

National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)

Wed.–Sat., Nov. 3–6, 2021 | *Preconference workshops: Tues., Nov. 2*
Baltimore, Maryland | Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel

Conference Theme

The Science of Families:

Nurturing Hope, Happiness, & Health

Proposal Submission Deadline:

11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time

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Program Chair:

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The intersection of the coronavirus pandemic and endemic, the current social movement to address racism, health, and economic inequities, and the need to address all systems of oppression

require a careful examination of solutions that support the hope, happiness, and health of people of color in the U. S. and of all people around the world. For over 80 years, the members of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) have engaged in research, education, and professional practice to nurture healthy family development. The 2021 NCFR conference will provide an opportunity for scholars, practitioners, teachers, advocates, and policymakers to convene, identify, and organize collective action, document trauma-informed storytelling, and promote political involvement to address many social concerns faced by families (Jones, 2016). Participants will gain access to cutting-edge research, evidence-based practices and policies, and instructional innovations.

The events that have unfolded in recent months, including the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd at the knee of the Minneapolis police for 8 minutes and 47 seconds, have not only galvanized the nation, and the globe, to address the underlying inequities, but brought into sharp visibility the social ills of the world. The conference theme and goals also highlight the need for healing, happiness, health, and hope.

To be specific, the conference theme of The Science of Families: Nurturing Hope, Happiness, & Health, encourages the use of (a) transdisciplinary, (b) strength-based, (c) culturally aware, (d) sociopolitical, (e) historical, (f) economic, and (g) broad contextual lens to explore adaptive behaviors, attitudes, and coping strategies used by families to thrive. Authors are to expand their program methods, research questions, best practices, implications, and conclusions of their current work. Conference presenters are encouraged to provide recommendations for translational science and innovations in policy and practice. Presenters will bring multiple voices, methods, and solutions to consider the impacts of racism, colorism, sexism, and more, as they promote hope, happiness, and health for families.

Sustainable Conference Goals

Presenters are encouraged to identify innovations, use culturally aware approaches, and to build collaborations (e.g., researchers, practitioners and therapists, educators, advocates, policymakers, and faith-based organizations) that will promote hope, happiness, and health via:

1. strength-based basic, applied, and translational research;
2. evidence-based best & clinical practices, programs, policies, laws, and advocacy approaches; and
3. the scholarship of instruction as a tool to enhance students' development and learning. See ncfr.org/ncfr-2021

Criteria for Proposals

The proposal describes work that meets BOTH of the following criteria:

- (a) The work is sufficiently developed.
- (b) Regardless of focus (e.g., research, practice), an appropriate, rigorous approach is used.

Proposals can be based on qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods; literature reviews; or analyses of a theoretical, pedagogical, or policy nature, and must include:

- (a) A strong connection to existing research
 - (b) A strong connection to theory
 - (c) The potential to stimulate new knowledge and or innovative practices
- The proposal is written clearly, logically organized, and includes references.

Submission Questions

May I submit a previously published/presented paper?

No. Papers that have been published or previously presented are not accepted.

When will I know if my proposal has been accepted?

You will be notified by June 1, 2021.

If my proposal is accepted, what is expected of me?

At least one author of accepted proposals must attend the conference, register, and pay the registration fee to present.

Upload copies of the PowerPoint slides you will be using to the NCFR website by one week prior to the conference. A virtual conference may require alternative documents to be uploaded sooner than one week prior to the conference.

If your presentation is accepted as a paper, symposium, lightning paper, or poster symposium, a copy of your presentation must be sent to the session facilitator/discussant by Oct. 15, 2021. You also are required to upload your presentation PowerPoint slides to the NCFR website (except poster symposium).

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