474,104	541,246
Registration and Exhibits	205,051	164,566
Investment Income:		
Interest and Dividends	31,140	53,548
Realized Loss	(6,088)	27,616
Unrealized Gain	4,586	29,717
Miscellaneous	4,343	3,620
Total Support and Revenue	1,086,749	1,059,941
Expense:		
Program Services:		
Membership	224,991	210,676
Information Dissemination	283,341	353,036
Educational Activities	403,187	318,327
Total Program Services	911,519	882,039
Support Services:		
Management and General	182,131	222,294
Total Expense	1,093,650	1,104,333
Change in Net Assets	(6,901)	(44,392)
Net Assets - Unrestricted - Beginning of Year	914,489	958,881
Net Assets - Unrestricted - End of Year	<u>\$ 907,588</u>	<u>\$ 914,489</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

EXHIBIT B

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
MAY 31, 2001 AND 2000

	2001	2000
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 21,956	\$ 34,944
Accounts Receivable	56,501	23,094
Interest Receivable	12,155	14,848
Inventory	19,625	14,011
Prepaid Expenses	14,706	11,017
Total Current Assets	124,943	97,914
Furniture, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements - Net	84,712	72,836
Investments	1,378,592	1,481,728
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,588,247</u>	<u>\$ 1,652,478</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 18,295	\$ 68,506
Accrued Salaries Payable	6,513	4,612
Accrued Vacation Payable	8,800	11,082
Other Accrued Liabilities	2,640	3,478
Deferred Revenue	213,726	224,639
Award Funds Held	282,737	272,011
Funds Held for Affiliates and Sections	129,317	140,478
Total Current Liabilities	662,028	724,806
Long-term Liabilities:		
Deferred Revenue	18,631	13,183
Total Liabilities	680,659	737,989
Net Assets - Unrestricted	907,588	914,489
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,588,247</u>	<u>\$ 1,652,478</u>

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- Target specific research funds to assist researchers in rural family and community research.

2) Increase NCFR's visibility nationally and internationally to better impact family life.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NCFR's major event in reaching, communicating and educating colleagues and other professionals from around the world was our Annual Conference held November 6-11, 2001 in Rochester, NY. Our theme for the conference was "Families, Stress, & Coping: Bridging Theory and Practice." In light of the September 11th terrorist attack on America, we added two special sessions make this conference even more relevant to our membership and other professionals. Charles R. Figley and Kathleen R. Regan Figley, noted experts in the field of trauma and families, presented "How Can Family Professionals Reach Out to Assist Others in Times of National Trauma?" A second session, "Teaching About the Effects of Terrorism on Children and Families," was presented by James Garbarino, Judith Myers-Walls, Dennis Orthner, and Paul Rosenblatt, all of whom are noted for their work on the impact of trauma on children and families.

On the financial side, we had budgeted an income of \$198,000 for the conference but fell short by \$33,000 to reach a mark of \$165,251. Our registrations were 1,103; for comparison purposes, we had 1,455 registrants in 2000 for the Minneapolis Conference and 1,088 registrants in 1999 in Irvine, California. To entice more practitioners and educators to the conference we obtained external Continuing Education Units (CEU) sponsorships from George Mason University (Virginia), Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA), and the National Board for Certified Counselors. To attract New York State professionals, we worked with a number of state-level organizations including the New York State Board of Education, state and local chapters of EAPA, and the Society for Human Resource Management.

Our pre-conference events, such as the Work/Life Summit II and the Red Cross Certified Relief Mental Health Training, continued to broaden our appeal to the business and research community and mental health professionals in Western New York. The Work/Life Summit with its theme "Upstate New York: A Great Place to Work — A Greater Place to Raise a Family" built its activities on the

research findings of Cornell University's Employment and Family Careers Institute. Summit keynote presenter was Ellen Galinsky of New York's Family and Work Institute. Nationally known expert Jack Herrmann conducted the Red Cross disaster-training course.

UNITED NATIONS — The Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (2004)

In early October, we began discussions with Dr. Amr Ghaleb, Chief, Family Unit of the UN's Department of Economic and Social Affairs began discussions about how NCFR might collaborate in preparations for the Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF). A major focus of Ghaleb's efforts will be to identify and exchange international "how to" approaches to developing a framework for family-policy development. Five critical areas are under consideration:

- Technology and its impact on the family;
- Approaches to the development of family policies;
- Indicators and statistics for family well-being;
- Parental roles and intra-familial support system; and

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- HIV/AIDS and its impact on families.

As we did in 1994, NCFR is expected to act in full partnership with the UN in this important endeavor.

CERTIFIED FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

Last year the Board authorized a market analysis for family life, parent, and marriage education. Human Resources Research Organization, (HumRRO), contractor for this effort, completed its work this summer and made a formal presentation at the November 2001 Board meeting. The purpose of the analysis was to gain employer views on CFLE certification and the fields of parent and marriage education. The analysis included questions on employer perceptions of the current CFLE requirements, current practices regarding employees with the CFLE designation, and suggestions for improvements to the CFLE program.

PRESS RELEASES

We continue to generate press releases of outstanding articles in the *Journal of Marriage and Family* and frequently the popular press and other professional organizations pick up the articles. And beginning this year, we'll generate press releases of articles in *Family Relations* as well.

ELECTRONIC ACCESS

In October, we completed negotiations with JSTOR to have the full text of all issues of *FR* (1951-1999) and *JMF* (1939-1999) included in JSTOR's Arts & Sciences II Archive Collection. This will be completed before the end of 2002. Depending on their membership classification (*colleague*: two journals or *associate*: one journal), NCFR members will be able to access all *FR* and *JMF* articles from the first volume through the current issue online. Users will find the process seamless, whether the issues are archived by JSTOR or Allen Press. In addition to NCFR members, institutions, such as university libraries, will have access to online subscriptions.

JSTOR, which stands for "journal storage," was established as an independent not-for-profit organization in 1995. Its mission is to help the scholarly community take advantage of advances in information technology. Among its goals are to build a reliable and comprehensive archive of important scholarly journal literature and to assist scholarly associations and publishers in making the transition to electronic modes of publication.

In addition to the JSTOR initiative, we just completed work with Sociological Abstracts. Institutional users will now have access via the Sociological Abstracts database to *FR* and *JMF* abstracts. We are also working on updating PsychInfo's database with all of our journal citations. Another recent electronic initiative — unrelated to Allen Press, JSTOR or the databases — is the arrival of the weekly "ZIPPY E-mail NEWS" on the members' listserv. These news briefs provide updates on topics of particular interest to NCFR members.

3) Improve member acquisition and retention.

GENERAL MARKETING EFFORTS

Although we did two direct mailing campaigns to non-NCFR Affiliate Council members and the Peterson Professor List, NCFR and CFLE have continued to focus marketing efforts on exhibiting at conferences and member campaigns. We are nevertheless evaluating where we get the most bang for our marketing buck.

NCFR exhibited at the Stepfamily Association conference, the Society for Research in Child Development, the Coalition for Marriage Family and Couple Education (Smart Marriages), and the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

We plan to exhibit at the Pennsylvania/Delaware Council on Family Relations, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (AAMFT), the American Sociological Association (ASA), the American Psychological Association (APA), the University of North Texas Center for Parent Education, the Family Support America (FSA) conference and others.

