

Focus Group Work Plan for 2019

Name of Focus Group: African Families Focus Group

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1. Do you wish to have a time allocated for your focus group during the next NCFR annual conference?

YES

2. If Yes, please list or attach tentative agenda

- Plans for submitting proposals for presentations, symposiums, and studies related to African families.
- Planning for 2019 conference
- Internal and external outreach and collaboration with African scholars, African families and communities.

3. Please, list 2019 Focus group goals/projects/aspirations

- Reaching out to African communities to foster dialogues between academia and community members to better understand their challenges.
- We are also planning to foster participatory actions from African families/Communities.
- Additionally, we want to develop research/surveys/initiatives involving African families.
- We would like also to engage in an effective and efficient use of our listserv in order to engage more often our members in discussing our research and findings related to African families.

4. Please, identify any opportunity suggestions, or concerns regarding the role of this focus group in furthering NCFR's inclusion and diversity initiatives.

- One of our primary suggestions in furthering NCFR's inclusion and diversity would be to reach out to African scholars and invite them as speakers at NCFR conference in order to further our understanding of their cultures and challenges from their own vintage point.
- Also, we would like to identify funding and research opportunities for the African families focus group members.

5. Please, list any areas where you would like assistance from NCFR staff.

- We would like to have logistics and monetary assistance from NCFR when the conference is being conducted in an area that is heavily populated by African immigrants, asylees, and refugees as we would like to invite community members to join us during the conference.

6. Are there any other concerns or questions that have come from the 2018 focus group annual meeting?

- One of our main questions or concerns was finding scholarly journals or book publishing companies willing to publish articles / books pertaining to African families issues.