

Elaine Anderson Selected as New Editor of NCFR's Research and Policy Briefs

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SAINT PAUL, Minn. — The National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) announces that **Elaine A. Anderson, Ph.D.**, has been selected as the new editor of NCFR's research and policy briefs, which provide policymakers and others with research on families to help inform decisions that affect families at the federal, state, and local levels. Dr. Anderson takes over the role from Joyce Arditti, Ph.D., who served as NCFR's first research and policy brief editor. We thank Dr. Arditti for her great insight, direction, and thoughtfulness in the production of NCFR's newest briefs.



Dr. Anderson is a nationally recognized leader and scholar in the field of family policy, and her research has been widely published and presented. She is the founder and co-director of the Maryland Family Policy Impact Seminar and serves as the ADVANCE Professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Maryland (UMD). Dr. Anderson recently concluded her term as chair of the UMD Department of Family Science, after nearly a decade. She is a past president of NCFR, served as chair of the NCFR Family Policy Section, and has been a member of the editorial board of NCFR's *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Science* since 1995. She was named an NCFR Fellow in 2000.

As a former Congressional Science Fellow, Dr. Anderson remains passionate about understanding the impact of policy on the well-being of children and families. She has authored publications on such policy topics as homeless families, nonresidential fathers, rural low-income women's health, welfare reform, deinstitutionalization of the mentally ill, Head Start and child care, and work policy. Her most recent writing focuses on the role of social justice and family and health policy reform. She has been honored with awards in outstanding research, teaching, advising, and mentoring.

"I am quite honored to take on the responsibility of editor of the NCFR research and policy briefs," Dr. Anderson said. "I believe that the scholars and professionals within NCFR can play an important role in providing evidence-based research guidance to policymakers through these policy briefs. I look forward to working with NCFR to identify more timely topics and to expand the impact of our research and policy briefs."

The purpose of NCFR's research briefs and policy briefs is to educate policymakers and others who have an investment in families. Brief topics must be timely and include a family perspective. Briefs are based on high-quality research; are educational, nonpartisan, and objective; and are written by experts in the field.

"Dr. Anderson has impressive family policy knowledge and experience; a solid, established scholarship record emphasizing family-related topics, including policy; and demonstrated competence in writing research and policy briefs," says Jennifer Crosswhite, Ph.D., NCFR's director of research and policy education. "She will make an excellent editor of the research and policy briefs."

The National Council on Family Relations is the premier professional association for the multidisciplinary understanding of families. NCFR has a membership of nearly 3,000 family researchers, practitioners, and educators. For more information on the National Council on Family Relations or its scholarly publications, visit the NCFR website at ncfr.org.

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