At minimal cost, we also continue to market our member and CFLE brochures, journals and other materials through Association Book Exhibit at other conferences including National Association of School Psychologists, Midwestern Psychological Association, American Geriatric Association, National Women's Studies Association, and the American Family Therapy Academy.

THE CONTRIBUTION OF CFLE

The CFLE Program continues to make important contributions to NCFR rolls. Since January 2001, the CFLE department

has brought 115 new members into NCFR. This represents 22 percent of new members!

MEMBER-GET-A-MEMBER CAMPAIGN

Since personal recruitment is one of the most effective strategies for recruiting and retaining new members, our Member-Get-A-Member Campaign focused on the recruitment of new members by current members. This campaign started August 1st and will run through October 31st, 2002.

It's a win-win situation: NCFR wins by gaining new members; the recruited colleagues win access to NCFR membership benefits and enhance their professionalism; and the member wins a free quarter of membership and a chance for a four-day Caribbean trip for two.

MARKETING CD-ROM

We have completed a NCFR marketing CD-ROM that was available to all participants at the Annual Conference. It will also be available to each new and renewing member over the next year. This CD can be used to inform students about the many treasures within NCFR and as part of the Member-Get-A-Member Campaign.

STUDENT COUNCIL AFFILIATE GRANT PROGRAM

To strengthen our commitment to students, NCFR made small grants available during the 2001-02 academic year to four-year colleges and universities for the purpose of starting student affiliated councils or chapters at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Consistent with NCFR's commitment to diversity, we extended a special invitation to Historic Black Colleges and Universities (HCBUs), the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACUs), and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC).

These \$500 grants are available to family relations and social science academic departments, for example, family and consumer sciences, human development and family social sciences, sociology, psychology, nursing, or counseling. This is a one-time-only grant request program. At this point, we have made 16 grant awards for establishing student council affiliate chapters.

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tutors, sponsors of information, and models of identity. He believed there was a need for outreach scholarships to sponsor active participation by members of diverse groups. For example, NCFR might submit a McArthur Foundation grant to underwrite a program that would connect students of color with faculty. Dr. Villarruell also noted that sessions on immigration policies are missing or limited at NCFR conferences.

A VISION OF HOPE AND ACTION

Dr. William Allen brought a clear vision of hope and action. He said that NCFR was his "professional home because of the way it struggles with issues of diversity." He saw NCFR's commitment to diversity in the work of the Election Council, the support of the Ethnic Minorities Section, and annual events like the Diversity Action Forum. On the topic of mentoring, Dr. Allen suggested that we consider "a different paradigm than the typical academic approach. If we considered students as entrepreneurs with ideas and professors as investors, NCFR could play the role of a venture capital marketplace in which both groups meet. In this model, it is just as important for students to develop and articulate their ideas as it is for professors and departments to invest and pro-

mote new and better ways of understanding families. The key to success for all parties would be the empowerment of students as responsible proponents of their ideas and learning, coupled with the commitment and support of departments and NCFR."

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

The discussion of all attendees held a tone of hope and optimism with a proactive stance toward action. Here are some of their suggestions:

- Honor the diversity of the organization and diverse members at every annual conference.
- Institutionalize the diversity commitment by creating a permanent Diversity Committee that operates much like other pertinent ones including the Fellowship and Program Committees.
- Institutionalize the organization's commitment by creating a staff position to oversee its efforts to promote diversity.
- Diversify the editorial boards of JMF and MR.
- Increase the number of articles that focus on diversity and diverse groups, or are authored by diverse scholars.
- Hold roundtables promoting scholars that represent diverse groups.

- Seek grants to support research, teaching, and outreach that focus on diversity and faculty-student relationships. Suggested grantors noted were the Ford Foundation and McArthur Foundation.
- Diversify the annual conferences including RUPS, Focus Groups, Association of the Councils, and other entities of the organization.
- Work to build stronger collaborations among the Ethnic Minorities and International Sections.

These suggestions show that NCFR members are convinced of the critical need to expand our scholarship, education, and practice to create a more diverse organization. In fact, the very existence of the Diversity Forum shows that NCFR is willing to be a professional leader in the creation of learning-, work-, and other environments that reflect the strengths, contributions, history, customs, traditions, and beliefs of all people in the margins of society. And that is why I, like Dr. Allen, remain committed to NCFR.

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as a practical tool to reference "best practices" in family policy. In order to assist policy makers in estimating the likely consequences of a particular program or policy on family well being, this publication will be sent to all U.S. congress persons, all 50 governors, key state human services legislators in the 50 states, and mayors of cities with over 20,000 population.

We are also looking forward to our third annual Public Policy and Education Conference in Washington D.C. on April 18 to 19, 2002. In addition to educational sessions and briefings on key issues for family professionals, those persons attending this conference will have an opportunity to share family public policy research papers with colleagues and members of Congress and the Administration, as well as have face-to-face meetings with national policy

makers. This meeting has been a wonderful experience for all those who have attended in past years.

Since NCFR's main goal is public policy education, we will only initiate public policy advocacy on behalf of NCFR when all of the following criteria are met: a) the issue is important for families or NCFR members, b) the issue is informed by research and member expertise, c) there is a high level of member consensus, d) there is a potential to make a timely contribution, and e) there are resources available to make a difference. The public policy committee is currently working on the further development and logistics of our public policy initiatives. While we have the ability to generate high quality research on family issues, we now need to move forward in enhancing our dissemination of this research into the policy-making

process.

We are indeed grateful for those leaders who have guided us to arrive at this point in NCFR's history. While we are still working out a few details of integrating the Carver Model into how NCFR functions, we are going forward with future planning and activities that will move us toward our long-term goals. However, your help is needed. Please vote in the upcoming elections, including our bylaws changes, and respond to our membership survey. We also look forward to seeing you at the Public Policy and Education Conference in Washington D.C., as well as our next Annual Meeting in Houston.

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Family Policy

Report from Washington

Congress had gone home for its Christmas recess after long sessions during which legislators were unable to decide on a stimulus package for the economy: give tax breaks to corporations and the well-to-do, or unemployment and health insurance for low income workers. I was reminded that this is not a new controversy when I recently

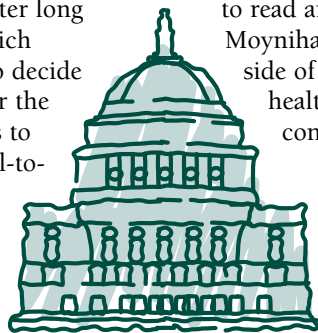
came upon a 1967 book by Lee Rainwater and William Yancey, *The Moynihan Report and the Politics of Controversy* (The MIT Press).

Old-timers will remember the controversy that surrounded the report prepared by former Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who in the late 1960s was Assistant Secretary of Labor and Director of the Office of Policy Planning and Research. His concern was with the poor. He felt that "family interests are the central objective of social welfare and of social policy in general." His focus became the family and what had gone wrong. His analysis led to the conclusion that community action programs and public welfare were not the way to go. He felt there should be an emphasis on employment, income maintenance, and education, and his focus became the African American family, which was having the hardest time making it. He felt there was a need for special help and eventually came up with the idea of "equality of results" as a measure of success.

