

## NCFR Community Outpost Guidelines

National Council on Family Relations community outposts are spaces on external websites (including social networking platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn) that display the NCFR logo and/or claim an official affiliation with NCFR, any NCFR affiliate council, or the Certified Family Life Educator program. These Guidelines apply to all of those parties who join or participate in these online communities that display the NCFR logo and/or claim an official affiliation with NCFR, any NCFR affiliate council, or the Certified Family Life Educator program.

Lively and candid exchanges are encouraged; however, by joining and participating in these online communities, you agree that you will comply with the following rules and guidelines.

### Community Rules

- Healthy and challenging debate is core to family studies. However, discussions are meant to stimulate conversation, not create contention. Let others have their say, just as you may, without fear of attack.
- It is important to remember that NCFR is classified as a non-partisan, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization under the United States Internal Revenue Code. NCFR may not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates. To violate these regulations may place our tax-exempt status in jeopardy.
- Participants occasionally use the community to survey a specific population to facilitate contact with potential experimental subjects when the “snowball” sampling protocol is the most workable methodology. This generally is permissible use. However, those engaging in these uses are held to the highest ethics in the science and, where required, it will be assumed that users have completed their Institutional Review Board procedures safeguarding the well-being of human subjects. NCFR’s ethical guidelines are posted at <http://www.ncfr.org/ethicalguidelines>.
- Any defamatory, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive, or illegal materials are strictly prohibited. Do not post anything in the community that you would not want the world to see or that you would not want anyone to know came from you. Remember that every message posted will be permanently archived and could be seen by your clients and employers!
- Don't post commercial messages to the community. Contact people directly with product and service information if you believe it would be of interest to them.
- Restrict postings to subjects related to the community focus or NCFR announcements or information on NCFR events.
- Use caution when discussing products. Information posted on communities is available for all to see, and postings are subject to libel, slander, and antitrust laws.
- Note carefully all items listed in the disclaimers and legal rules below, particularly regarding copyright ownership of information posted.
- Remember that NCFR and other email list participants have the right to reproduce postings.

### Community Etiquette

- Be courteous.
- State concisely and clearly the topic of your posting. This allows members to respond more appropriately to your posting and enables members to search the archives by subject.
- Include only the relevant portions of an original message in your reply.
- Post a message to the entire community only when it contains information from which everyone can benefit. If you wish to reply to a specific person, send that person a private message.
- Post messages such as "thanks for the information" or "me, too" to individuals--not to the entire community.

- When generating a reply to a personal response, do not forward the personal response to the community.

### **Disclaimers and Legal Rules**

- NCFR is not responsible for the opinions and information posted on this site by others; postings represent the viewpoint of the writer and are not endorsed by NCFR. NCFR disclaims all warranties with regard to information posted on this site, whether posted by NCFR or any third party; this disclaimer includes all implied warranties of merchantability and fitness. In no event shall NCFR be liable for any special, indirect, or consequential damages or any damages whatsoever resulting from loss of use, data, or profits, arising out of or in connection with the use or performance of any information posted.
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- Messages should not be posted if they encourage or facilitate community members to arrive at any agreement that either implies or expressly or implicitly leads to price fixing, a boycott of another's business, or other conduct intended to illegally restrict free trade. Messages that encourage or facilitate an agreement about the following subjects are inappropriate: prices, discounts, or terms or conditions of sale; salaries; profits, profit margins, or cost data; market shares, sales territories, or markets; allocation of customers or territories; or selection, rejection, or termination of customers or suppliers.
- NCFR does not actively monitor the site for inappropriate postings and does not on its own undertake editorial control of postings. However, if any inappropriate posting is brought to
- NCFR's attention, NCFR will and has the right to take all action deemed appropriate by it in its discretion.
- NCFR reserves the right to terminate access to any user who does not abide by these guidelines.
- These guidelines may be revised, retracted or restated, in whole or in part, by NCFR at any time or from time to time in NCFR's sole discretion.