Moynihan and his staff worked hard to get legislators to take social science data into consideration when making policy. But legislators wanted specific programs they could institute and were resistant to discussing the complexity of what was going on. Controversy erupted and took over, as the book describes.

Today, many of us are still frustrated that our legislators do not consider social science research when making policy. This book, though it was written

35 years ago, may be just what we need to read and discuss. I am sure Senator Moynihan would come down on the side of unemployment benefits and health insurance in the present controversy.



NEW FINDINGS ABOUT IMMIGRANTS

Dr. Randy Capps, Research Associate at Urban Institute, recently reported findings on immigrants, especially immigrant children, as extracted from the 1999 National Survey of America's Families. Twenty percent of all school children in the U.S. are children of immigrants. Most of these are American citizens but half are from "mixed-status" families where one parent is not a citizen. Twenty six percent of children living in a family with an income below the poverty level are the children of immigrants. They are less likely to have health insurance, and more likely to have no regular source of health care and be "food insecure." Sixty-five percent of low-income immigrant families are two-parent as compared with only 40 percent of native-born low-income families.

An interesting finding was that the number of low-income immigrant families grew by only seven percent in states with generous welfare policies but 31 percent in states with less generous policies. Dr. Capps reported that since welfare reform, immigrant families are using fewer benefits. You can find more information, at www.urban.org/immigrant.

RESTORE THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (OTA)

From the Consortium of Social Sciences I learned that many legislators would like to restore the OTA, which was started in 1972 but dismantled under the 1994 Contract with America. As Congress considers more scientific issues, many Congressmen are starting to realize that they need an independent assessment.

NCFR ON THE WEB



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Thereafter, the *Username* will be the e-mail address that you have submitted to NCFR.

The *Password* will be whatever you desire.

That's it!

If you have problems logging in, please contact John Pepper at pepperw@ncfr.org!

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CFLE Directions

Marketing Survey and New Publications are in the Works

At the NCFR Board meeting last November, Human Resource Research Organization (HumRRO) presented the results of their market survey to the board. Board members have since had the opportunity to review the CFLE Market Analysis and have begun to discuss the implications. The HumRRO report, and the report submitted by marketing consultant Mike Hamm, are now available for review on the NCFR website (www.ncfr.org).

Both the HumRRO paper survey and the web-based survey included input from a random sample of CFLEs and NCFR members. However, the board felt that the input of *all* NCFR members and Certified Family Life Educators should be gathered. What exactly does the membership of NCFR think about the CFLE program and the CFLE credential? What do CFLEs themselves identify as benefits of being certified? What do CFLEs think of moving from a portfolio-based evaluation process to an exam? Feedback from these important stakeholders is needed in order to make the best decisions about future directions.

Therefore, NCFR has decided to carry out a full membership survey. In addition to questions regarding the Certified Family Life Educator program, the survey will request information on the journals, the annual conference, online services, and more. The last full membership survey was conducted in 1996 so it is appropriate that NCFR gather this information at this time. In addition, the CFLE department plans to conduct a separate comprehensive survey with more in-depth questions regarding the CFLE program, services and benefits later this year. This survey will be sent only to active CFLEs and will be used for the purpose of enhancing the CFLE program. Most likely both surveys will be conducted electronically through the NCFR website.

You are encouraged to share your input regarding the products and services

offered by the National Council on Family Relations and the Certified Family Life Educator program by responding to these surveys.

NCFR will continue to offer review of CFLE applications under the regular application process until a decision regarding future evaluation options is made. The submission deadline for the spring review is March 4, 2002. Please contact me at the NCFR office if you have any questions about the CFLE application process.

NEW FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PRODUCTS IN THE WORKS!

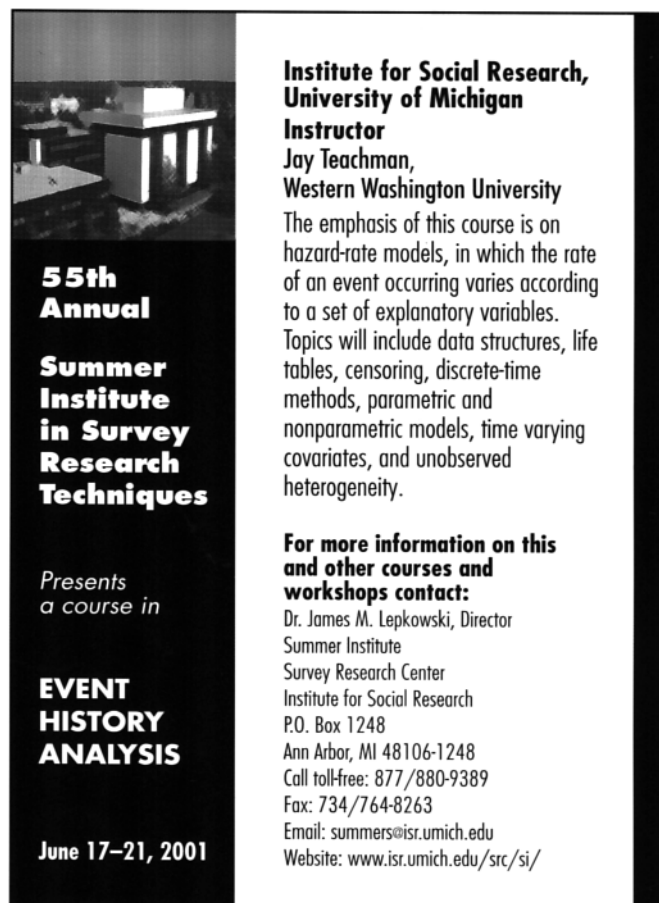
The CFLE department is working on several new publications. Dr. David Bredehoft, CFLE and Dr. Michael Walcheski, CFLE, of Concordia University in St. Paul, MN are working on a publication tentatively titled, *Integrating Theory and Practice Using the Curriculum Guidelines and the Life Span Framework*. Originally intended to be an update of the popular *Family Life Education Curriculum Guidelines*, this publication has evolved into a more comprehensive resource including a majority of the content of the original Curriculum Guidelines and the *Guide to Ethical Thinking and Practice in Family Life Education* booklet, as well as additional content focused on leadership and community involvement, assessment and evaluation in family life education, professional and program development,

and diversity in family life education. An October press date is anticipated.

We are also working with Dr. Jan Wilson, CFLE and Dr. Angie O'Malley, CFLE, on two other publications; a *Family Life Education Reader* and *Family Life Education Practicum and Internship Handbook*. More information on these resources will be forthcoming.

Finally, we are also working on a collection of syllabi for undergraduate and graduate courses dealing with the ten family life substance areas. If you are interested in any of these publications, contact me at cassidy@ncfr.org or (888) 781-9331 x 12.

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Following is a list of Certified Family Life Educators designated since October 15, 2001. [* - Provisional]

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Canada
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"When the OTA closed, it was a sad day for deliberative democracy," said David Guston, a Rutgers University professor of public policy and former OTA staffer. "OTA was capable of pulling together people that came from varying perspectives. It provided a common and broadly useful analysis of issues with fairly deep and technical content."

OTA supporters feel that the agency translated scientific theories into what one Congressman termed "American." This allowed members of Congress to make their own informed decisions. This Congressman hopes that in 2002 a majority of his colleagues will agree.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The *Washington Post* announced on December 21, 2001, that the World Health Organization has released a new study of the health of poor people worldwide. The study, prepared by an international panel of economists, public health and policy experts, calls for massive new spending on health care by both rich and poor nations. WHO predicts that this increased spending could save 8 million lives each year over the next 10 years and gives 50 of the poorest nations a realistic chance to escape poverty.

Poor countries need to increase their investment in health from about two percent of GNP to four percent. This would bring spending up to the

needed level of \$30 to \$40 per capita. To accomplish this, heavy foreign country investment is necessary. Per capita spending for health in most of the industrialized world is about \$2000 a year. In the U.S., the figure is \$4500 a year.

"Beyond the obvious social and humanitarian aspects of health that tends to get underplayed," said Jeffrey D. Sachs, a Harvard University economist who chaired the WHO study panel, "there is a very deep developmental effect of health. We are suggesting the effects are much bigger than is believed."

The panel based its conclusions not only on economic or health studies, but on historical events such as the development of our post-civil war South, which came about only after malaria and hookworm were eliminated and the nutritional cause of pellagra was discovered. These illnesses cause chronic disability and in children, a lowered ability to learn. Many countries throughout the world still have large populations with chronic diseases such as these.

A chart accompanying the *Washington Post* article shows that among the developed countries the highest amount of non-military foreign aid is given by Denmark, 1.00 percent of its GNP. The U.S. gives the smallest amount, only 0.10 percent of its GNP.

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Award

Jody Johnston Pawel, LSW, CFLE, has been honored as a top-three finalist in the most prestigious category of Publishers Marketing Association's 2001 Benjamin Franklin Awards: the Bill Fisher Award for "Best First Book by a New Publisher" for *The Parent's Toolshop: The Universal Blueprint for Building a Healthy Family*. To read Chapter 1 for free or for more information about Parent's Toolshop resources for parents and parent educators, visit www.ParentsToolshop.com.



Tribute to Elizabeth S. Force

ELIZABETH S. FORCE: PIONEER FAMILY LIFE EDUCATOR

This is a tribute to Elizabeth S. Force, onetime President of NCFR, and my predecessor as NCFR's United Nations Representative, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 25th, 2002. Mrs. Force was widely acclaimed and repeatedly honored for her pioneering efforts at curriculum development and teaching of family life education at the secondary school level. She became an international figure on the lecture circuit as well as the author and subject of numerous articles and books in the field. Her mission was strengthening families and preventing marital discord, delinquency and mental instability through the education and preparation of youth.

This mission was in a sense bestowed upon her while she was teaching secondary school at Toms River, New Jersey in the 1930s. Mrs. Force was asked by the progressive educator and supervising principal, Dr. Edgar M. Finck, to develop and teach a course in family life for high school students because, as she stated, "he was unwilling to view as normal or inevitable the damaging results of serious family conflicts and unhappiness in homes." Dr. Finck believed the "time to start is now," and as he told his Board of Education, "we can begin with those who will soon marry and establish homes; those presently in high school." He wisely chose Elizabeth Force to develop what came to be known as the "Toms River Experiment." She had come to Toms River to teach a couple of years after her husband died. She spent three years preparing a program, reading what she could find about the history, psychology and sociology of the family and taking appropriate courses at Columbia University, Mills College and the University of Pennsylvania. Home Economics at that time was primarily concerned with developing

home-making skills. The Toms River Experiment sought to influence social behavior, inculcate a sense of responsibility in family members and an understanding of family relationships. The home economists at the school were very cooperative and understanding of the need to extend the study of families beyond the development of homemaking skills. The administration, with her help, built and designed an attractive, comfortable room to serve as a classroom and meeting room in a home-like atmosphere.

Mrs. Force developed an outline and guide for teachers which included a bibliography of more than a hundred books and covered such topics as the

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history of the family, the biological basis of family life, and then went on to topics of family functioning, welfare and factors that led to marital happiness and those that led to disorganization, instability and dissolution. The students received a booklet and guide to the course that covered such topics as preparation for marriage, dating and dating behavior, personality development, the messages concerning love and marriage given by the media and advertising, money matters, and the more onerous tasks of family living such as doing dishes and laundry. The ten topics in the guide were couched in the language students used and felt comfortable with and led to serious discussion and self-analysis. The course consisted of five fifty-minute periods a week, and aside from stimulating discussion and analysis, was augmented by invited guests from the community such as bankers talking on home financing and doctors speaking about birth and hygiene. Field trips to building sites to get a practical lesson in

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what to look for when building or buying a home, or to a nursery to observe children at play were other such practical experiences.

Interest in the curriculum accelerated rapidly beyond the Toms River area. Many, particularly representatives of teacher's colleges came to observe and write about it, and to institute similar curricula at high schools around the country. The eminent journalist, Vance Packard, spent several weeks observing her classes, and then wrote a piece under Elizabeth Force's name in the Reader's Digest, which was translated into many languages. It was entitled: "What Teenagers Want to Know About Sex and Marriage." In an interview, Mrs. Force noted that though the sex education movement was developing at that time, she did not really deal with sex education as such. She was more interested in what she called "the management of these imperious drives and emotions" by attempting to instill the notion of responsibility in family relationships.

Mrs. Force wrote one of the first textbooks in the field for use in secondary schools, entitled: *Your Family Today and Tomorrow* (Harcourt Brace, 1955). It was chosen as one of the best 55 textbooks in 1955 out of several hundred. After sixteen years, she decided it was time to move on. She retired from the school system in 1957 to head a new program for the American Social Health Association. Nancy Reynolds of Reynolds' Tobacco donated a million dollars to ASHA for this program.

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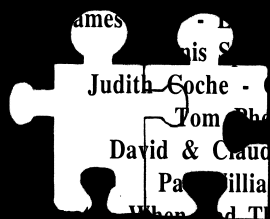
ASHA was dedicated to the elimination or containment of venereal diseases. They had been "chasing symptoms" for a number of years at places like army camps and factories, the idea now was to find out how and why people's behavior influenced the spread of the debilitating diseases and how to bring about positive changes in behavior. They decided it was best to start with children. Mrs. Force's function was to promote interest in family life education for primary and secondary school children. Five regional directors of ASHA around the country, South America, Asia and Europe contacted schools, churches and community groups and agencies to arrange meetings and workshops so Elizabeth Force could explain her program and prompt them to institute one of their own. The importance of her program for the field of mental health and preventive psychiatry did not go unnoticed. She was publicly lauded by such notables as Dr. Karl Menninger and Dr. David Levy on Preventive Psychiatry of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry, among many others.

In 1968, Elizabeth Force was elected to be the twenty-sixth NCFR President. Despite her extensive experiences as a public speaker, she felt uncomfortable with the idea of making a presidential address because she considered herself a "practitioner" rather than the requisite NCFR scholar. She asked ASHA to subsidize the production of a play in lieu of her speech. "Ring Around the Family" was the name of the play,

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In an effort to upgrade the quality of conference presentations and maintain the features that make NCFR a “conference of choice,” we are making a concerted effort to ensure top quality.

EXCELLENT PLENARY AND THEMATIC PANEL PRESENTATIONS

The conference theme builds on the fact that NCFR is comprised of large numbers of educators, researchers and practitioners and many overlap. For that reason we selected the theme, *Families Over the Life Course: Bridging Research and Practice*. Three plenary and two topical sessions focus on themes in which both researchers and practitioners have a stake. Not only are research, education and practice thematically linked, but also each session will include both researchers and practitioners. This is a great opportunity for researchers to learn what works and what doesn't and why, and for educators and practitioners to learn what is known and what will become known in the near future.

Plenary Panel Sessions

- Strengthening marriage: Arlene Skolnick, New York University; William Doherty, CFLE, University of Minnesota; Laura Sanchez, Bowling Green University and Howard Markham, University of Denver;

Presider: Paul R. Amato, Pennsylvania State University.

- Fostering resiliency in children and adolescents: Kristin Moore, Child Trends; Velma McBride Murry, University of Georgia and Douglas Coatsworth, Pennsylvania State University; Presider: Cheryl Buehler, University of Tennessee.
- Welfare reform: Greg Duncan, Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research; Greg Acs, The Urban Institute; Karen Secombe, Portland State University, and Theodora Ooms, Center for Law and Social Policy; Presider: Pamela A. Monroe, Louisiana State University.

Thematic Panel Sessions

Father involvement: Sara McLanahan, Princeton University; Scott Coltrane, University of California at Riverside; James Levine, Family and Work Institute and William Allen, Clinician; Presider: Greer Litton Fox, University of Tennessee.

- University-community collaborations: Karen Bierman, Pennsylvania State University; Martha Erickson, University of Minnesota; Richard Spoth, Iowa State University and Stephen Small, University of Wisconsin; Presider: Alexis Walker, Oregon State University.

STRUCTURAL CHANGES

We've also instituted a number of structural changes to continue to enhance the quality of the entire conference program.

Reviewal Process Upgraded

The heart of the NCFR Conference program are the sessions put together by the ten Sections — the “bread and butter” of the organization. All proposals that are submitted are blind and peer-reviewed. This year the eval-

uation score sheet has been revised to reflect how the author(s) has: (1) Defended the importance of the proposal given the state of knowledge about the issue or the severity of the problem? (2) Been specific in describing the way in which the proposal will add to knowledge or enhance practice? (3) Cited (with complete references) seminal prior work appropriate to the issue or practice to be dealt with in the proposal? (4) Proposed methods (to be) used which are appropriate, state-of-the-art, and rigorous? (5) Prepared a proposal that is clearly written and logically organized? (6) Submitted a proposal that represents a project that is well along in its conception and execution?

All Sections follow the same criteria, and all program formats are judged equally. Other changes within the evaluation system will be instituted to help us offer strong, high-quality presentations at the conference.

Upgraded Poster Sessions

Poster sessions will be a more integral part of the overall program. These sessions will be enlarged so those posters from a number of Sections will be presented simultaneously. They will be clustered by Section for the convenience of those in attendance. There will be few if any competing events. Refreshments will be available in the large Exhibit Hall that houses posters and exhibits. Prizes will be given for the best poster or two in each Section.

Quality Concurrent Sessions

Because of the upgraded review process there will be exciting paper sessions, symposia, workshops, round tables, resource exchanges, and research updates for practitioners on a vast assortment of topics.

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produced by Family Services of America, in which professional actors and actresses formed an inner and outer circle, interchanged roles and then opened the floor to discussion. It was a huge success and was re-enacted many times. She also went to New Orleans to designate a family for NCFR's "Family of the Year" award.

Elizabeth Force was born in Seabright, NJ to Willis Middleton Sculthorp and Sophie Worthly. She was the fifth of seven sisters. They all became professional women who married late, if at all. Only one of the sisters bore a child. Elizabeth went to high school in Toms River, NJ and then to Montclair Normal School. She subsequently received a B.S. and M.A. from New York University. When she discussed with the dean at NYU the possibility of going on for a Ph.D., she was advised that it was not a good idea because women who received Ph.D.s had mental breakdowns.

After her retirement from ASHA in 1974, Mrs. Force volunteered to teach reading in New York City schools and served as a family life education consultant. She also became NCFR's and the International Union of Family Organization's UN NGO representative. Elizabeth Force was well into her nineties when I was asked to train with her as she wished to retire after twenty years with the United Nations. She has been my mentor ever since: a most gracious, wise, warm woman who avidly keeps abreast of current events and contemporary social problems. She cannot read anymore, but her hearing is sharp and her ears and heart are always open to the many younger people who seek her out for advice and solace. She does not wish to be honored for having reached her one-hundredth year. She, of course, should be honored instead for her achievements: her contributions to the field of family life education, her contributions to ASHA and NCFR; for her representation of NCFR at the United Nations; for a dedicated, courageous life so well spent.

Marilyn Bensman

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HOUSTON IS AN EXCITING CITY, and Texas NCFR members are ready with a "warm" welcome!

Maxine Hammonds-Smith, CFLE, Local Arrangements chair, and the rest of the committee, along with the Texas Council on Family Relations are making plans so that in addition to the great sessions there will be lots of fun.

Those of us from the North are imagining a respite from the cold weather and everyone can look forward to the opportunity to experience Houston's diverse, eclectic cultural scene.

The Hyatt Regency Houston is located in the Museum District, which contains an array of world-class arts institutions, including the Museum of Fine Arts, Contemporary Art Museum, and the Menil Collection (considered one of the world's leading private fine arts institutions). The downtown area is definitely where the action is. In the past 3-4 years there has been a rapid growth of condos and apartments in the old historic buildings. A tremendous number of restaurants, sports bars, and entertainment have sprung up with the influx of housing, and all within a couple of blocks of the Hyatt.

Also worth a visit is the popular Houston Museum of Natural Science, the Holocaust Museum designed by Ralph Appelbaum (who also designed the Holocaust Museum in Washington), and Space Center Houston, which captures the history of space travel through interactive displays. Performances at the Houston Grand Opera, Houston Ballet, and Alley Theater are also possibilities. We'll keep you informed as we learn about the fall schedule of these attractions. The nearby Galleria area provides excellent shopping. Not to be ignored

are the many fine restaurants, including a wide selection of establishments where you can enjoy great barbecue and authentic Mexican food.

ATTENDING THE NCFR CONFERENCE can help you receive valuable Continuing Education Units necessary for your recertification and licensure renewal.

NCFR has always offered Continuing Education credits, but it has taken steps over the last two years to expand that service by becoming an Approved Provider from other organizations. In 2001 we were approved by the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc., EAPA (Employee Assistance Professionals), and George Mason University. We are currently in the process of trying for Approved Provider status from APA (American Psychological Association) and NASW (National Association of Social Workers). Being an approved provider means that if attendees follow the prescribed evaluation process, continuing education credits will be granted from these organizations when you attend the NCFR Conference. Many states accept CEUs from NBCC, EAPA, APA, and NASW as valid steps toward renewing licensures.

Plan now to attend the 2002 NCFR Conference. It will not only be a great intellectual and professional experience, but fun too! Check the website and look for more details about the conference in the next months.

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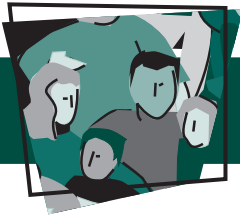
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Tapes of major sessions may be purchased from NCFR.
A list is included in this newsletter on page 23.



Section News

Feminism and Family Studies Section

As the new Section Chair, I'm delighted to be writing my first column in the NCFR Report. I want to thank my predecessor, Shelley MacDermid, for so ably steering our section. By the time you receive this, I will be busy sending out the proposals for the 2002 conference to reviewers. There is still time for you to send me suggestions for special sessions and topics. The theme, *Families over the Life Course: Bridging Research and Practice*, carries many interesting feminist implications and I'm sure that we will find the conference engaging.

As I write this, I'm reading one of

my favorite holiday gifts, *An Open Heart: Practicing Compassion in Everyday Life*. It's a series of talks given by the Dalai Lama. The book raises two themes that stir me and that connect with my feminism: the importance of everyday life and the virtue of having compassion for others. As a feminist, I am motivated to take these themes further and to move beyond compassion to action. I find it helpful to pay attention to the work of having an open heart and to the work of the practice of feminism. Our section has a committee on feminist praxis, which focuses on how we practice our feminism in our personal lives as well as

in our teaching, our applied work, and our research. The chair of the feminist praxis committee is LeeAnn De Reus (email: LAD12@psu.edu). Many of us look to the section to support us in the practice of feminism as we work in a variety of ways as family professionals, and as we live our lives.

Our section uses the listserv created and administered by NCFR actively. If you are a member of the section, and if you have an e-mail address, you should already be on the listserv. We want to encourage our members to use it themselves to network with each other and to keep each other informed about section

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ATTENTION: STUDENTS AND NEW PROFESSIONALS

THE FEMINISM AND FAMILY STUDIES SECTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS ANNOUNCES 2002 AWARDS APPLICATIONS

The Feminism and Family Studies Section of the National Council on Family Relations is seeking applicants for TWO awards to be given at the November 2002 NCFR Annual Conference in Houston, TX. Applicants do not need to be members of NCFR, but we welcome new members to our section and organization.

The Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective is given in honor of Jessie Bernard. Graduate students and new professionals (with up to five years post-doctoral work) are encouraged to apply for this award of \$750 to fund feminist research. Proposals will be reviewed for their potential contribution to feminist scholarship about families and the use of feminist frameworks and methods. Applications should include: a) an abstract of 100 words or less; b) a five page (maximum) proposal outlining the project's purpose, theoretical foundation, research methods, and potential contribution to feminist scholarship; c) a reference list, and d) a half-page budget. A summary of the recipient's research results will be published in the Feminism and Family Studies Section Newsletter, and the recipient will be asked to present a report of their project and findings at the 2003 NCFR Annual Conference. The award will be presented at the 2002 meeting; recipients will receive \$350 towards their travel.

The Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award is accompanied by a gift of complimentary books and a \$250 cash award. Applications for this award are open to all graduate students and new professionals (with up to five years post-doctoral work). Papers should contribute to feminist scholarship about families and the use of feminist frameworks and methods, and should be accompanied by an abstract of not more than 150 words. Applicants should be the sole author or first author of the paper; both published and unpublished papers will be considered, although the paper should be at near-submission status. A summary of the paper will be published in the Feminism

and Family Studies Section Newsletter, and the award will be presented at the 2002 NCFR Annual Conference. Recipients will receive \$350 towards their travel to the conference.

Authors should identify themselves **only** in a cover letter so that all entries can be reviewed anonymously — all identifying references should be removed from the paper or proposal submissions. In a cover letter, applicants should indicate whether they are currently a graduate student or when they received their Ph.D. The cover letter should also include the address(es), telephone number(s), and email address(es) of all authors. Letters of support are not required. Only one submission per category will be accepted from any applicant. To apply, send **six** copies of the proposal or paper by April 15 to:

Kristine M. Baber, Ph.D.
FFSS Awards Committee Chair
University of New Hampshire
Email: kmbaber@christa.unh.edu

Family and Health Section

Are you receiving information via the Family Health Section listserv?

At the Annual Family Health Section Business meeting, we decided to use the Family Health Section listserv to communicate with members, rather than developing and sending out a newsletter. If you have not received any communication via the listserv, please send your current e-mail address to me with a request to be placed on the Family Health Section listserv by contacting me at: garwi001@umn.edu. Also, make sure that you include your e-mail address when you send in your annual dues to NCFR. The listserv is a vehicle for members to share resources and information of interest to other NCFR Family Health Section members. You can post information directly onto the listserv by sending your message to FamilyHealth@cfapress.org

INVITATION TO JOIN FOCUS GROUPS

The Family Health Section sponsors two focus groups. The goals of the newly formed "Issues in Aging" Focus Group are to: 1) recognize the growing importance and increasing interaction between the fields of family science and gerontology/geriatrics; 2) provide a setting where gerontology/geriatric specialists can network and exchange interests and ideas related to aging families; and 3) encourage graduate students to investigate this area of study and provide those students already interested in gerontology an opportunity to meet and interact with professionals in the field; and 4) to coordinate an annual symposium on the topic of family gerontology for researchers and professionals interested in aging family issues. For more information, contact Christine Price, e-mail: CPrice@hec.ohio-state.edu. The

"Chronic Illness and Disability" Focus Group addresses research and practice issues related to families who have children with developmental disabilities or special health care needs. For more information, contact Glenna Boyce, e-mail: glenna@cd02.usu.edu.

2002 ANNUAL NCFR CONFERENCE

The conference topic, *Families Over the Life Course*, has particular relevance to the Family Health Section. We are looking forward to high quality presentations and seeing you in Houston, November 19-24, 2002.

Ann Garwick
Chair, Family and Health Section
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International Section

As the new Chair of the International Section, I wish to offer greetings to all current members and offer an invitation for others to join this section. If you are generally interested in cross cultural/national family studies, or more specifically interested in a particular cultural/ethnic group, then you might find this section fits your professional pursuits quite nicely. Individuals who reside/conduct work from both outside and within the United States are welcome.

The International Section was well represented at the 2001 conference and sponsored/co-sponsored presentations on such topics as the balance of work and family, stress and coping, leisure, intergenerational relationships, adolescence, marital satisfaction, parenting, and social networks. I wish to thank the reviewers, presenters, discussants, and presiders for their contributions to the program. In addition, a special thanks is offered to the outgoing officers: Stephan Wilson, chair; Raeann Hamon, vice chair; Colleen Murray, secretary/treasurer; and Gail Mulligan, student/new professional representative. I have confi-

dence that the section members will provide an equally strong contribution to the 2002 conference, and would like to introduce the new officers: Colleen Murray, vice chair; Bahira Sherif, secretary; and Paul Schvaneveldt, student/new professional representative.

I would also like to note that the International Section sponsored a silent auction as a fundraiser at the 2001 conference. The members/friends of the section kindly provided a broad range of items from several countries. The fundraiser was successful, and I wish to thank all who supported the section by providing an item for auction, organizing and manning the exhibit area, submitting a bid, and/or purchasing an item. I would like to continue the silent auction which was created by my predecessors, so I respectfully ask that as you travel this coming year, please keep your eyes open for an item that you might wish to contribute to the 2002 auction. Thank you for your attention.

Jacki Fitzpatrick
Chair, International Section
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NOW AVAILABLE!

NCFR Discussion Listservs

Enrollment is open to all NCFR members.

NCFR Member Listserv

EducationEnrichment@cfapress.org

Ethnic Minorities website:
www.asn.csus.edu/em-ncfr

FamilyHealth@cfapress.org

FamilyPolicy@cfapress.org

FamilyScience@cfapress.org

FamilyTherapy@cfapress.org

FeminismFamilyStudies@cfapress.org

International@cfapress.org

ReligionFamilyLife@cfapress.org

ResearchTheory@cfapress.org

Student@cfapress.org
(Students/New Professionals)

To enroll, send your name, e-mail address, and the listserv(s) you wish to join to: John Pepper at 763-781-9331, ext. 16; E-mail: pepperw@ncfr.org.

To sign up for the Ethnic Minorities Section listserv, go directly to its website.

Family Policy Section

As the new Chair of the Family Policy Section, I would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Chair, Dennis Orthner, for guiding our section during the past two years. The by-laws were rewritten and the duties and responsibilities of the officers were restructured. To achieve greater continuity in developing and implementing section policy, officers' terms have been staggered.

With the creation of the Public Policy Committee and the annual convening of the Work/Life Summit, NCFR is striving to become a major player at the national level on family policy issues. But regardless of whether or not we are public policy specialists, all of us will be approached by both graduate and undergraduate students at some point who will express an interest in political issues and ask us what they can do with

their degree in human development or family studies. In some cases they may simply want to get a feel for what family policy is. Others may be thinking more in terms of graduate work or careers in the field. Whatever the motivation, I would like to recommend two web sites to students and faculty that may be helpful.

The Guide to Careers in Child and Family Policy (<http://www.igpa.uillinois.edu/DFP/>) is a joint venture of the University of Illinois and Northwestern University. It provides information about the field of family studies, academic programs, internships, research fellowships, and job opportunities directly related to children and families.

For those interested in comparative family policy, *The Clearinghouse on International Developments in Child, Youth and Family Policies*

(<http://www.childpolicyintl.org>) at Columbia University provides cross-national, comparative information about the policies, programs, benefits and services available to children and families in 23 industrialized countries.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage NCFR members to join our section if you have not done so and participate in our Family Policy Section listserv, where more information such as that provided above can be exchanged. If anyone would like to know more about the Family Policy Section and/or would like to be on the listserv, please contact me at Steven.Wisensale@uconn.edu or call me at 860-486-4576.

Steven Wisensale
Chair, Family Policy Section
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Family Science Section

The 14th annual Teaching Family Science Conference sponsored by the Family Science Association will be held May 31 – June 1, 2002, at the Comfort Inn in Lafayette, LA, home of Cajun and Creole Cuisine. Lafayette has a local airport. This year, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, College of Applied Life Sciences, School of Human Resources, Child and Family Studies Program is hosting the conference.

The conference is open to everyone who teaches about families and who have an interest in family science education at any level (university, secondary, extension work, informal education, students). The conference is co-sponsored by the Family Science Association and the *Education and Enrichment and Family Science Sections* of the National Council on Family Relations. Individuals attending the conference do not have to be members of the sponsoring organizations.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register, please send a check for the registration fee of \$150.00 made out to the Family Science Association, attention Dr. Janice Weber, CFLE, CFCS: University of LA at Lafayette, P.O. Box

40399, Lafayette, LA 70504-0399; e-mail: jgw5171@louisiana.edu. The registration fee includes lunch on Friday and Saturday and meeting room rental. The Comfort Inn will provide a complimentary continental breakfast each morning.

Reservations for rooms at the Comfort Inn are to be made directly with the hotel (337-232-9000). When making hotel arrangements, please indicate that you would like one of the reserved rooms for the Teaching Family Science Conference. Prices are \$64.00 plus tax for rooms (Single and Double). The Comfort Inn will provide transportation to and from the Lafayette Airport.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The conference will begin on Friday, May 31, 2002 at 9:00am until 4:00pm and conclude on Saturday, June 1, 2002 at 2:30pm. The remainder of Saturday can be used for sightseeing. Individuals may want to visit Vermilionville, Acadian Village, or experience the flavor of Zydeco and Cajun music.

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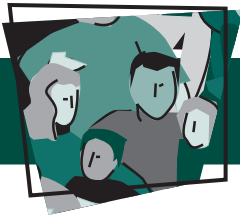
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activities but also about other activities related to feminism and family studies. We send out our section newsletter electronically as well. The new section Newsletter Editor, Becky Warner, is eager for submissions! If you are a member of the section and haven't received an email about section activities, please email Becky at rwarnar@orst.edu. She'll forward information to you.

In future newsletters, I'll be writing about the focus group our section sponsors, about our section officers, and about our plans for the 2002 conference. We look forward to hearing from you, either via the listserv, or at the conference this November in Houston!

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Chair, Feminism and Family Studies Section
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Affiliate Connection

A New Year of Opportunities for Affiliates



Raeann R. Hamon,
Ph.D., CFLE

The advent of a new year provides opportunity for personal and professional self-reflection and assessment, with the possibility of adopting new resolutions. In my new role as President of the Association of Councils, I have formulated a few New Year's resolutions, which I hope will guide my behavior during the next year. For one, recognizing the important role that state and regional affiliates play in the well being of the larger organization, I intend to encourage and assist in the creation and/or reactivation of several state and campus councils.

According to a survey conducted by Dr. Lane Powell, past President of the AOC, state affiliates are important for a number of reasons. They offer geographical accessibility of members to others with common interests and goals, provide opportunities for collaboration with

colleagues, offer occasions to apply research to practice, increase the visibility of the profession and of the organization, and supply continuing education options for established members and mentoring for students and new professionals. In addition, state, regional, and campus affiliates are eligible to receive a number of services provided by the National Council on Family Relations. These include a free list of state members once each year; use of NCFR's traveling exhibit at state or regional meetings; access to grants from the Association of Councils President's Fund; copies of the Association of Councils newsletter and opportunities to communicate about your affiliate to the larger membership via the Affiliate Connection; financial support in the form of rebate checks, based on the number of state members, to assist with affiliate activities; special educational events sponsored by the Association of Councils at the NCFR annual meeting; and the possibility of having the NCFR President or Executive Director speak at your affiliate's annual meeting.

If you live in CA, CO, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, OH, OK, PA/DE, TX, UT, are part of the Northwest (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, BC), or live in Taiwan, you are fortunate enough to have an active state or regional affiliate. Visit to identify your affiliate president. Feel free to contact this person to inform him/her of your interest in participation. On the other hand, if your state or region/country is not currently represented in the aforementioned list, you may want to identify a small core of enthusiastic people and begin to activate an affiliate on your campus or in your state or country. Lynda Bessey (NCFR's Association of Councils Liaison) and I would be happy to assist you in getting started. You only need ten members and dedicated leaders to qualify. Perhaps becoming more actively involved in your existing affiliate or organizing a new affiliate for your area is a professional resolution that you'd like to make for 2002.

Raeann R. Hamon, Ph.D., CFLE
President, Association of Councils
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Congratulations to all of the NCFR Student Grant recipients!

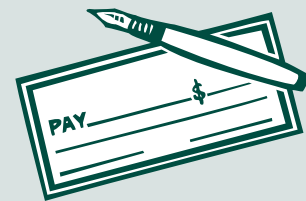
Since August 2001 several universities and colleges were awarded the NCFR Student Affiliate Grants for the 2001-02 academic year. Grants of \$500 were made available to family relations and social science academic departments for the purpose of starting up student affiliated councils. Congratulations to the 16 universities and colleges who received this grant:

University of Missouri
University of Manitoba
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland
Bowling Green State University
University of Detroit Mercy
East Carolina University

Weber State University
South Carolina State University
Texas Southern University
Messiah College
University of Tennessee
Towson University
University of Illinois
Chowan College
Texas Tech University

Affiliated councils will provide students with opportunities for leadership development, professional growth and to practice the skills they need to be successful.

Each Student Affiliate Council is required to submit a final report before the end of the academic year detailing



how the money was used and what progress was made in meeting the Student Affiliate Council Requirements.

Lynda Bessey
Association of Councils Liaison
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Missouri Council on Family Relations Holds Student Symposium

On October 26th, 2001, the Missouri Council on Family Relations (MCFR) held a student symposium on the campus of the University of Missouri entitled "Exploring Families & Children in Missouri: A Symposium for the Next Generation of Professionals." The event brought together approximately 100 undergraduate and graduate students from across Missouri with an interest in studying or working with families and children.

Dr. Stephen R. Jorgensen, in his final weeks as NCFR President, gave a keynote address entitled "The Role of Professional Associations in Career Development." Dr. Jorgensen spoke of his experiences with NCFR, both as a young professional and as President. He also described the numerous benefits young professionals gain through membership in a professional organization and encouraged students to join the professional association of their choice.

A poster session was held following Dr. Jorgensen's address. Ten posters were presented by both graduate and undergraduate students representing four universities in Missouri. Next, a panel of professionals who work with families in a wide variety of professions discussed career opportunities available to those with a family-related college degree. The panel members also answered questions from the students in attendance.

The symposium concluded with a catered round-table dinner. Each table had a theme and was hosted by one or two community professionals or faculty members with expertise in their table's theme. Students selected which table to sit at according to their own interests for networking and discussion.

The event was a resounding success! MCFR would like to make the symposium an annual fall event and expand it to include students from throughout the Midwest. Anyone interested in working with us on this fall's symposium is encouraged to contact me at the e-mail address below.

The entire symposium, including dinner, was free and open to students



from across the state. MCFR would like to thank the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Missouri for co-sponsoring the event. We would also like to thank NCFR for providing the students in attendance with complimentary copies of *Family Relations* and the *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

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California Council on Family Relations Announces Third Annual Conference

The California Council's Third Annual Conference will take place at San Diego State University on April 19th and 20th, 2002. The theme of this year's conference is "Surviving Crises in America: Families and Children Overcoming Adversities." Dr. William Pollack will open the conference as keynote speaker discussing "Real Boys: Rescuing Our Sons from the Myths of Boyhood." Dr. Pollack is a well-respected author of a number of books, including "Real Boys: Rescuing Our Sons from the Myths of Boyhood,"

"Real Boys' Voices," and "Real Boys Workbook." A clinical psychologist, Dr. Pollack is the co-director of the Center for Men at McLean Hospital/Harvard Medical School, a clinical professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and a founding member and Fellow of the Society for Psychological Study of Men and Masculinity of the American Psychological Association. Among others, the conference will also feature a panel of survivors and heroes who have overcome adversities. The California Council invites all to attend. The Call

for Proposals is underway; the deadline for submissions is March 8, 2002. For further information, contact Pamela Gardner at pgardner@rohan.sdsu.edu or Shulamit Ritblatt at ritblatt@mail.sdsu.edu.

*Pamela Gardner, President
California Council on Family Relations
Phone: 619-594-6371*



Pennsylvania/Delaware Council on Family Relations

Call for Papers for Pennsylvania/Delaware Council on Family Relations Fall 2002 Conference

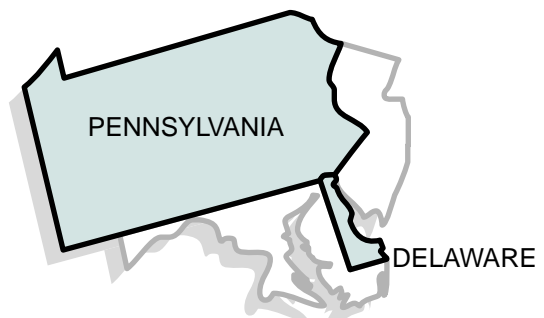
On Wednesday, October 9, 2002 the Pennsylvania/Delaware Council on Family Relations will once again co-sponsor their annual conference with Building Strong Families, a Penn State Cooperative Extension organization. In past years, the one-day P/DCFR conference was held on a university campus. We decided to hold the 2002 conference at the Holiday Inn in Grantville, Pennsylvania (a few miles from Harrisburg, PA) in order to offer more convenience to members traveling from longer distances who need an overnight stay before or after the conference.

The theme for the 2002 conference is "Intergenerational Issues in Families." The P/DCFR welcomes proposals on a wide array of topics about family and the life course, such as, grandparenting, relationship issues for older adults, or health care throughout the life cycle. Proposals for hour-long workshops may include descriptions of successful programs, research findings, panel discussions, participation exercises or other creative formats.

For specific proposal guidelines and additional information about the confer-

ence, contact Dr. Cynthia Drenovsky, Shippensburg University at 717-477-1596 or ckdren@ark.ship.edu.

*Dr. Cynthia Drenovsky
Pennsylvania/Delaware Council President
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NCFR REPORT: Family Focus on... Call for Topic Papers

Issue	Topic	Deadline
June 2002	Family Focus Over the Life Course	April 9
Sept. 2002	Welfare Reform II	July 9
Dec. 2002	to be determined	Oct. 8

We continue to welcome your suggestions and offers to write or be willing to be interviewed by our journalist, Dr. Nancy Giguere.

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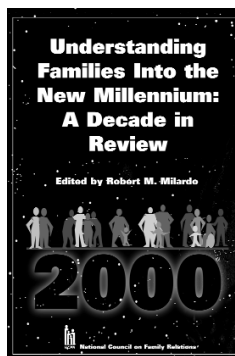
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